

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 8th September 2015 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Emily Armatage (Treasurer), Ruth Moncrieff (Correspondence Sec), Pat Lemmon, Fiona McEwan, Ron Goldie, Paul Darling, John Hamilton, Betty Somerville, Rab Moran

In attendance

Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Cllr Tom Trotter, Robert Flood (Knox), Peter Macaldowie (Knox), Harriet Lomholt-Welch (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier)

Guest Speakers: Andrena Gowling (Manager, Market Court Sheltered Housing), Janet Penman (Private Retirement Manager, Knox Court)

2. Apologies: PC Lynn Black, Cllr John McMillan, Graham Samuel, Fiona-Frances Adam, Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson

Jan welcomed everyone back after the summer break

3. Guest Speakers

Good Memories Cafe: Andrena and Janet were present to inform the CC of a new initiative they are trying to promote. Once a month they run a cafe where local residents and their carers can come for support etc. They said that ELC are very supportive of this and are good at promoting this sort of venture. To add to this they are currently looking at ways to fund-raise and also getting a logo for the group on its FB site. There had been a Good Memories Cafe held in April, but it was poorly advertised at the time therefore not well patronised. John said he had lots of good photos of old Haddington and could come in with a projector and do a show for them - this was thought to be an excellent idea.

Harriet from the Knox said this sounded like something the school would like to be involved with - perhaps some pupils could help out. Andrena said this would be most welcome and will email the details to the school.

Jan suggested it would be worthwhile putting all the details on their FB page where it could be 'shared'. Jan will also give her email address to Andrena and pass on any information. The group are also hoping to hold an open day - details to follow. Jan wished them every success with the venture.

4. Minutes of 9th June 2015

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Rab and seconded by Ruth

5. Matters arising

5.1 Item 3 George Hotel: plans have now been seen and it was felt that over-all what is planned ties in with the vision statement.

5.2 Item 6.1 Newton Port Car park: Ludovic has checked on this and unfortunately this is deemed a public car park and as such is not for sole use by the surgery. He felt that it was not helpful to keep mentioning it at the meetings.

5.3 Item 6.2 Tenterfield: the dead tree in question has now been removed.

5.4 Item 6.3 War Memorial: John received a request from Alex Lustie re the possibility of including her grandfather on the war memorial. Although Stuart Pryde has been very helpful it would not be very easy to just add a name - the whole thing would have to be replaced, which would not be possible. It was suggested that this would set a precedent should it be allowed. It was also suggested, as a good-will gesture, we ask a member of her family to lay a wreath at the Armistice day parade in recognition of her grandfather. The War Memorial Trust may be of some help but they are very particular with regards what goes on the commemorative boards.

5.5 Item 14.1 Information Office/leaflets: Paul confirmed that the CDT are taking over the production of the leaflets. Ron mentioned that a couple of tourists had said recently that they had had difficulty finding the information office - signage was poor and once they had found it the information available was limited. Jan said that the lack of signage has been highlighted a number of times with ELC. Ruth also said that it had been brought to her attention that the leaflets in the library cover areas around East Lothian but not Haddington itself - not even a street map. Paul said that a map is being planned - A4 size with Hadd street map on one side and EL on the other. This will be distributed around all the shops, library, tourist info centre etc.

Jan suggested it would be great to have better signage for the John Gray Centre. Tom said he has been to a meeting on this very subject. He will chase the outcome of this. Pat wondered if ELC would consider match-funding. It was thought this might be worth pursuing.

Action TT

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Victoria Bridge: Margaret mentioned the problem with congestion on the bridge, mainly due to the parking of cars on both sides and the traffic light sequence - only a few cars get through at any one time from the Aldi side. Tom will look into it. Ruth also said that the timing for pedestrians crossing needs to be extended - at present it doesn't allow much time to get across and cars are beginning to move before pedestrians are across safely. It was suggested that any cars seen to be crossing inappropriately should be noted and details passed on to PC Lynn Black.

Action TT

6.2 Police presence: Pat and local traders are pleased as the police presence has kept the traffic moving in the High Street.

