

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 10th February 2015 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Emily Armatage, Pat Lemmon, Ruth Moncrieff, Paul Darling, John Hamilton, Graham Samuel, Ron Goldie, Rab Moran, Fiona-Frances Adam, Betty Sommerville, Fiona McEwan

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Cllr John McMillan, PC Lynn Black, Knox - Robert Flood, Annabel Jackson, Calum Paul, Press - Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Avril Campbell (EL News)

2. Apologies: Jan Wilson

3. AOCB – none

4. Minutes of 9th December

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Rab Moran, seconded by Fiona-Frances Adam

5. Matters arising

5.1 Item 5.3 Website: this is confirmed as underway. Photos still needed of CC members for inclusion. John and Paul will hopefully find out how to upload information to the site and keep it up to date.

5.2 Item 9.2 Knox - new piano: John was going to ask Pete Antonelli re funding for this. But he has heard that they may have already acquired one. Robert confirmed that the school have purchased one but are still looking for help with funding. Pat mentioned that we had discussed at a previous meeting about working out a 'formula' as to how we decide when and how much we donate to requests for help with funding. John said we hadn't but will have a think and bring to next meeting. *Action JH*

5.3 Item 10.1 HCDT update: John McMillan said that there was a meeting planned regarding the Corn Exchange in 2 weeks time. The lease will have to come back under control of ELC - this process is taking a while but he's hoping that this will be complete soon.

5.4 Item 16.1 Civic Pride Fund: Emily confirmed that there is nothing left in this fund

5.5 Association of CCouncil's: Emily asked whether they were still active as she has not received any minutes or notices of meetings for a while. John McMillan thought they had last met in the Autumn but will try to find out. *Action JMcM*

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Kebab shop - signage : Margaret asked what had been done about this. John McM said they had received a number of complaints and they were told to remove the sign. This has not been done as yet - he will chase. *Action JMcM*

6.2 Road markings: Rab has been asked by some of the driving instructors if the road markings around the town could be re-done, especially at the roundabouts at The Vert and Abbotsview.

6.3 Councillors update: budgets have now been set and are available for public viewing on the website.

6.4 John McMillan update: JMcM had reported a telegraph pole in Athelstaneford – not sure if this has been dealt with.

6.5 Street lights: Margaret said that some of the lights in Whittingham Drive are out and don't seem to have any numbers on them in order to report them to the council. Graham pointed out that sometimes the numbers are being obscured when the posts are painted.

7. Police Questions - Lynn read out her report (copy available)

7.1 Next CAPP meeting: Monday at 630pm

CAPP priorities:

- Anti social behaviour issues in Bolton
- Dog fouling – Hadd and surrounding areas
- Traffic and parking in Abbotsview/Riverside areas

7.2 Traffic Issues: Parent Council at the Hadd Infant/St Mary's campus: parents are concerned about the congestion at the Aubigny Centre – police keeping an eye on this.

7.3 Sheriff Court closure: JMcM asked if this was having an effect on the police shifts. Lynn said it was too early to report on this but may impact on staffing. Staff will also have problems with parking in Edinburgh. It will definitely be missed from a local point of view.

7.4 Ron asked about the cab office cleaning their cars outside the office – during the very cold weather the water is freezing making it icy and dangerous. It was thought that they have to keep their cabs clean and should use common sense to not do this in very cold weather.

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Christmas boxes: they have checked re the distribution of the boxes and this was done in consultation with the Social Work Dept.

8.2 Community Bus: this project is still going ahead. They are planning on speaking to members of the community to ask how the bus could work for them.

8.3 This Friday: 'dress-down' day being held to raise funds for a school in Rwanda

8.4 5th/6th year trip: pupils travelling to New York next week.

