

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 9th June 2015 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Pat Lemmon, Ruth Moncrieff, Fiona McEwan, Graham Samuel, Ron Goldie, Fiona-Frances Adam, John Hamilton, Betty Somerville, Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson, Rab Moran

In attendance

Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Robert Flood (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier)

2. Apologies: Emily Armatage, PC Lynn Black, Paul Darling, Cllr Tom Trotter

3. Guest Speakers: Keith MacDonald (Somner MacDonald Architects) and Ian Wilkie (Wilkie Construction) (Stuart Gibb not able to attend this meeting)

Keith and Ian were at the meeting to put forward their proposals for the George Hotel. They are planning on making it part residential/part retail (15 flats/2 shops). They are hoping to have the plans with the planning committee by September. The development would commence with the building/fabric repair and commercial units being created and let out with the residential blocks being done in turn thereafter. It was also suggested that a cafe/bistro type business would be welcome (developers were flexible around the usage of the retail/business space). It was unanimously agreed that this was a wonderful development and will make all the difference to the town centre. Some issues like parking will have to be addressed, as well as disabled access etc but all in all a very good use of this building. Plans will be on show for the public.

4. Minutes of 12th May

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Fiona McEwan, seconded by Pat Lemmon.

5. Matters arising

5.1 Roodlands (new development): Jan was pleased to say that since last months' discussion with the developers, the visiting times for East Fortune House at Roodlands have changed to allow visitors to spend longer with their families.

5.2 Item 10.2 Events Group account: Jan said she has spoken with Stan the accountant who has confirmed that we can keep the festival account and just change the name, along with signatories. The accounts will still have to be sent to Emily as Treasurer to present to the meetings.

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Newton Port: Ron mentioned once again the situation of parking (or lack of) in the surgery car park. In particular, there is a caravanette which seems to be always parked there.

6.2 Tenterfield: Ruth mentioned the dead tree in the grounds - this would be a danger if fell onto the road.

6.3 Lost Haddington - War Memorial: John said he had a query about whether someone, if they had died in training, could be recognised and their named placed on the memorial. It was thought that ELC deal with coordinating this and would have to look at the WW1 criteria. John to email Ludovic with the details.

Action Ludo/John

6.4 Festival: Ludovic said he had enjoyed judging the shop window event - Jan thanked him for doing so.

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

7.1 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified:

- Enforce driving restrictions on Neilson Park Road/Victoria Road and also monitor inconsiderate parking in Mill Wynd at school drop off/pick up times
- Investigate a group of youths causing Anti social behaviour in Haddington and continue with Problem Solving Partnership
- Give attention to Riverside Drive in relation to reports of suspected drug dealing.

The next CAPP meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th June** at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

8. Knox Academy News

- 8.1 Activities week: Robert reported that this went very well.
8.2 Festival week: Robert thought that the opening ceremony was the best attended yet. Annabel and Calum enjoyed helping judge the best dressed shop window event.
8.3 P7 visit: the pupils in P7 will visit Knox next week and spend a couple of days getting to know their new school.
8.4 Sports Day due to run on 24th June.
8.5 Awards Ceremony to be held on 2nd July
8.6 HCDT: Robert said they are still hoping to have a representative from the school on this committee.
8.7 Remembrance Day (poppies): Robert is also hopeful that the school will have a group willing to help with this later in the year.

Jan thanked Robert for all the help and input from the Knox over the past year - the CC enjoys having the youngsters involved. Fiona also thanked them for their help at the opening ceremony - the group that attended were a great help on the day.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Calendar: email received from Effie along with a cheque

9.2 Licensing application (RSMcColls): application for off-licence area within the shop - comments in by 12th June. After a short discussion it was decided we put in our objection based on the fact that there are enough establishments selling alcohol. In the absence of Paul, Ruth will write.

Action Ruth

9.3 County Horticultural Society: letter from Charles Ingle asking if the CC would consider a donation of £30 to help support the society's annual show. This was agreed by all.

Action Ruth/Emily

10. Treasurers Report

Haddington Community Council Accounts Tuesday 9th June 2015

Last Months

Balance £19,255.98

Income

Grant Transfer £1,072.00

Expenditure

Graham Samuel (Fesatival Printing) £705.50

Auditor £350.00

Jan Monthly Phone Exp £40.00

Anna Secretaries Fee £50.00

Jan Float £100.00

Janice Young Festival Rosettes £144.50

Festival Disco (Fiona McEwen) £175.00

Corn Exchange Fridge(Graham Samuel) £109.99

Key Cutting (Jan/Paul Misplaced Keys) £36.00

Total £19,255.98

Totals £605.49 £1,105.50

New balance £19,255.98 - £1,105.50 =

£18,150.48

The amounts in blue are transactions performed but the cheques have not been presented to the bank when the bank statement was issued.

Haddington Community Council No 2 Account on Tuesday 9th June 2015

Last Months

Balance £119.69

Income

E. L. Council Grant £1,072.00

Expenditure

E.L. Council Grant Transfer £1,072.00

Total £1,191.69

Total £1,072.00

New Balance should be £1,191.69 - £1,072.00 =

£119.69

The transfer is not shown on the bank statement so reads -----

£1,191.69

10.1 Annual accounts: these should be presented at the October meeting.

10.2 Festival payments: In the absence of Emily, Jan presented the list of Festival payments

Thanks to Emily for her work on the accounts.

11. Haddington Community Development Trust

11.1 Jan attended their recent meeting. The Trust is planning on continuing and hoping to generate renewed public interest. The AGM is planned for 10th August - to be quorate this must include 30 members. It is hoped that a new board can be created from there - nominations for such to be submitted by end July (Jan to check the exact date). Jan reiterated that the Vision Document should be their 'bible' - this reflects the views of the public. Pat suggested that if the AGM is not quorate and a new board not elected that perhaps the CDT should be closed down and a new group created.

12. Events Group meeting and Festival Update

12.1 Opening ceremony: Fiona said that it went really well and thanked especially the schools for their involvement. The week of events was fairly quiet and the parade on Saturday had to have a last minute change of route due to high winds.

12.2 Note of thanks: thanks go to all those involved, including Margaret, Betty, the route marshalls, police and John McMillan and also to Rab for being photographer for the entire festival. Pat said the feedback from the library staff was very positive - they were very happy to be involved.

Jan once again thanked the events group for taking over the running of the festival - they have done a marvellous job and she is sure they will go from strength to strength.

13. Planning applications - none to discuss

14. AOCB

14.1 Tourist Info leaflets: Ruth was in the library and it was evident that there weren't any leaflets on Haddington. It was suggested we check the lockup/doocot for any boxes and contact Economic Development Dept for a supply. It was also suggested the CDT may consider taking this over.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 8th September 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 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

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)