

# Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

## Minutes of meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in Council Chambers

### 1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Ruth Moncrieff (Correspondence Sec), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Pat Lemmon, Ron Goldie, Paul Darling, Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Rab Moran, Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson, Fiona-Frances Adam, Graham Samuel

### In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Robert Flood (Knox), Peter Macaldowie (Knox), Harriet Lomholt-Welch (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary)

Before the start of the meeting Jan announced the very sad news that David Motherwell had passed away recently while visiting his son in India. He was a stalwart of the CC for around 13/14 years. A minute silence was observed.

### 2. Apologies: PC Lynn Black, Betty Somerville

**3. New members:** Haig Hamilton and Harald Vox – 2 prospective members. Both introduced themselves to the meeting. Haig has been a resident of East Lothian for 26 years with Harald being here for over 30 years. Both are happy to be involved in the community and to contribute and help with any projects necessary. After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to welcome them to the CC. Both were happy to stay on at the meeting. Jan explained that they can bring up any issues they want to discuss at Councillors Corner or Police Questions. They are also welcome to attend the monthly CAPP meeting to represent Athelstaneford.

### 4. Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Approval of the minutes was proposed by Margaret Ingle and seconded by Chris McEwan**

**Item 3. Guest Speakers:** John McMillan corrected the minutes stating that Lesley Smiths' title is ELC Principle Arts Officer.

**Item 6.5** Tom pointed out that he would not be in favour of coming in at the end of the meeting. He just said that so long as one of them is in attendance.

**Item 6.6 John McM** did speak to Bill Laird – he said there had been an error in the paperwork on the day.

### 5. Matters arising

**5.1 Item 6.1 Traffic survey:** Colin Baird visited with the Moncrieffs in Newton Port regarding improving access to their property. He is committed to doing a traffic survey mid/late March. Jan thanked ELC for their prompt attention to this matter.

**5.2 Item 6.4 Street lighting:** John reported that the lighting will be replaced but no firm date as yet.

**5.3 Item 6.5 Feedback:** John confirmed that the Rotary are prepared to share the cost of the remembrance service. He mentioned that he has had an interesting and useful meeting with Economic Development re funding and can take it further if the CC so wish.

**5.4 Item 14.1 Tenterfield Drive:** should read 'the old town wall'

### 6. Councillors Corner

**6.1 Hardgate junction:** potholes at the junction previously reported at last meeting - the largest of which has been repaired but many others remain. Chris said that the lighting problems, when reported, are dealt with quickly - he wondered why it took so much longer to deal with the road repairs. Tom said that if they have had no response within a couple of weeks to get in touch with the councillors and they can chase. There is an area on the ELC website where faults can be reported

**6.2 Lights at Hospital Road:** Jan reported lights still out on Hospital Road

**6.3 Corn Exchange:** Pat asked if we were any further forward with funding for the Corn Exchange upgrade. John agreed that progress was slower than ideal but that a number of things contributed to this, one of which was the changing of the lease etc. He will keep the CC updated on progress. Fiona-Frances asked if they could apply to the Lottery Fund - if the lease is held by ELC then this is not possible and one of the reasons it was originally transferred to the CDT.

**6.4 Athelstaneford bus shelter:** the shelter is deteriorating quite badly. Tom said it has been repaired a couple of times and is a shame it is a target in the village. It is hoped that the skatepark will serve to keep the village youths occupied.

**6.5 Storage/garage :** John received an email about this - will investigate and report back. *Action JohnMcM*

**6.6 Big Lottery fund:** Fiona Frances asked about the big lottery presentation. A letter of support is requested from the CC.

**6.7 Leader Funding:** John McM said that this will be launching soon and will begin the process of looking for funding applications. Match-funding is not always a necessity.

## **7. Police Questions - (copy avail on request)**

### **7.1 CAPP meeting:**

#### **CAPP priorities identified**

1. Attention to be given to Clerkington Woods and estate in relation to youth drinking dens and fire-raising issues
2. Continuation...Target youth related antisocial behaviour at hotspots identified at Mill Wynd, Neilson Park and Aubigny Sports Centre.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th April 2016 at 6.30pm at the town hall, Haddington.

## **8. Knox Academy News**

**8.1 Prelims** are currently ongoing so a quiet month with not much to report.

**8.2 Haddington Cinema:** this initiative was well patronised. Ruth said she had heard great feedback on it. Although a very successful event a couple of comments were that the seats were a bit uncomfortable and the room a bit cold.

**8.3 Knox Idol competition 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** the prize for this was a trip to Canon Head office in Surrey. John McM commended the school and in particular Robert Flood for their sterling work on this project – very well done. Jan agreed – the Knox have won a number of high profile awards and should be congratulated on this.

**8.4 Burns Supper:** John attended this and again, praised the school for putting on such a great evening.

## **9. Correspondence**

**9.1 Blooming Haddington:** letter from BH asking if the CC would support the hanging baskets again this year (See Treasurers report below for details)

**9.2** Letter from Pat and James Moncrieff re Newton Port traffic (mentioned previously)

## **10. Treasurers Report (see attached summary. John was asked to send out his update via email To CC members prior to meetings)**

**10.1 Bank update:** John reported that this is still work in progress. Jan said she had called them and was on the phone for a total of 48 minutes - it is felt that this has gone on long enough and we should request a meeting with the bank manager. Jan said the mandate just needs to be taken to the bank along with the CC constitution - and if the cheque-book does not arrive after this then we will request a meeting with the manager.

