

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 10th March 2015 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

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

In attendance

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

2. Apologies: Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay

Jan thanked the members for all their support and kind messages during the past couple of months. And with regard to her absence she pointed out that the Green Book (CC constitution) states that councillors can be absent for up to 3 months if they have adequate reason. It was felt that Jan did have adequate reason (her family) and she did let everyone know the position. Although Margaret felt an apology was due from Ron, Jan just wanted the matter to be closed and said an apology was not necessary.

3. Minutes of 10th February

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Fiona McEwan, seconded by Graham Samuel

4. Haddington Events Group (HEG) Update/Minutes (copy of mins should come to CC's)

4.1 Fiona said she didn't have much to report. Confirmations are starting to come through for the festival events. Jan had a meeting with them a couple of weeks ago and there is just the programme to go over. Graham is taking over the printing of the programme. It has been suggested the childrens competition is judged by age group - Emily has agreed to do the judging.

The Christmas lights: members of the HEG had a walk round the town to decide what was needed in the way of new lights. It is suggested we need 4 more motifs and also another tree at the Goats at bottom of high street. They are also suggesting lights in the park at the Railway crossroads and keen to get the poles back up in the High Street.

Jan said that they are hoping that the Festival office will move into the JG Centre and this will need to work in conjunction with the Tourist Info office. The JG Centre are keen to have both within their premises. It was also reported that the minister, Jennifer Macray and Ann Dyer will attend the next HEG meeting.

5. Matters arising - (all covered above)

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Abbotsview: the residents living in the no. 50's at Abbotsview are unhappy about the parking situation. A lot of them cannot get parked close to their houses. They have made complaints to ELC but nothing has been done about it.

6.2 Hardgate (parking): it has been requested that the parking be reduced to one side only in Hardgate to ease congestion. Jan has also brought this same matter up at an HTAG meeting.

6.3 Bus fares: Paul asked why short journeys cost so much compared to a longer one.

6.4 Burnside: Graham said he had noticed that there is a problem with discarded elastic bands - the postmen are just dropping them on the pavement - this could be dangerous for dogs picking them up etc. It was thought we contact the local PO delivery office direct to let them know of our concerns. *Action Ruth*

6.5 Potholes: Emily pointed out that there are a number of potholes on the road down from the Garleton hills.

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

7.1 CAPP priorities:

1. Monitor youth related antisocial behaviour in High Street, Haddington, and adjoining closes.
2. Attention to Amisfield Walled Garden, Haddington, re possible drug taking.
3. Pro-laser speed checks to various locations in the Haddington and Lammermuir ward area

The next CAPP meeting will take place on Monday 30th March at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

7.2 Half-pipe: Pat asked if the police had noticed an increase in problems involving youths since the half-pipe has been removed. Lynn said that this was possibly the case - she said they find they are hanging about the children's play park and the pavilion a bit more and graffiti in some areas. Pat has experienced it herself recently - kids hanging around the street and shouting at people and being disruptive. Lynn said it was usually isolated incidents and they are aware of the trouble makers - it's the same names coming up time and time again. Some will be issued with unacceptable behaviour orders.

Pat said that as a town we are not doing enough for the youngsters. The skatepark project has not been progressed - we are still some way short of having the funding to get started on building it. Jan said that Viridor is now closed to applications. Paul said that he and Emily had a meeting with ELC Planning Partnership who are keen to help us reach the goal of having a skatepark in Whittingham Drive. Pat said that at this point Mike feels he has let people down - Jan said this was not the case at all but that not enough people have stepped forward to help out. Paul said a survey within the schools will be held on what the preferred options are (both Knox and the Primary schools) - it is hoped this will happen within the next couple of weeks as a meeting is planned to discuss (at present the preferred option looks like a skate and bike park). A presentation is also to be held in the school. Pat said that the plans need to go on FB and certain questions answered. Graham said he is happy to help progress the skatepark project - he has contact with the kids at the Bridge Centre. It was also said that a representative from Knox would be very welcome on the skatepark committee.

7.3 Drug problem in the town: Tom asked what the situation was in the town at present. Lynn said that most of their success with dealing with problems is intelligence led - the police are very keen for people to contact them with any information they have. They need to build enough intelligence before they can actively deal with suspects. Tom praised the police for their continued work in this area and urged the public to remain vigilant and pass on information to the police.

7.4 Traffic lights at Ideal Garage junction: there was comment that cars are quite often driving through the lights when on red. Lynn commented that this had previously been a problem because the sequence was wrong. She said that drivers should be aware and make sure they are not driving through lights when on red - ie driver consideration.

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Comic Relief: many events were held during this day at the Knox (people shaving their hair off, throwing pies at teachers etc)

8.2 Spring Concert: this will be held on 31st March - CC members welcome

8.3 Spring Dance: money raised from ticket sales for this will go towards funds for gap years in Ghana and Nmibia

Jan thanked the Knox representatives for their input and attending the meetings each month.

