

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 12th May 2015 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Pat Lemmon, Ruth Moncrieff, Fiona McEwan, Paul Darling, Graham Samuel, Ron Goldie, Fiona-Frances Adam, John Hamilton, Betty Somerville,

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Cllr John McMillan, Press - Cameron Ritchie (Courier) , Brian Young and Karen Stevenson (HADAS), New Roodlands Design Team (Construction Planning Consultants, Architects, Project Director NHS Lothian)

New Roodlands Design Team presentation and discussion

The team gave an over-view of their plans for the new hospital which included:

- Individual rooms, all with en-suite facilities: concern was that some might feel isolated and difficulty in observing patients might be an issue, with very ill patients not able to ring for help themselves. To this end touch-down spaces and large windows would be incorporated in the design.
- Large communal areas - for patients/visitors to socialise
- Wider corridors to allow easier movement of beds
- Flexible bed spaces
- They confirmed there will be no A+E facility created - we have a centre of excellence at the RIE
- Out of Hours services will be created
- Day Surgery Unit to remain
- Repatriation of some services back to East Lothian
- Out-patient therapy spaces and provision of space for Macmillan services
- Parking: are aware of the concerns and as such are undertaking traffic analysis and will come up with a plan
- 'Green' outdoor space, walking/cycling routes will be included
- Promote apprenticeships, links with schools and colleges
- Links with local services, suppliers, contractors
- Space for catering facilities
- Very keen to make sure that what is created is for the benefit of the community

John McM said he was very impressed and congratulated the team of their expertise and thoughtful planning. He thinks this is a huge opportunity for Haddington. Karen Stevenson from HADAS concurred that this development is fundamental for the town but was a little concerned about how much green space would be eroded in the process. The RIE has very quickly doubled in size since it was built and she wondered how much thought had gone into this for Roodlands (ie growth of population). It was suggested that they have allowed for 10% expansion with the possibility for a GP unit without eating into green space.

Timing of build: an outline business case will be presented in Summer of next year with building work starting in 2017 with a view to completion 2019

Presentation planned for the evening of the 14th in the Town House for MSP's MP's, CC members, Councillors, neighbours etc.

Jan thanked them for their presentation and they left the meeting

2. Apologies: Emily Armatage, PC Lynn Black, Rab Moran, Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson, Robert Flood, Annabel Jackson, Calum Paul

4. Minutes of 14th April

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Ruth Moncrieff, seconded by Graham Samuel

5. Matters arising

5.1 Item 6.4: This has been looked at - it belongs to one of the shops in the High Street and appears to be condensation from their fridge/freezer units which have recently been inspected and maintained.

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Carlyle Court: Paul said that he had had a message through the website regarding Carlyle Court and people using the entrance as a toilet. There has also been a problem with non-residents using the parking area.

6.2 John Muir House/Court Street (paving slabs): Pat mentioned a local resident who was currently sporting a black eye having tripped on the uneven slabs in this area.

6.3 Dropped kerbs: Dip in the road sited as a problem for pedestrians in High St (at Norman Craig's) and Hardgate

6.4 Food waste uplift: Graham reported that despite being asked to have the new food bins at the kerb by 7am, the bins are not being picked up until around 230pm. It was also reported that during the fortnightly wheelie bin uplift, black bags were being left behind (those that are not actually inside the green bins)

6.5 Hardgate: Ron had previously reported an uneven pavement in Hardgate - *Tom will chase*.

6.6 Abbotsview slip-road: Fiona Mc mentioned the recently re-surfaced road and the fact that there are still a number of pot-holes, just before the newly surfaced section.

6.7 Sidegate (parking): Jan reported that a car had received a ticket recently in this area. She is aware that a site meeting has been held and she requests that at least one disabled bay be installed here. Tom said it has been taken on board and as such, a number of tickets have been issued. John McM agreed that this is unacceptable and that any unreasonably parked cars should be reported so the police can address it.

6.8 John McMillan update: John covered a number of items: new bins - this is to encourage people to recycle more; parking problems - residents must report to police; USP Presentation -Scottish Futures Trust (30th April) - work being done to help town centres. Pat asked about the expansion of the Aubigny Centre - it is clear from Enjoy Leisure that the demand requires a much bigger gym facility. It was not certain that the whole centre would be expanded but perhaps a new gym. John H commented that the main hall at the centre is more and more being used for exercise classes, rather than the traditional sports (like badminton, indoor football etc). Therefore there is a direct need for more space at the centre to accommodate all these activities.

