

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council Minutes of meeting 9th January 2017 in Council Chambers

Ruth Moncrieff (Secretary), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Graham Samuel, Chris McEwan, Fiona McEwan, Paul Darling, Morgwn Davies, Haig Hamilton

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Robert Flood (KA), Cara Morrison (KA), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Jan Wilson (Chair), Cllr Brian Small, Betty Sommerville, Fiona-Frances Adam, Rab Moran, PC Lynn Black

Addendum to Nov 14th Minutes

Bangley Quarry proposal: David Cockerton (email of 13th Dec to Hadd CC) requested amendment as follows:

The Minutes make reference to 'less being deposited in landfill' as a result of the proposal. Please note that the proposed plant will not be taking any feedstock from waste currently sent to landfill – the plant will redirect existing by-products eg brewery and distillery material which is currently used as animal feed and fertiliser and also result in the removal of prime agricultural land currently used for food production giving this over to energy crop eg rye production also resulting in the destruction of the soil structure.

3. Minutes of 12th December

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Paul Darling and seconded by Graham Samuel

4. Matters arising

4.1 Item 11.2 Town Hall Clock: Paul said that the clock was making 'bing bong' noises (technical term!) but the curfew bells were definitely not ringing. Our concerns from the last meeting have been passed on.

5. Treasurers Report – details already emailed to all members

5.1 Update: John said that there have been a few events since the end of Nov and some final figures are still to come in.

6. Honoraria – deferred to the next meeting

7. Councillors Corner

7.1 Transport/Parking strategy: John McMillan said that this went to the council meeting for further discussion. They are hoping that this will be ready for public consultation by end of March. The design strategy is all about improving the town centre and a further progress report on this should be available by February.

7.2 School consultation (KMP/Infant School): John also reported that consultation will begin in February. He encouraged everyone to take part in this to have their say. An Open Day to be held at KMP 25th Jan followed by one on the Monday at Haddington Infants. A further one will be held at Knox Academy. He reported that the only major change will be that a new head teacher will be employed – the schools will remain the same but will be joined together. It is hoped that this will all be sorted by August this year.

8. Police Questions (as Lynn not at meeting pls email any items direct to her)

8.1 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified

1. Dangerous parking near to Waterloo Bridge, Haddington
2. Vehicles not stopping at the Stop Sign at Hardgate and Sidegate
3. Pro laser speed checks at East Saltoun and Gifford

The next CAPP meeting will be held on Monday 29th January 2018 at 630pm in the Town House, Bar Loun9

9. Knox Academy News

9.1 Xmas box campaign: these were completed and distributed just before Christmas

9.2 Xmas concert/S6 panto: held on Dec 19th and 21st Dec respectively and both went very well.

9.3 Food Bank: donations were handed in

9.4 Christmas Panto, Corn Exchange: pupils volunteered to help at this event – many thanks to them from the Events Group

9.5 Youth Philanthropy Initiative: John McMillan attended this and was most impressed by the standard of presentation from the S5 pupils involved. They were awarded £3000 for their chosen charity.

9.6 Haddington 50th Festival: Robert said that Knox were keen to be involved with this – Ruth will check with the EG and let Robert have the details. *Action Ruth*

9.7 WWI thistle project: John H thought that it would be good to have more pupils involved with this – he will therefore email the master sheet with all the dates etc to Robert Flood at Knox. He also asked if the councillors would be keen to be involved – John McM keen therefore info will also be sent to councillors. *Action John H*

10. Planning Applications

10.1 Letham Mains: Paul reported that 2 planning applications have been lodged to include houses and flats. This is the area to the right of the development.

10.2 Knox Place: change of use from chocolate factory to shop/retail

10.3 Kesley's book shop: change of use to Gregg's sit-in.

11. Correspondence – none

12. Haddington Community Development Trust - no update available

13. Events Group meeting

13.1 Hogmany: this was a great success

14. Blooming Haddington – no update available

15. Area Partnership (AP) – no update available

16. AOCB

16.1 Haddington 700 Charter: launch date 20th Jan. Will include a family ceilidh, plus other events at St Marys. It is hoped that everyone gets involved with this.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 13th February 2018 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, Dunderpender 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 - Monkkrigg 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
10/12 Bench at bottom of High Street
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)
10/10 Curfew Bells
Street lighting not working (Hosp Rd, Oaktree roundabout)
Traders licence – concession available
12/12 Station Court – disrepair of the road

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)