**10.2 Local priorities:** John asked if he could have details of the transactions from Lilian - this would make his job easier (invoices go direct to Lilian so John does not see them)

**10.3 Events Group:** Jan said that they had discussed, at the recent EG meeting, the transfer of £2000 into the EG account from LP. This was agreed by all.

### **10.4 Other funding requests:**

*Bridge Centre* - Graham said that the Bridge Centre are also looking for help with funds for a projector for the film club. They have been very good to us and helped out on many occasions and we should consider donating towards the cost of this.

*Blooming Haddington* - asking for help with the hanging baskets again.

*Corn Exchange* - Pat mentioned the sound system. She suggested if the CC bought one then we could make some money hiring it out for events.

*Panto* - wanting to put on a panto this year (approx cost £850+VAT but if bought through LP would be VAT exempt)

All of the above were discussed and although we felt that groups should also be fundraising themselves we would like to be able to support them all.

*B Centre* - they have been very helpful to us so Pat proposed we donate £400 to them, seconded by Paul. This was agreed by all

*Blooming Hadd* - £1600 to them plus £400 from LP but make it clear that they need to be doing some fundraising themselves. Rab will mention sourcing other funding opportunities at their next meeting.

*CornExchange* - look at this next year

## **11. Haddington Community Development Trust**

**11.1** Fiona-Frances reported on the recent meeting - they have agreed to putting out a brief for the website. They also talked about awnings for the shops in High Street - details to be discussed ie costings etc

**11.2 Branding** - Pat noticed that they had put this out to tender and thought it was a great idea to have a paid consultant on board to manage this and to keep them on track how best to build a website.

## **12. Events Group meeting - minutes have been distributed to members**

**12.1 June 4th** - looking for something big for this date

**12.2 Railway Hotel** - not sure what will happen with this venue with the change-over

**12.3 Steven Gray** (brass band) - Jan said he wants to put on a show and the EG should get in touch

**12.4 Knox Academy (T in the Park)** - John McM said that it had come as a shock that KA were not going to get their usual slot at this event. They feel that there has been a communication gap and they are very disappointed it has been taken away from them (this was a major fundraiser for the KA support group). Jan said that when the EG took over groups were told that there would be changes in the lead up to christmas etc (Fiona McE wrote to them all to say this). The first meeting of the group since then was January, when decisions were made about the Fun Day. There should have been a KA representatives at this meeting but none were present. It was made clear that this does not mean they won't get it again but that it will be allocated on a rota system with other groups. Knox will still run the Duck Race. It was suggested Fiona re-send the original letter to them. *Action Fiona McE*

Jan pointed out that the EG are all volunteers and they have done a brilliant job since taking over last year. They are running the Festival to make money to be able to offer more each year and the changes have been made to this end. They are to be congratulated for how well they have done so far.

## **13. Blooming Haddington (BH)**

**13.1 Planters:** Rab reported that the 3-tired planters are in place in Court Street (opposite the Plough)

**13.2 Memorial Garden:** work will commence over various weekends in the garden opposite the Railway.

## **14. Planning applications**

**14.1 Lodge Street:** a re-application has gone in for Jane Welsh Carlyle building to change into a cafe.

**14.3 Skatepark:** work has started on this and is projected to finish within 6-8 weeks. Speed bumps are being planned for Whittingham Drive to slow the traffic down. A car park is also being build to accommodate 20 cars

## **15. Craft Fair**

**15.1** Ruth said she only had 4 crafters interested in the event therefore it was decided to make it a Table Top sale instead. All were in agreement with this. Cameron will kindly put article in the Courier to this effect. Tables will be £10 each, booked through Ruth. Cafe will be run as normal.

## **15. AOCB - none**

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 8th March 2016 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

## **Outstanding Matters Arising from previous minutes**

### 2012

**14/02** Athelstaneford noticeboard – needs painting (**Oct 2014 – it was pointed out that this has still not be done**)

### 2013

**14/5** Waste bins in High St

Various transportation issues: Lammermuir Cres, Dunderpender Dv, Church St, sunken road by JG Gray Centre

### 2014

**14/01** Dip in road outside Town House

**11/03** Information Centre: signage

**13/5** Brewery Park: slippery pavement, over-grown garden to rear of FA's house

**9/09** Mental Health Resource: Tynepark

### 2015

**8/9** Victoria Bridge - parking/congestion

High Street - flood-lights out

Hardgate/Artillery Park: uneven paving stones

Monksmains Road - missing speed bumps  
*The 4 items above are in hand (as at 13/10/15)*

**10/11** John Muir House - re-painting of disabled parking bays

**2016**

**12/1** Newton Port - traffic survey ?

**9/2** Lights in Hospital Road

**Transportation Dept. -Pot Holes and Broken Slabs throughout the Town & Athelstaneford**

**Pot Holes:** Ideal Garage junction

**Uneven Pavements:** High Street, Market Street, Court Street. St. Anne's Place, Mitchells Close (11/1/11)