

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 12th January 2016 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

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

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, PC Lynn Black. Robert Flood (Knox), Harriet Lomholt-Welch (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary)

2. Apologies: Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay

3. Guest Speakers: Stuart Pryde (ELC), Lesley Smith (Brunton Arts Sales)

West Road: Stuart and Lesley were present at the meeting to give the CC an outline of their plans for the garden area at the east end of the West Road. Some work has already been done to upgrade the area with slabs being removed, grass laid and benches put in place. When the station closed decades ago all the railings were removed (some old photos were presented to the meeting). The proposal is to replace these with something reflecting some local history and they would like to ask the CC for their support and ideas regards this.

Lesley is the procurement officer and as such would be involved in sourcing local artists/metal workers to submit their ideas, along with costings, for consideration. As this will be a public area project there would also be some community consultation. At present a sum of £35,000 is available from Bett Homes (as part of planning consent) and more funding is hoped from the other developers in the town. Stuart also asking if the CC would be in agreement to this sum being used for this project or would they like to see it used elsewhere.

Some details of the project include:

- Approx 35 meters of railings needed
- Bus stop would have to be moved further east
- Some initial work is needed to improve the walls before railings could be installed
- The colour of the railings would be up for discussion but maroon has been suggested
- A design competition could be run to come up with ideas
- If at all possible they would like to use a local artist but the job will be put out to tender

John H suggested that commemoration of WW1 could be included somehow, perhaps even something inside the park. John McM said that artwork elsewhere in the town could also be considered - it has to be very special to encourage people to visit the area. Jan agreed and said that this would be a good start and could perhaps lead into more artworks around the town.

Stuart said he wasn't sure at this stage what the other developers (eg Gateside) would be bringing in the way of funding for projects such as this but will keep the CC informed of developments.

Skatepark: one bit of fantastic news is that planning permission has now been granted. The designs and funds are also in place so it just remains for the contractors to give a start date (hopeful for March/April).

Jan said a huge thanks to Stuart Pryde, Stuart Gibb and the Area Partnership for pursuing and getting this project up and running. Stuart and Lesley left the meeting whereby the CC members had a discussion whether we want to support the West Road project. After a short discussion it was taken to a vote and carried 7/6 in favour.

4. Minutes of 8th December 2015

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Fiona McEwan and seconded by Rab Moran

Item 14.4 Spelling - Jo's Kitchen

5. Matters arising - none

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Newton Port: Ruth said she had been asked to bring up the subject of speeding in Newton Port and also the indiscriminate parking in Victoria Park. John McMillan said that two parking papers had come up this morning with a TTRO planned for Newton Port. Tom added that a traffic survey could be organised but pointed out that this had been done in the past. He said that it could be that the perception of speed is greater due to the width of the road, but if it was felt that another survey would be helpful, he will look into it. He felt that the problem lay with drivers, not the road

Action Tom

6.2 Lights at Hospital Road: Jan reported lights still out on Hospital Road (Tom has reported them)

6.3 Potholes: Jan also reported a pothole turning left from Market St into Hardgate. John McMillan reiterated that councillors should drop him an email right away with this sort of information and he can deal with it (instead of waiting until the next meeting).

6.4 Street lighting: Chris asked if there were any plans to change the street lighting to LED. John McMillan will look into it.

Action John McM

6.5 John McMillan feedback : John said he would feedback information on funding (eg remembrance service, fireworks etc). A meeting will be arranged (end Feb, beg March) to go through the process of funding and economic development. They are also looking to develop volunteer events such as the one with STRiVe/Local Area Partnership and look at how we can encourage people to volunteer and get involved in community events.

John suggested that Councillors Corner be placed at the end of the meeting - Tom Trotter said he would be happy with this so long as someone was present at the meeting.

On the subject of volunteering Rab said that the job of taking down the lights was an example of volunteering at its best. Jan concurred - both the lights and the tree were fantastic and all managed by a team of volunteers. A huge thanks to all involved.

6.6 Barriers on Funday: John H asked if we had got to the bottom of why the barriers hadn't been put in place. Fiona McE said that the only answer had been 'weather permitting'. It was suggested we need to have a contact number for the duty officer. Ruth will contact them to ask for this. It was also suggested we email Bill Laird for an answer as to why they weren't delivered on the day (and copy Tom and John McM into this).

