

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 8th March 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, Chris McEwan, Rab Moran, Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson, Fiona-Frances Adam, Graham Samuel, Betty Somerville, Harald Vox

In attendance

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

2. Apologies: Cllr John McMillan, PC Lynn Black, Fiona McEwan

Thank you: Margaret thanked the community councillors for the card and flowers in celebration of her recent golden wedding anniversary (and thanks also to Cameron for the article in the Courier)

4. Minutes of 8th February 2016

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Rab Moran and seconded by Kris McEwan

5. Matters arising

5.1 Item 6.1 Hardgate Junction: it would appear that the potholes at the junction have been repaired, although it does look like a temporary repair.

5.2 Item 9.1 Blooming Haddington: it was clarified that CC agreed to donate the sum of £1600 with a further £400 when LP budget is confirmed.

5.3 Item 10.1 Bank update: John confirmed that the account with the TSB is all sorted but that we are still waiting for the Bank of Scotland to make the changes as requested. He will personally hand in the bank mandate - it has now been 5 months of trying to get the account updated.

5.4 Item 10.4 Bridge Centre: the CC gave them a donation of £400 towards a projector - letter received from Doug Haig thanking us.

5.5 Outstanding items update:

2015 10/11 Repainting of disabled bays: Fiona-Frances asked what had happened to this as has not been done

2012 14/02 Athelstaneford noticeboard: this had not been done but it was suggested that it is not the responsibility of the council but belongs to the people of Athelstaneford or the Community Association. Jan suggested that Harald take to the next Comm Assoc meeting. Harald thought that this was already in hand. *This item can therefore be taken off O/S items*

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Hardgate junction/Victoria Bridge parking: Margaret asked if there was anything going to be done about the parking situation on the bridge close to the junction. There are also timing issues needing to be addressed with the traffic lights. Tom Trotter said that there is no defined answer to parking issues in the town at this present time. He will look into the timings of the lights. *Action Tom T*

6.2 High Street, parking: problems are noted with vans parking opposite the goat in the High Street as this is a narrow area therefore causing congestion. It was thought that it is acceptable for loading and unloading but the matter could be raised at the next CAPP meeting. Jan also suggested we write to Iain Gray, MSP - retailers in the town are suffering due to the parking problems and this needs to be addressed. *Action Ruth M*

6.3 Broken kerb: Graham reported a recent incident at the Coop in Hopetoun Drive - a lady tripped and fell due to the cracked dropped kerb. *Action Tom T*

6.5 Cemetery : John asked if there had been an issue with the grave diggers at the end of January - he was aware that a number of funerals had been delayed. The councillors were not aware of any issues but Tom will look into it. *Action Tom*

7. Police Questions - (copy of report has been emailed out. In the absence of Lynn any issues can be emailed via Ruth or to Lynn direct)

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 Knox Idol competition: the prize for the winning team was a trip to Canon Head office in Surrey which was very interesting - details can be found on Knox website.

8.2 Breakfast club initiative: proving quite popular - gives pupils access to a healthy start to the day

8.3 Pipeband concert: very successful

8.4 Design project: the school are involved with Morrisons Construction to help design the new community hospital for Haddington. A model is currently being constructed.

8.5 Festival (John Lockhart Trophy): this has had a name change to 'Young Achievers Trophy' and nominations are requested. Robert and Rab are liaising on this - all details to be sent to them. Fiona-Frances had heard of a cookery competition which Knox might be interested in - she will send them the details. *Action Fiona-F A*

9. Correspondence

9.1 John Gray Centre (JGC): Ruth received correspondence from the library asking if information on the JGC can be included on the CC website. John H said he can do this for them and pointed out that the CC website is a community site and therefore groups just needs to ask and they can be included. John said that the CDT are also hoping to have a site so we have to watch that this doesn't take over from the CC site. Chris suggested a sub-site for the CC events group - at present they cannot sell tickets but this may be something to think about for the future

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

11. Haddington Community Development Trust

11.1 Fiona-Frances reported on the recent meeting which spent some time on the website tenders. They are currently being assessed and will hopefully have a decision by the next meeting.

11.2 Consultant: some applications have been received for this position. It will be made public once a decision has been made.

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

12.1 Ruth said they are still looking for a big gig for the festival - the only downside is the PA/sound system in the Corn Exchange. It was suggested the CC look at buying one - we could therefore not only use it ourselves but hire it out for other events. Graham said initial costings come in at upwards of £2000. Lots of things would need to be in place, ie secure storage, insurance etc but it was thought we might attract more events if we could supply better sound equipment. We need exact figures for the CC to consider going down this route - Graham will arrange this and bring to the next meeting. *Action Graham S*

12.2 Knox Academy (T in the Park) - Fiona has now spoken with the parents association and explained the situation - the main problem was that they did not received the initial letters from the Events Group telling Knox of their plans. This has all been cleared up now.

13. Blooming Haddington (BH)

13.1 Memorial Garden: Rab reported that they had started the clear up of the area around the monument.

13.2 Cupar Angus: presentation was attended which went very well.

13.3 Scotland in Bloom: we are going to enter this as well as Britain in Bloom later in the year.

13.4 Queens birthday celebrations: a clear up is planned around areas such as Seggarsdean, Vert, Victoria Bridge and Riverside Bridge.

14. Planning applications - nothing of note to discuss

15. AOCB

15.1 Exercise stations: Pat said that we need to be wary about what we are committing money for. The stations have now been put in place around the river with mixed reviews. They are not of the standard expected for the money we donated - we need to see what we are committing to in the future. After a fair amount of discussion over this matter it was decided Paul write to ELC with our concerns over health and safety (some are situated very close to the river) and make it clear we are not happy with what has been provided. *Action Paul D*

15.2 Queens 90th birthday: we need to come up with some ideas of what we can do as a town to celebrate this.

15.3 Tesco collections: Colin Hunter has been in touch with Ruth to ask why nothing in the Haddington area has been chosen for their current community collections (coins are given out and customers asked to donate to one of the 3 highlighted). Applications for this open in May and it was thought we should come up with suggestions for this.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 12th April 2016 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

Outstanding Matters Arising from previous minutes

2013

14/5 Waste bins in High St
Various transportation issues: Lammermuir Cres, Dunder 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)