

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 13th June 2017 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (vice chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Ruth Moncrieff (Secretary), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Graham Samuel, Rab Moran, Haig Hamilton, Betty Sommerville, Fiona-Frances Adam, Paul Darling

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Cllr Brian Small, Robert Flood (KA), PC Lynn Black, Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Cllr John McMillan, Ron Goldie, Chris Zientara

3. Application to join the Community Council

Calum Learmonth attended the meetings for the past year on behalf of the Knox and now that he is leaving school wants to be considered as a member of the CC. He feels he will be able to express the opinions and views of the young people of Haddington and wants to continue being involved in making the town an even better place to live. Calum was asked to leave the meeting and the members had a brief discussion. Jan pointed out that he has been a fantastic help with a number of events during the festival and that he is also keen to be involved with the Events Group. It was unanimously agreed that we invite Calum to join the CC and at that point he re-joined the meeting. Jan gave him the good news and welcomed him on as a fully-fledged member of the CC (and the youngest to date).

Jan also welcomed the new councillors to the meeting – the CC looks forward to working with them.

4. Minutes of 9th May 2016

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

4.1 Correction: It was not minuted that Haig had sent his apologies for the May meeting.

5. Matters arising

5.1 Item 4.1 Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson/Boundary: Ruth not managed to write this letter as yet. As Jan is up to speed on the details she will do the letter. *Action Jan*

5.2 Item 6.4 Missing bin in Market St : Shamin confirmed that the refurbished bin is now in place.

6. Treasurers Report – details already emailed to all members

6.1 John reported a few large transactions this last month (due to Festival events) including: £400 for the Owl Man, £600 for Samba Dancers and the brochures which cost £538. John stated that a full breakdown of costs/incomes is available if wanted – contact him for details.

6.2 Local Priorities: there is still money left in the account but need to get an exact figure from Lilian.

6.3 Donation received from Scottish Cavalier King Charles Club for £150 (this is something we receive every year)

7. Licences

7.1 Jan reported that she had been contacted by one of the Mum's at the festival café (who is also a police officer) to say that we are committing an offence by having traders/crafters working during this event. Jan said that she had previously had a meeting with all the powers that be (police, council etc) and was told that we did not need a licence to run this event. Then we were told we did need one. On the back of this she was told that we would need to pay £136 for a licence, per event. This was deemed impossible to support and events would just have to be cancelled as wouldn't be viable if costing this much. It was thought that the council needs to look into this and come up with a solution or a lot of the festival just won't go ahead. It was pointed out that private traders do so to make a profit for themselves, hence they need a traders' licence. We, the CC, run events not for profit – and any monies made go straight back into the festival.

One suggestion was that we run the cafes without the traders – but this was thought not ideal as they help bring people into the town. Tom also agreed that this did not sound right and would try to find out about it. After some discussion it was suggested we need to arrange a meeting with the licencing board to discuss the way forward. This will be arranged.

8. Councillors Corner

8.1 East Fortune Market: Chris wondered if the council were still responsible for running the market. It was confirmed that it was privately run by Alan Stewart. Chris said that it was very much run down and wondered why this was the case. Haig pointed out that people will only come if there are enough stalls and traders will come if there is footfall.

8.2 Speed bumps at Monkrigg road: Paul said they were still waiting for these to be replaced. And that the ones already in situ are in need of repair.

8.3 Buses parking in Market St: Paul pointed out that a couple of the local bus companies are parking for a time in the bus stop, causing an obstruction in this narrow part of the street.

8.4 Ball Alley: John pointed out that there is a sharp metal pole sticking out the ground on the site where the bonfire used to be held. This is a potential trip hazard or worse if children were to fall on it – needs to be removed.

8.5 Tyne foot path: in the same area, the footpath that runs from ball alley behind St Mary's very readily becomes flooded during wet weather and needs some attention.

8.5 Lynn Lea Avenue: Margaret has a neighbour asking about a tree at the bottom of her garden - she is concerned it's dangerous. It was suggested she get in touch with Mike Foy at ELC.

Although not present at the meeting Jan congratulated John McMillan on becoming the new Provost for the county.

9. Police Questions (full report available from Lynn)

9.1 Jan said she had seen some youths with boxes of alcohol – Lynn said that if they suspect the youths are underage then please make a call to the police who will investigate.

9.2 Festival: no issues were encountered during any of the events over the festival period. Jan thanked Lynn for all her help over this time. She also congratulated Callum for his speech during the opening ceremony.

9.3 Haldane Avenue: Fiona-Frances voiced concerns about the speed of the traffic here. It was also noted that the 40mph sign is obscured by trees on the NHS site – suggestion to ask them to cut back. Lynn will also look into doing a pro-laser check.

9.4 Traffic management during parade: John asked if this had been out-sourced as was not run as smoothly as usual. Lynn confirmed that they used to be in charge but not able to this year and it fell to the local council to manage the traffic. It was suggested a two-way radio system would be a great help in future.

9.5 Risk Assessment: Jan has received notice that we will need to complete RA forms for each event in future. This will also potentially incur costs.

