

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 14th April 2015 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Emily Armatage, Pat Lemmon, Ruth Moncrieff, Paul Darling, Graham Samuel, Ron Goldie, Rab Moran, Fiona-Frances Adam

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Cllr John McMillan, Press - Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Avril Campbell (EL News)

2. Apologies: Betty Sommerville, Fiona McEwan, John Hamilton, PC Lynn Black, Robert Flood, Annabel Jackson, Calum Paul

3. New applicant, Linda Boyle-Ronaldson: Linda gave a short introduction to herself – she has been in Haddington for a number of years now and feels she would like to give something back to the community. After a very brief discussion Linda was formally accepted onto the community council and invited to stay for the meeting. Jan then introduced all the members present at the meeting.

4. Minutes of 10th March

4.1 Correction: Fiona-Frances had given her apologies for this meeting - this had not been minuted
Approval of the minutes was proposed by Rab Moran, seconded by Pat Lemmon .

5. Matters arising - none

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Skatepark: John McMillan reported that the discussions re the skatepark are continuing under Stuart Gibb, new local area partnership manager. He is currently liaising with Stuart Pryde – next meeting will be 29th April. Stuart Gibb is currently introducing himself to all the Community Councils.

6.2 Corn Exchange: this is still in process but will be back under control by ELC in the next few weeks. This will therefore come within the discussions re town centre regeneration and will be done in consultation with the CC.

6.3 Sainsbury's: Pat asked when they are planning to start their development in Haddington. It was reported that technically they have broken ground by putting roads in but no further work has been undertaken. Their planning permission is valid for another 3 years.

6.4 Gardners Arms: Fiona said that she had noticed some form of liquid running out of plastic pipes down the side of the building and was not sure what this was.

6.5 Riverside: Ron said that there is a problem with kids swinging on the newly planted trees and could something be put in place to prevent them doing this.

6.6 Victoria Bridge: Margaret said that there have been a number of complaints about the traffic situation on the bridge - parking on both sides causes traffic jams. John McMillan said he has already reported this matter to Peter Forsyth in Transportation.

6.7 High Street: Jan reported a broken light - it was suggested the number on the box be given to ELC.

6.8 EL Community Hospital: Tom reported that a number of public engagement events are planned on 15th and 16th May to inform the whole community of the plans for the new hospital. There will also be a public display available in the John Gray Centre.

6.9 ELC Website: Pat said that the website still shows her as CC Correspondence Secretary. Ruth will write to correct this. *Action Ruth*

7. Police Questions - Lynn not present but Ruth read out her report (copy available)

7.1 CAPP priorities:

1. Tackle youth related drinking/littering in Neilson Park near the Pavilion and also in grounds of the Old Nunnery, Whittinghame Drive, Haddington.

2. Continue to monitor parking issues in town centre, Victoria Bridge and Hospital Road, Haddington.

3. Investigate a number of incidents involving a group of youths causing low level Antisocial Behavior in Haddington area.

The next CAPP meeting will take place on **Thursday 28th May** at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

8. Knox Academy News - none present at meeting

8.1 Spring Concert: Tom congratulated the school on yet another brilliant concert.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Crossreach: Ruth wrote to them as per last months' minutes

9.2 Information on NHS Public Engagement events (as previously mentioned)

10. Treasurers Report

Haddington Community Council Accounts on Tuesday 14th April 2015

Last Months Balance	£6,461.98		
<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Transfer From Festival A/C	£13,000.00	Jan Monthly Phone Exp	£40.00
		Emily Monthly Phone Exp	£40.00
		Anna Secretaries Fee	£50.00
	Total	Total	£130.00
New Balance £19,461.98 - £130.00	£19,461.98		
=			£19,331.98
Jan has not cashed her cheque so bank statement reads			<u>£19,371.98</u>
Mike Lemmon from Mike's Bike shop has donated another £150.00 to the skatepark project			
This brings the amount held in the C/C account to			£4,156.97

Haddington Community Council Festival Account on Tues 14th April 2015

Last Months Balance	£10,866.48		
<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Craft Fair	£635.00	Craft Fair Items	£43.90
L.P Transfer	£2,259.85	Craft Fair Advert	£49.34
Common Good Fund	£1,450.00	Common Good Fund Transfer	£1,450.00
		Transfer to C/C Account	£13,000.00
	Total	Total	£14,543.24
New Balance £15,211.33 - £14,543.24 =	£15,211.33		<u>£668.09</u>

The £300.00 cheque which was paid for setting up of the C/C Website was paid from this A/C which will reduce the amount to £368.09

10.1 Festival Account: Emily said she had been advised not to close this account but to leave a small sum in to keep it open (£368 in account).

