

# Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

## Minutes of meeting 13th September 2016 in Council Chambers

### 1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Ruth Moncreiff (Correspondence Secretary), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Fiona-Frances Adam, Graham Samuel, Ron Goldie, Betty Sommerville, Paul Darling

### In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, PC Lynn Black, Robert Flood (Knox), Calum Learmonth (Knox), Rebecca Keegan (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary)

### 2. Apologies: Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Rab Moran, Haig Hamilton, Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson

Welcome to everyone, especially the new Knox representatives Callum and Rebecca. Jan also reminded everyone about the nomination forms which have to be in by the 15th - if more than 16 are received then an election will be needed.

### 3. AOCB: Honorariums

### 4. Guest speaker: Stuart Gibb (not present)

### 5. Minutes of 14th June 2016

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Chris McEwan and seconded by Fiona McEwan

### 6. Matters arising

**6.1 Hanging baskets:** Jan gave special praise about the baskets which have been exceptional this year. And a huge vote of thanks to Rab for keeping them watered throughout the summer.

**6.2 Trade Licence:** this had been brought up at a previous meeting and it was suggested we need to clarify whether needed or not. It was thought that if we have outside traders, who are making a profit from the event, then we need a traders licence. If the event is something like the table top sale, with monies going straight back to the CC then a licence is not required. Ruth asked about our public liability insurance - this covers events such as Arts and Crafts fair (up to 50 tables) - the renewal cost is £280 approx - it was proposed by Ruth and seconded by Fiona McEwan to go ahead with this. Ruth will write for clarification on the insurance. *Action Ruth*

### 7. Treasurers Report

**7.1 Susan Farmer:** John reported that Susan has taken over as auditor and has the accounts audited to the end of March this year (copies available). Jan asked that John distribute copies of the report to all the members and bring to the AGM. *Action John*

**7.2 Festival report:** revised total profit this year is £2145.81

### 8. Councillors Corner

**8.1 Whittinghame Drive/Hardgate:** John asked if there is a problem with the lights here - there are a number not working or perhaps they are coming on later. Tom suggested there may be an issue with the timing which could need adjusted due to the darker nights. Will also look into Market St and High St. *Action Tom*

**8.2 Golf Course:** Betty reported an area of broken glass and rubbish next to golf course.

**8.3 Dovecot Development:** Graham asked about the pathway on the Pencaitland Road at this development and why it was not a continuous pathway. Tom Trotter will have a look and report back. *Action Tom*

On the same site, John wondered why there were still traffic lights here and was there any policy governing how long temporary lights can be in situ. It was suggested there must be a reason, perhaps working on drainage, but that these are obviously in place for the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

**8.4 Lothian Development Plan:** John McMillan reported that this was out for consultation. Various areas have been identified for development. Paul and Lynda will have a look at the report and bring back to the CC. *Action Lynda/Paul*

**8.5 Athelstaneford:** Tom reported that when in the village recently he was disgusted to see the state of the recently repaired bus stop. It is very disappointing to see it in such disrepair after the effort made to repair it. Jan agreed that it was shocking that this could happen in the village.

**8.6 Leader Funding:** John McMillan reported that this funding stream is now open for applications and that if any help is needed he can put us in touch with the Funding Team.

**9. Police Questions** - Full report available from Lynn

**9.1 CAPP meeting:  
CAPP priorities identified**

1. Attention to be given to the following areas in relation to complaints of youth related antisocial behaviour including litter, noise, smashed bottles and fireraising: Millfield Football ground, Haddington Joint campus playground, Neilson Park and Mill Wynd.

2. Hi Visibility mobile and foot patrols during evenings in High Street, Haddington, in relation to youth related incidents.

3. Enforcement patrols in Victoria Road and Neilson Park Road, Haddington, during the school restriction periods.

4. Pro Laser speed checks in specified areas in the Haddington and Lammermuir ward area, including Gifford and Athelstaneford.

The next CAPP meeting will be held on Monday 31st October at 6.30pm within the town hall, Haddington

**10. Knox Academy News**

**10.1 6th year reps:** welcome to the 2 new 6th year representatives Callum and Rebecca. Callum said his aim for this year was to be active in involving Knox with the Community. They are also planning on doing some fund raising for projects in the town - in particular for St Martins cemetery. This had been brought up before recess and Knox are keen to meet with Stuart Pryde to discuss the way forward. Callum also said that one of their events will be a sponsored walk to Longniddry and back along the railway path. Monies raised will be split between the cemetery and Meadowpark School. Rebecca added that they are also working on being positive role models to junior pupils.