9.6 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified

1. Hi visibility patrols to be undertaken at playing fields at Knox Academy, Haddington, in relation to youth under-age drinking and related antisocial behaviour.
2. Attention to St Martins Kirk, Haddington, in relation to youth related antisocial behaviour.
3. Pro laser speed checks at various highlighted streets in Haddington and Lammermuir Ward area.

The next meeting will be Monday 14th August 2017 at 6.30pm within the town hall, Haddington.

10. Knox Academy News

10.1 S1 daily project: this went very well

10.2 Young Achiever Award: it was suggested we may need to re-visit how we advertise this due to the lack of nominations this year (one 1 was received). An article in the paper, or perhaps be in contact with the Bridge Centre were two suggestions. Shamin agreed that an article in the paper would be good – she also said that social media is the current way to get information out to all and that we should perhaps pursue this avenue. Chris suggested that we think about re-naming the award to something like 'youth recognition award'. It was agreed we come back to this at the beginning of the year and get the information out early enough.

10.3 Leavers ceremony/Dance: the ceremony will be held on 14th June with the leavers dance on the 15th.

10.4 P7 transition: P7 visits are taking place next week

10.5 Sports Awards: the 2nd awards evening will be taking place on Fri 23rd

10.6 Pupils leadership elections: S6 elections taking place on 28th June

Thanks to Robert and the pupils who have attended the meetings for the past year – we appreciate their input.

11. Planning Applications

11.1 Letham development: Paul reported that we are happy with the changes made.

11.2 Graham Jewellers: application to change the external paint work to grey and red.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Licences: details on licences

12.2 Sustran: booklets. It was suggested we invite them to a meeting to discuss their plans to link up all the cycle paths etc.

12.3 'Fly the Red Ensign' – leaflet

12.4 Arts Hub: Rab asked about the Hub's application to the CC for help producing a leaflet. They have asked for £500 towards this – they attended a meeting a few months ago and gave us a talk on the work they are doing and were told to put in writing if they wanted to be considered for a donation. After some discussion around this application it was suggested that we are not keen on supporting just for a leaflet as there are already information leaflets available in the town. But we are very keen on supporting them in general and we will write and ask them to submit another application which should be of a more general nature ie for help with admin costs, which could include a leaflet etc. Chris and Graham also offered their help in producing a leaflet.

Any other correspondence Ruth has passed on via email. Any comments please bring to the next meeting.

13. Haddington Community Development Trust

13.1 Fiona-Frances gave a brief update from their last meeting – this included identify projects, investigate funding sources (Sustran being the main source with a possible 50k available), continue developing the website. A monthly report will be sent to us prior to our meeting.

13.2 AGM: will be held in November 2017. Fiona-Frances announced that she plans to step down from the CDT at this meeting, therefore the CC will need someone to take over from her. Callum said he would be happy to do so

13.3. Haddington Festival 2018 - 50th Anniversary: the CC will be hoping for support from the CDT to celebrate this milestone year.

14. Events Group meeting

14.1 Festival: the festival went very well with events being well attended, particularly the children's events.

14.2 Generator: with support from LP budget things are in place for a new generator. We have also been given a trailer which needs a bit of upgrading but are hoping this will be funded from LP budget.

14.3 50th Anniversary year: the theme will be 'golden'. We will be looking at new events such as go-kart racing but will need to start planning this early as licences etc may be required.

Many thanks to the Events Group for their planning and running of the Festival – it was a great programme of events. Thanks also to all the sponsors and those who helped get all the leaflets and programmes delivered.

15. Blooming Haddington (BH)

15.1 Update:

Coordinator: sadly Ron has decided to resign from BH committee – many thanks for his input during his time with BH

Planters/hanging baskets: planters have been done at the Ideal Garage, lot of bulbs planted and the hanging baskets are ready to go up in the Town Centre

Memorial park: work ongoing

KMP/Hadd infants: work continues within the schools

Token collection in Tesco: BH had been selected as one of the potential beneficiaries of the token collection in Tesco. It was suggested we speak to them about their next round of collection and suggested the Christmas Lights be put forward as a potential. Chris will speak to Steven about this.

16. Area Partnership Update – no update

17. AOCB - none

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 12th September 2017 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm. The AGM will be held in October.

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, Dunpender 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?

- 10/5** Speed bumps - Monkrigg Road
Meadowpark - loose speed bump
Wheelie-bins in High Street
Whittingham Drive - state of the road surface
Hospital Road - congestion
11/10 Newton Port pavements
Poles in town centre - christmas lights
Bench at bottom of High Street
10/12 Street furniture – state of disrepair
Overhanging trees at Hilton Lodge
Lamp House Music – disrepair of road surfaces
Market St Pharmacy – mirror for sight lines
Slip road at Abbotsview – litter

- 2017**
14/2 Roads issues: pole in pavement, Pencaitland Rd, diversion signs, dumped cones etc
Athelstaneford: speeding signs, signage at cemetery
11/4 Lights out on Nungate Bridge
13/6 Ball Alley – pole sticking up
Tyne Walkway – flooding(behind St Mary's)

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

Pot Holes: Ideal Garage junction, Stevenson, West Road surfaces, Whittingham Drive

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