9. Treasurers Report

Haddington Community Council Accounts Tuesday 10th February 2015

Last Months

Balance £6,801.98

Income

Expenditure

Jan, Monthly Phone Exp £40.00

Emily's Monthly Phone Exp £40.00

Anna Secretaries Fee £50.00

Total £6,801.98

Total £130.00

New Balance should be £6,801.98 - £130.00 = £6,671.98

Jan has not cashed her cheque so balance

reads

£6,711.98

Haddington Community Council Festival Account Tuesday 10th Feb 2015

Last Months

Balance £9,838.00

Income

Expenditure

Ticket Sales £2,630.00 Disco Hogmany Event £350.00

Bar Donation £1,240.00 Spangles Hogmany Event £800.00

Overspend on Tokens £50.00 Security £576.00

Santa Run Advert £48.00

Items for Santa Sleigh £18.82

Total £13,758.00

Total £1,792.82

New Balance £13,758.00 - £1,792.82 =

Total **£11,965.18**

Costs for Dismantling Christmas Lights

Darren Banks £230.00

Derrick Pender £230.00

Stuart Burn £180.00

Ryan Hall £180.00

Scaffolding Hire £42.00

Total **£862.00**

Thanks to Emily for her work on the accounts.

10. Haddington Community Development Trust (HCDT) Update

10.1 It is hoped that the Trust will be back under the council control by the end of March. There are a number of legal issues which are taking time to address. It was asked when they will be holding their AGM - it was thought possibly not until November – Pat asked how many spaces were on the committee. Paul thought 1 or 2.

10.2 Pat also asked about the money for the tennis courts development – Paul confirmed that the money has been ring-fenced and will be handed over once requested. JMcM said that the work should be starting soon and hopeful to be completed within 6 weeks.

11. Haddington Events Group (HEG) - Update (Fiona McEwan)

11.1 Christmas lights all down and stored away. Rab thought a special word of thanks should go to Tommy Brown for the great job done in taking the lights down and putting them all away. John said letters have gone out thanking them. Ruth will get his email and thank him.

11.2 A couple of new events planned during the festival are for the Saturday nights – one is a band for the younger once and the second will be a 3-piece tribute band (60's, 70's and 80's) for the older generation.

11.3 Festival office: There is some ongoing discussion regarding relocation to the John Gray Centre

11.4 Horticultural Society: Margaret said they are keen to have a stall in the park during the Fun Day

11.5 Doocot/Festival Parade: John said that during a recent clear out the signs used for the fancy dress parade didn't seem to be there. No-one seems to know where they are. It was confirmed that the Horticultural Soc are now using the Doocot. Pat suggested that they have categories in age groups for dressing up and not have the lorries (too many regulations around using lorries). This to be discussed further at the next meeting. Bikes and scooters could be used instead? John McM said that a number of meetings ago he had offered to arrange a meeting with the Events Group to discuss how they can do the Festival differently - also to discuss the possibility of whittling the event down to one week. John also said that some suggestions for events at Halloween are on the go (eg ghost walk round town etc)

11.6 Fun Day: money raised at the Fun Day has historically gone to support the Play Group – this is the last year for this.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Ruth had a notice from ELC regarding a series of meetings asking public opinion on a service for people in emotional crisis - copy of this was handed round the members.

13. Planning applications

13.1 MIR: Paul still to write the letter.

13.2 Broadband: John McMillan said there is a survey underway to ascertain the need/demand for a better broadband service in the outer lying/rural areas. The questionnaire/form is available on-line.

13.3 Templedean: Graham asked whether the plans for this have been approved. It is thought that the plans are available. They show that the outside facade is to remain the same with only internal alterations taking place. The area surrounding the building is also due to be landscaped.

14. Craft Fair (28th Feb)

14.1 Help needed at this. Margaret, Betty, Rab and John said they could be there. Graham, Fiona McE and Ruth said they would check and let us know if they can be there.

15. AOCB

15.1 Chair: Ron voiced concern regarding Jan's present situation at home and thought it might be an idea for her to take a sabbatical from chairing the CC - this would take some of the pressure off her. Margaret happy to stand in for her in her capacity as Vice Chair until Jan's ready to return. Although some members were unhappy discussing this matter without Jan present, Ron's concern was noted.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 10th March 2015 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

Date of next Festival Meeting: Tuesday 24th February 2015 in **Bar Lounge, 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

White line at scambler's corner

Templedean House: kids breaking in

09/09 Herdmanflat/St Martins playparks – disrepair (*14/10 is now in hand*)

Mental Health Resource: Tynepark

Kennedy Court: wheelie bins (*14/10 ongoing problem, being monitored*)

11/11 Sidegate: disabled parking requested

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

Pot Holes:

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