9. Treasurers Report

Haddington Community Council Accounts Tuesday 10th March 2015

<i>Last Months Balance</i>	£6,711.98		
<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
		Jan's Monthly Phone Exp Nov	£40.00
		Jan's Monthly Phone Exp (Dec)	£40.00
		Jan's Monthly phone exp (Jan)	£40.00
		Jan's Monthly Phone Exp (Feb)	£40.00
		Emily's Monthly Phone Exp	£40.00
		Anna Secretaries Fee	<u>£50.00</u>
	£6,711.98		£250.00
New Balance £6,711.98 - £250.00 =			<u>£6,461.98</u>

Haddington Community Council Festival Account 10th March 2015

<i>Last Months Balance</i>	£11,965.18		
<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
		Fuel for Van Hire	£20.00
		Scaffolding for Christmas Lights	£42.00

	Darren Banks Christmas Lights	£230.00
	Derek Fender Christmas Lights	£230.00
	Stuart Burn Christmas Lights	£180.00
	Ryan Hall Christmas Lights	£180.00
	Coffee Pot (Christmas Lights)	£176.60
	Ink Cartridges(Graeme Samuel)	<u>£40.10</u>
		£1,098.70
	£11,965.18	
New Balance	£11,965.18 - £1,098.70 =	<u>£10,866.48</u>

Craft Fair

Income		Expences	
Tables 20	£300.00	Food	£43.96
Door			
Income	<u>£335.00</u>	Advert	<u>£49.34</u>
	£635.00		£93.30
Profit	£635.00 - £93.30 =		<u>£541.70</u>

9.1 Local Priorities budget: copy of this has also gone out to CC members. Nothing left in the account from last year - we are still awaiting the figure for this year.

9.2 Hanging baskets group: this has been set up to deal with the hanging baskets (money from the Common Good Fund has been set aside for this). A seat for Market St was requested but this was declined.

9.3 Festival Account: now that we have set up the Haddington Events Group(HEG) to take the place of the Festival Committee there is no need for the Festival Account. It was thought we need to arrange an account for the HEG so they can have a small pot of money for their use. After some discussion it was decided to open a new HEG Account - with the financial decisions still being brought to the main meeting. The three signatories would be Betty, Fiona McE and Jan. Once the account is open a contingency sum of £2000 will be transferred. It was confirmed though that money made from the Craft Fairs would still be paid into the main CC account.

Thanks to Emily for her work on the accounts.

10. Haddington Community Development Trust (HCDT) Update

10.1 Paul said that to his knowledge there had been no meetings recently. He thought that it would be coming back within the control of ELC at the beginning of April (financial year). All the financial matters are still in the hands of the lawyers.

11. Correspondence

11.1 SNP - letter of introduction to the CC

11.2 Crossreach - letter looking for a donation to this children and young persons' counselling/therapy service helping young people between the ages of 4-18 which is based in Dunbar. It was suggested we have a form for people to fill in when requesting donations (this to be available on the Website). Graham also suggest we ask projects requesting donations if they have approached any other groups for help with funding. Ruth will email this group and let them know that the form will be on the website.

Action Ruth

12. Planning applications

12.1 MIR: Paul has made comment.

12.3 Kebab shop: the sign is still up but is under an enforcement order - planning application will have to be re-submitted.

13. Future Craft Fairs

13.1 Jan said that the Craft Fairs will continue to come within the main CC and not the Events Group (who will deal with Xmas lights, Fireworks, Festival etc). Jan asked that someone take over the running/organisation of the Craft Fair as she was not sure how much time she could commit whilst looking after her husband Iain. Ruth said she was happy to be the CC contact. Jan made it very clear that there was no divide between the Events Group and the Community

Council - we are all working to the same goal and for the community. It was also made clear that any profit made will be ploughed back in. It has also been suggested we change the name to Community & Craft Fair?

13.2 Entrance fee: there had been a complaint about this - Pat asked how it had been decided to charge £1.50 entrance to include tea/biscs. One of the traders suggested they had a poor trading day and this was the reason for it. After some discussion it was decided we change the entrance fee to £1 and charge separately for any refreshments. **This was agreed by all.**

14.1 Website: John and Paul presented the Website to the meeting. Jan still to write the welcome/intro. Minutes of meetings still need to be uploaded (along with archived copies). And also photo's and info on CC members. There will be an admin email address to which all members will have access - CC secretary to reply to any queries. The Events Group email will also be available. Pete Lugton still to present his invoice so he can be paid for his work on the Website. **Action Emily**

14.2 Ron Goldie: Ron wanted to make comment on what was said at the beginning of the meeting. He said that in no way was he demeaning the job Jan does on the CC - he just suggested she take a back seat whilst having to deal with matters at home. Jan said she had sent an email to all the members to let them know of her situation and she didn't feel an apology from Ron was needed. As far as Jan is concerned the matter is closed. She also made it clear that if there comes a time when she cannot do the job she will walk away -- family comes first. All were in agreement with this.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 14th April 2015 in **Council Chambers, 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)