6.3 Skatepark: Pat also commended everyone on the recent good news re the skatepark.

6.4 Hardgate/Artillery Park: Ron reported problems with congestion in Hardgate, lighting in Artillery Park and bad gap in paving stones in pavement. Tom said this had been reported but will chase.

Action TT

6.5 High Street, lighting: Rab reported that there are 8 floodlights not working at present. *Action TT*

6.6 Webcam: John has had enquiry about an all-weather webcam - Dunbar Traders Assoc have one at present - it could be linked to the website.

6.7 Meadowpark: Rab mentioned the problem re sight-lines at the entrance to this road. If yellow lines were installed this would prevent cars parking so close to the junction.

6.8 Monksmains Road, speed bumps: Paul said that there are a couple of bumps missing (since the snow plough hit them) and unfortunately this is on the fastest stretch of the road and therefore becomes like a race track.

6.9 Blooming Haddington: Rab wanted to say thank you to the council and to all involved with the project - they have all been fantastic. Jan agreed - the baskets and planters have been beautiful and really brightened up the town centre. She thanked all the volunteers and also special thanks to Rab for watering them every morning.

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

7.1 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified:

1. Tackle youth Anti-social behaviour in Haddington town centre and surrounding area.
2. Deal with parking issues at Aubigny Centre – during school drop off and pick up points.
3. Tackle parking problems in relation to vehicles parking on verges at Riverside Drive, Haddington

The next CAPP meeting will take place on week beginning 26th October? at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Leadership Team: a new team has been elected and two representative were present at the meeting.

8.2 School magazine: this returns for S6 pupils. One for S1-S5 is also planned.

8.3 Charity Fair (Save the Children): Peter said that some S6 pupils have offered to help. Pupils from S3-5 are also encouraged to take part in volunteer work.

8.5 HCDT/Events Group: The school are still hoping to have representatives on both these groups.

8.6 Oxfam: Pat said she had an event (Fashion Show) coming up and would be keen for some help from the school.

8.7 Poppies: Robert said that the school is happy to take this on also.

8.8 Capability Scotland: the school is involved with this initiative which runs cookery classes for adults with disabilities (Tues afternoons next month)

Jan thanked Robert for all the help and input from the Knox - she hoped that the new pupils enjoy being involved over the coming year.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Letter from Charles Ingle: Jan received a letter from Charles complaining about the inappropriate use of disabled parking bays near the front door of John Muir House. He thought that Fiona-Frances using the bay as her own private parking area instead of the space outside her house was inappropriate. Jan has spoken with Lilian who has said that this is not a matter for the CC but with ELC transportation. Charles, if he has a problem, should take the matter to them. Ruth will write to Charles.

Action Ruth

9.2 John McMillan: Information sent from John for meeting - At cabinet this morning, Council was informed that a SEPA flood study for Haddington will be finalised soon and that proposed works will be started in April 2018 and

finished by March 2019. There are 41 projects in Scotland and Haddington is ranked as 36th priority. Work to formalise options is ongoing - current total estimate is £7.4 million with the Council's contribution of £1.48million. This is subject to Scottish Govt funding.

Local area partnership meets tomorrow and a chairman needs to be appointed; town centre sub-group is due to meet.

Skatepark is progressing.

9.3 Rages: letter received from Rages regarding the yearly subscription (£10). It was agreed to pay this. **Action Emily**

9.4 Horticultural Society: thank you note from them for the recent donation from the CC

9.5 Iain Gray, MSP: letter received from Iain thanking the CC for all the work they do for Haddington and the wider Community. He is happy to attend any meetings if we so wish. It was suggested we invite him to the November meeting as we have the Deputy Lieutenant and Joe Forte at October meeting. Ruth will write. **Action Ruth**