6.9 George Hotel: the new owner had wanted to attend tonights' meeting but was unable to come. Jan will call and invite to the next meeting. The plans for the building are currently in the public domain - the developer is very keen for community involvement. Initial ideas include commercial space on the ground floor with the upper gallery space being preserved.

6.10 Hospital Road: Tom said a survey is ongoing as a result of recent complaints

7. Police Questions - Lynn not present but any comments please pass to Ruth for Lynn (copy of police report available if requested)

7.1 CAPP meeting:

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

9. Correspondence

9.1 Friends of River Tyne: invite for the CC to sponsor a page in their calendar at a cost of £25 - this was agreed.

10. Treasurers Report

Haddington Community Council Accounts Tuesday 12th May 2015

Last Months Balance	£19,371.98		
Income		Expenditure	
Skate park Donation	£150.00	Jan Monthly Phone Exp	£40.00
		Emily Monthly Phone Exp	£40.00
		Anna Secretaries Fee	£50.00
		Installing Lock Up Shelving	£176.00

Total	£19,521.98	Total	£306.00
New Balance £19,521.98 - £306.00 =		£19,215.98	
Jan has not cashed her cheque so balance is			<u>£19,255.98</u>

Haddington Community Council No 2 Account Tuesday 12th May 2015

Last Months Balance	£668.09		
Income		Expenditure	
		Website Payment	£300.00
		Duck Derby Reissued Cheque	£108.00
		Stamps (Jan Anna Emily)	£140.40
Total	£668.09	Total	£548.40
New Balance £668.09 - £548.40 =			<u>£119.69</u>

10.1 Annual accounts: these will be dealt with at the next meeting

10.2 Haddington Events Group Account: Pat said that they have still not managed to open a separate account for the Events Group. It has been suggested it would be easier to keep the current Festival account open and just change the name of the account and signatories to reflect the Events Group. It was agreed we aim to do this and not open a brand new account.

Thanks to Emily for her work on the accounts.

11. BMX/Skatepark Update

11.1 Graham, Emily, Paul and Jan attended a recent meeting with EL Area Partnership who are helping to take this project forward. A further meeting is planned to include the youngsters to decide which is the preferred design from the 3 potential (so far the third option seems to be the most likely which included a mixture of bikes and skateboards). John McM confirmed that as far as he is aware the council have not expressed a preference - they are going back to users for their opinions. He is committed to driving this project forward and once the right design is decided on it will be put out to tender. Stuart Pryde has confirmed his department will maintain the park once built.

12. Information Office

12.1 Volunteers: a big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped man the centre since it opened in 2005.

13. Haddington Community Development Trust (HCDDT) Update

13.1 Paul reported that the AGM took place last night with a disappointing turn out of only 24 people (30 needed to be quorate). It was also reported that the only way to keep the CDDT going was to co-opt new members onto the board so that it became quorate. They also wanted to focus on the 'Vision' and not on funding. Pat said it was sad that it had previously been reported that the Vision was 'just a paper document'. Jan said that it clearly states what the people of Haddington want and that it should be our bible. The Vision had recommended some quick fixes - these had been ignored by the CDDT. It was suggested that perhaps, with a new committee, new members might be attracted to join. Both Pat and Jan suggested that lack of secretarial support was part of the reason the CDDT didn't work and they should consider this moving forward.

14. Events Group Update

14.1 Trad on the Tyne: it was confirmed that this event will not be taking place this year.

14.2 Matters arising/questions

- Bob is doing the quiz on 12th
- Programme is now finished (thanks to Graham). Thanks also to the Events Group for this - the programme looks great.
- Thanks also to the CC members who have stepped up to help in any way.
- Sandwiches: there was some debate over whether sandwiches should be provided (Margaret thought it a bit mean not to). After some discussion it was decided that sandwiches would only be provided at the Opening Ceremony.
- Bunting: to arrive on 19th
- Feedback: John McM thought it would be a good idea to hand out feedback sheets during events at the Festival to gauge public opinion. It was suggested if we can get some of the Knox pupils on the Events Group team they could pursue this idea. Graham also suggested an on-line Survey Monkey.

Jan took this opportunity to thank the Events Group for taking over the planning and running of the Festival - it had taken a lot of the burden off her at a time when she needed the help. It's great to see things progressing forward.

15. Planning applications

15.1 Dovecot: Paul said that we commented on the original plans and some changes have been made.

15.2 George Hotel: the plans for this are available online which include flats, gallery, cafe/wine bar on the ground floor. It is also planned to widen the pavement around the side of the building with a seating area to the front (where the disabled parking bays are currently situated)

16. AOCB - none

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 9th June 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, Dunspeir 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

2015

12/5 Carlyle Court - parking problems

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)