10.2 Blooming Haddington: the £1450 from the Common Good Fund has gone into the Blooming Haddington funds.

10.3 Tommy Brown: account for materials amounts to £176 plus 10 hours labour at £10/hour.

Thanks to Emily for her work on the accounts.

11. BMX/Skatepark Update

11.1 Jan had not been at the last meeting but Emily reported that Stuart Gibb has taken over leading this group to push the Skatepark forward. Emily and Paul reported that the Planning Partnership asked that the CC appoint two substitute

representatives from the CC - Lynda and Graham both said they would be willing to take this on (meetings held once a month) and would attend in the absence of Emily or Paul.

Pat said she was worried that this role was too much for one person (ie Stuart Gibb) and that this project may be pushed down the list. Emily and Paul said that it was very much in the forefront and that this wouldn't happen. All the groundwork has been done for the park and all three proposed plans have been approved. Jan suggested that the Town Centre Advisory Group continue to be involved in this so that it wasn't just Comm Councillors making the decisions. Jan concurred with Pat and hoped that the skatepark doesn't get pushed aside.

12. Information Office

12.1 Volunteers: Emily met with the volunteers recently. She has decided to step down as coordinator and therefore the Info Office will no longer be manned. Jan said that we are hoping to have the Festival Office housed in the John Gray Centre. Ruth said that the library staff are very keen for this to happen also. *A big thank-you was given to Emily for all her hard work on this over the years.*

13. Haddington Community Development Trust (HCDT) Update

13. Paul reported that at the last meeting they proposed that at their AGM on May 11th they would like to see the nominated membership removed from the CDT (ie CC, HADAS, HBA, Knox etc). They suggested that these are a hindrance to the CDT - they are always having to go back to committees for decisions and this is causing delays. They feel that if all the directors are elected this would make the committee more dynamic.

Jan said that she feels that the group as it stands needs to go. The CDT is not being run properly - we have no confidence in them as they stand at present. It was appalling that all that money was turned down. On a positive note Paul said that half of the present CDT are resigning anyway. Pat said she would like to hear what the 'Vision' have to say on all of this - the Vision document produced was duly ignored after 6 months. Pat also said that there had been a commitment from the Supermarket chain but they wanted to pay through the CDT and not directly to the CC - this contribution has still not materialised.

Jan said that Martin Hayman had been the real driving force and for whatever their reasons for turning down the money from Viridor, he was informed via email and promptly resigned from the committee.

14. Events Group Update

14.1 Fiona confirmed that they have at least 7 members of the CC on this Group. They are running their own bank account but will still have to be accountable for larger sums of money - these will still have to come via the main CC. The bank account just needs to be set up and money transferred over from the CC. There will no longer be a Festival Committee - this will be superseded by the Events Group. Minutes of the last meeting will be presented to the meeting for approval - this was duly done.

Minutes proposed by Graham and seconded by Ruth

14.2 Matters arising/questions

- Margaret has agreed to judge the Bonny Bairns competition and fancy dress
- Rab will act as official photographer
- Three trophies are still to come back from the event last year - this year there will be different categories with rosettes given for buggies, bikes, prams etc.
- Programme: Jan said this is almost ready
- Debbie Gliore has agreed to do the reading at the festival opening ceremony with music from the KM/St Mary's Primary orchestra.

15. Planning applications

15.1 Community Hospital: Paul said there is a very basic picture plan on the ELC website but nothing more as yet.

15.2 Mill Wynd Care Home: Paul said he had made comment on behalf of the CC to say that we feel that there is not enough provision for parking and that it is situated too close to the road. In subsequent plans it would appear that they have moved it back and created a pavement at Randy's Auto's

15.3 Gateside East (Saxonfields): original plans for this development were to include small retail units but instead they are planning to build a 60-bed care home - full plans yet to be submitted.

15.4 Dovecot Steadings: plans are for 109 houses and 4 flats. Original plans have been re-submitted as an access road will now run to the back of the development. The Reporter has given the go-ahead on this development.

15.5 Haldane Development: this has also been given the go-ahead and is to include a dog-walking area to the rear of the development.

15.6 Harperdean: solar panels are to be installed - planning application has been submitted.

16. AOCB

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 12th May 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, Dunder Dy, 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)