10. Treasurers Report

Haddington Community Council Accounts July 2015

Last Months Balance	£18,150.48		
<i>Income</i>		<i>Exp</i>	
		Jan Monthly Phone	
ELC Grant Transfer	£1,072.00	Exp	£40.00 Feb
		Jan Monthly Phone	
Festival Donations	£150.00	Exp	£40.00 March
		Jan Monthly Phone	
		Exp	£40.00 April
		Jan Monthly Phone	
		Exp	£40.00 May
		Jan Festival Float	£100.00
		Festival Rosettes	£144.50
		Festival Disco (Fiona Mc)	£175.00
		Fridge (Graham Samuel)	£109.99
		Key Cutting(
		Jan/Paul)	£36.00
		Organist (Festival Opening)	£80.00
		Friends of River	
		Tyne	
		Calendar Sponsor	£25.00
		Subscription	£20.00 £45.00
		Sound System	
		(Festival)	£60.00
		Irish School of Dance (Festival)	
		Security (Festival G Samuel)	£369.60
		Entertainments Ltd (G. Samuel)	£1,600.00
		Jan monthly Phone Exp (June)	£40.00
		Anna Secretaries	
		Fee	£50.00
	£19,372.48		£2,930.09

Balance £19,372.48 -
£2,930.09 =

£16,442.39

Haddington Skate park Fund = **£4,156.97**

Haddington Community Council No1 Account	£12,285.42
Haddington Community Council No 2 Account	<u>£119.69</u>
	£12,405.11

10.1 Stamps: Jan had to buy a number for the Art Exhibition - almost 200 invites have been sent. Graham has offered to frank them in future which will be a saving.

10.2 Diva night: £3244.59 has been paid to the Events Group. It was not sure if the event had made any money. David Leckie has mentioned to Emily that he hasn't been paid yet.

10.3 Honorarium: for the Community Council the following were proposed and agreed -

Chair £250 (Jan)

Treasurer £350 (Emily)

Correspondence Secretary: £100 (Ruth)

Events Group (EG): it was suggested that the office bearers of the EG should also be entitled to an honorarium. Rather than take time discussing at this meeting it was decided Jan will speak with Lilian first and then discuss at the next EG meeting.

Action Jan

Thanks to Emily for her work on the accounts.

11. Haddington Community Development Trust

11.1 AGM: a very successful AGM was held recently. There was lots of input and members exceeded the number to be quorate. They have promised to use the Vision Document as their bible. Office Bearers were decided as follows:

Chair: Frances Wright, Treasurer: Duncan Scott, Secretary: Chris Taylor

11.2 Priorities: 1) Website, 2) George Hotel

George Hotel: it was reported that the Scottish Government has released some money which the CDT can apply for. It was thought that this could be used to upgrade the outside of the Hotel. It was also suggested that awnings outside the shops in the High Street would be welcome - the shop keepers would be expected to contribute but funding from the Government would be available.

11.2 CC representative: A rep from the CC is needed on the CDT. Fiona-Frances had previously intimated she would be interested but is not present at this meeting. Jan will speak to Lilian regarding this and Ruth will write to Frances.

Action Jan/Ruth

12. Events Group meeting and Festival Update

12.1 The group have met and discussed the fireworks, festival and christmas lights (minutes have been done - will be sent out once ratified)

12.2 Christmas fun day: will not include a craft fair this year. There will be a santa, cafe, facepainting etc for the kids along with the torch light procession (more torches are needed for this event).

13. Planning applications

13.1 Gateside - Care Home: a 60-bed home along with a further 30-bed 'extra care' flats are planned. The only major comment on the development is that there probably isn't enough parking allocated on the site. It was suggested the Director of the company be invited to the next meeting to discuss.

13.2 Dovecot development: after some discussion it was suggested we write to them to say we would not want them to build the second part of the scheme until the rest of the houses are complete.

14. SES Plan: present suggestion within the plan is to extend Blindwells to 5,000 instead of 1500 with all the infrastructure provided (train lines, bus links etc). So there is a definite leaning towards an urban sprawl to the West of the county. Deadline for comments 30th Sept.

Action Paul

15. Art Exhibition 5-11th October

15.1 Help needed - Jan took note of the members who were able to help out with this event.

16. Craft Fair: help also required for 31st October

17. AOCB

17.1 'Paths for All': 'Active Choices' are planning this initiative to build exercise stations around the town. We may get a request for help with funding of this.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 13th October 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, Dunpender 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

8/9 Victoria Bridge - parking/congestion

High Street - flood lights out

Hardgate/Artillery Park: uneven paving stones

Monksmains Road - missing speed bumps

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)