**10.2 Sports awards:** Robert reported that the school had held an inaugural sports awards evening in June which was very successful.

**10.3 Morrisons project:** the design and technical department held an exhibition to show off their work on this project with a superb model on display.

**10.4 'Lead a Bright Future', Dinner/Awards ceremony:** this was held at Coulston House on 30th June - very successful.

**10.5 Events Group meetings:** Robert said they are keen for Knox to be represented at these meetings and will arrange for a couple to be present where possible. They are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month (next meeting 20th Sept in Fletcher Room).

*Action Robert*

**10.6 Poppy Appeal:** Robert also confirmed that the school will take charge of this again.

Jan thanked Robert and the Knox representatives for being part of the meetings and we look forward to working with them over the next year.

**11. Planning Applications**

**11.1 Begbie - chicken farm:** despite this not being within our area Paul has had a look at the plans and finds nothing to object about. The planned build is well away from any residential areas and the only possible concern for residents would be the possible increase in traffic. Jan will send the email to Paul who will write on behalf of the CC with our comments.

*Action Jan/Paul*

**11.2 Dovecot:** phase II of this development for a further 80 houses has been submitted and available for comment.

**11.3 Planned developments in the town:** there are a number of developments due or currently under construction and Jan suggested it would be ideal for the town if we could get some money to help towards other projects in the town (similar to planning gain). John McMillan said that discussion is planned and confirmed that we are free to approach the developers for help with town projects. He did confirm that under section 75, developers have to concentrate on schools and sports facilities. Chris suggested we write to ask if they could help with a donation towards the Christmas lights. It was also suggested that McCarthy Stone (Mill Wynd development) are also very keen to talk to local groups. Ruth will write to the developers.

*Action Ruth*

**11.4 Care Home Mill Wynd:** an application has gone in again with some alteration – mainly that they have moved it further back from the road and put in a lay-by on the corner.

**11.5 Seats in the town:** Chris asked about all the seats that have appeared around the town. It would appear that this does not need planning permission as comes under Street Furniture regulations. He suggested it would be ideal to be at least informed of such decisions.

**12. Local priorities budget – Memorial Tree:** there is still money in the budget and a memorial tree has been proposed. Costings needed from Mike Foy. David Motherwell's son is also coming across to be involved in a similar project in memory of his father. Chris suggested one of the rotten trees across the road could be replaced.

### **13. Correspondence**

**13.1 Exhibition:** details from Dave Williamson of proposed 2017 Exhibition about St Andrew and the Saltire by the Scottish Flag Trust to be held in the John Gray Centre. They are looking for a letter of support from CC. This was agreed. *Action Ruth*

### **14. Haddington Community Development Trust**

**14.1 AGM held recently** – nothing of note to report. Jan requested that the minutes and correspondence be circulated round CC members.

**14.2 Website:** Paul reported that the website is almost complete

**14.3 New projects:** request has been made for any ideas for the town. One suggestion from Jan was the river Tyne – there has been significant flooding over the past 10/15 years which affects a lot of residents and businesses.

### **15. Events Group meeting – minutes have been distributed to members**

**15.1** Nothing to report from the June meeting. Several smaller events have been ongoing like table-top sales etc

**16. Blooming Haddington (BH)** No update in the absence of Rab.

### **17. AOCB**

**17.1 Honorariums:** it was agreed to continue as last year as follows - Chair (Jan) £250, Treasurer (John) £350 and Correspondence secretary (Ruth) £100. All members at meeting agreed to these sums. *Action John*

**17.2 Armistice day – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** John had been trying to pursue having an artillery gun present for the day – not been successful in getting this unfortunately. Ruth to check with the Rotary and British Legion regarding wreaths. *Action Ruth*

**17.3 Art Exhibition:** help needed for set up on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October and also manning the office. Preview day Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

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

#### 2013

- 14/5** Waste bins in High St (14/6/16 - no feedback yet)  
Various transportation issues: Lammermuir Cres, Dunder Dv, Church St, sunken road by JG Gray Centre
- 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

**10/5** Speed bumps - Monkrigg Road  
Pencaitland Road - incomplete road works/hole in ground  
Meadowpark - loose speed bump  
Wheelie-bins in High Street  
Whittingham Drive - state of the road surface  
Hospital Road - congestion

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

**Pot Holes:** Ideal Garage junction, Stevenson, West Road surfaces

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