Action Ruth

7. Police Questions - Lynn read out her report (copy avail on request)

7.1 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified (no meeting was held in December):

1. Tackle and monitor various parking issues through the Festive Road Safety and Parking Initiative which will be running from November 18th until December 24th. (Lynn reported that lots of tickets were issued during this period)
2. Continue with the local Problem Solving Partnership in relation to youth related antisocial behaviour in Haddington (this included problems at the Aubigny Centre and Millfield pavilion)

The next CAPP meeting will take place on Monday 25th January at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Tea Dance: this has been suggested for March 18th in the Town Hall. It was thought the Day Centre would be a good place to advertise this.

8.2 Christmas boxes: this initiative went really well with all the boxes being distributed around the town.

8.3 Youth Philanthropy Initiative: the final of this took place recently with the charity 'New Horizon's (a homeless charity) coming in first place, winning the sum of £3000

8.4 Christmas concert: this again went very well. A bit more advance notice would be ideal so a member of the CC could attend.

8.5 S6 panto: this event also went very well, with a further showing just last week.

8.6 Christmas jumper fundraiser: pupils were to wear their christmas jumpers and give a donation to Text Santa - the fantastic sum of £420 was raised.

Ruth wanted to give a special mention to all the pupils who helped out on the Funday.

9. Correspondence - none

10. Treasurers Report (see attached summary. John was asked to send out his update via email To CC members prior to meetings)

10.1 Bank update: John reported that we are no further forward with updating the details at the bank as they won't acknowledge him with regards the account. Jan said she had spoken with the bank in October and given them all the up to date details but it has still not been sorted. It was therefore decided that Jan would have to go into the branch and get the signatories changed etc. Paul said he had spoken with Emily and she has not got a cheque book but if one does get delivered to her old address she will pass it on. Jan has complained to the bank about the length of time it has taken them to sort this out - it really is unacceptable.

11. Haddington Community Development Trust - nothing to report this month

12. Events Group meeting

12.1 Thank you: no meeting was held last month but the EG wanted to say a huge thank you to **ALL** who have been involved over the past few months to put on the events - this includes Ruth, Nancy, John, Steven, Chris, Rab. John H said he was particularly impressed by Steven's input.

12.2 Update: Chris will flat-pack sleigh for easy storage. Banners - it was suggested we look into getting new banners/bunting and use poles for attaching to for the summer festival. We have money in LP budget that could be used for this. To this end Rab will get rid of the old bunting. *Action Rab*

Next meeting scheduled for 19th January 2016

13. Blooming Haddington (BH)

13.1 Bulb planting: Rab reported that 4000 bulbs had been acquired and now planted. The next meeting will be held on Thursday and one subject to discuss will be the park at the Railway.

14. Planning applications

14.1 Tenterfield Drive: an article appeared in the Courier regarding the 3 houses planned. Apparently a resident is angry that an old wall will be affected if the houses go ahead.

14.3 River Tyne Walkway: exercise stations are now ready for viewing. Maps are available to show the route and location. Installation will start once the weather gets a bit better.

14.4 Area Partnership: Paul said that another member is needed now that Emily has stepped down. Graham Samuel agreed to be this person. (proposed by Chris and seconded by Jan). Next meeting is 21st January.

14.5 Development behind Haldane Avenue: names have been invited for this housing development (current working name is Saxonfields). The CC suggestion of Burnell Park has been accepted (in memory of a pilot shot down on this land some 75 years ago)

15. AOCB - none

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 9th February 2016 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

9/09 Mental Health Resource: Tynepark

2015

8/9 Victoria Bridge - parking/congestion

High Street - flood-lights out
Hardgate/Artillery Park: uneven paving stones
Monks mains Road - missing speed bumps
The 4 items above are in hand (as at 13/10/15)

10/11 John Muir House - re-painting of disabled parking bays

2016

12/1 Newton Port - traffic survey ?

Transportation Dept. -Pot Holes and Broken Slabs throughout the Town & Athelstaneford

Pot Holes: Ideal Garage junction

Uneven Pavements: High Street, Market Street, Court Street. St. Anne's Place, Mitchells Close (11/1/11)