

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 12th April 2016 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

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

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Cllr John McMillan, PC Lynn Black, Sheena Richardson, Robert Flood (Knox), Peter Macaldowie (Knox), Harriet Lomholt-Welch (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary)

HADAS members - Andrew Robinson, Helen Robertson and Karen Stevenson were in attendance to speak about the exercise stations around the Tyne

Karen outlined their current position - they have already written to ELC regarding the process, or more accurately, lack of due process through planning - they are most unhappy that consultation was not carried out before the installation of the exercise stations. They have also written a letter in the Courier stating that they do not feel these are in keeping with this part of the town.

Andrew is in total agreement with this but also has his own personal view that this is an area of natural beauty and concurs that they are not in keeping with the surroundings. They feel that a more suitable location could be sought. This has been done with total lack of consideration for the community. Councillors present were asked for their opinion but could not comment due to conflict of interest.

Jan in defence of the CC stated that this proposal was brought to us through our planning liaison officer (Paul) whereby we did ask if planning permission had been sought and assumed that this had been done by ELC. Subsequently Paul contacted ELC and was told that planning permission was not in fact needed.

Her personal view is that they are good thing but made it clear that the CC were very disappointed in the standard of the stations - a point made in a letter to ELC. She also said that they possibly made a hasty decision to support this project, without the full detail of what was going to be installed. Pat agreed with this - she said that there have been a couple of proposals recently where we have not been given a lot of time to respond so we need to be careful about this and not be rushed into decisions without all the necessary information at our disposal. It was also pointed out that the CC have on numerous occasions invited members of HADAS to come to CC meeting but have so far not attended. Karen said they are more than happy to come to meetings - Jan said we would welcome a member at the monthly meetings as any and all advice is most helpful.

John McMillan agreed that consultation is very important - he was aware of what was planned and felt that apt description and opinion was formed on this project. Sheena also supported the project, indeed she has taken walks herself round the area and used these stations and can appreciate the benefits. John H said that a survey had been conducted on public opinion with around 50% coming back in favour. Although this was a fairly small number in total, it does give an idea of the general feeling towards the stations.

In summary, HADAS still stand by their opinions and will be writing to ELC as such. We will check whether planning permission was indeed required and the planning process will be followed retrospectively if need be. The CC will also make sure they have enough time to consider projects and not be rushed into making decisions without all the necessary information in place.

David Motherwell: we were all saddened by the recent loss of David and Sheena would like to suggest some marker to his presence in the town - perhaps in the way of a memorial tree. As well as being a great help and support within the CC he was extremely keen on local history and took particular interest in the river Tyne,

writing a regular column in the Courier. Jan has already sent an email round the members regarding this proposal - she said it was a nice idea but we had to be mindful that we have lost others members of the CC and it would be wrong to just single out David. Sheena said it would be a private commemoration and would not mention the CC. It was suggested the CC have time to think and discuss this at the next meeting. We will write to Sheena with our decision.

Action CC/Ruth

2. Apologies: Haig Hamilton

4. Minutes of 8th March 2016

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Pat Lemmon and seconded by Ruth Moncrieff

5. Matters arising - none from previous meeting

5.1 Queens Birthday celebrations: Jan asked if we wanted to organise something for the community to come together to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Some suggestions like a tea dance, pipe band were briefly discussed but it was thought we find out if the Corn Exchange is free for Sunday 19th June and then bring to the next meeting for further discussion. Ruth will find out re the Corn Exchange.

Action Ruth

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Bicycle stands: Pat asked why the CC was not consulted regarding the stands - they have just appeared in a number of areas in the town. Paul said that this had come about via the Area Partnership where no-one objected to this proposal. There was a bit of debate over the ones at Wee Mason's but ultimately it was agreed to go ahead.

6.2 Skatepark: now that the park is almost complete the children are starting to use it. Ruth said there was some concern over road safety and that a controlled crossing should be built. Graham said the skatepark group did look into road safety and a speed table will be built to slow the traffic down as this can be done very quickly. Ruth thought that a crossing would still be the safer option. It was thought that the addition of the speed table and the car park will serve to slow the traffic down. Pat said it was a wonderful addition to the town - lots of kids already using the facility with the nearby football pavilion serving as a temporary first aid centre. Graham said that there had been some interest from out of town and could there be a signpost at the Ideal Garage junction directing people to the park. John McMillan said he would liaise with Economic Development on this.

Action John McM

6.3 Newton Port - bicycle stands: Fiona said that there had been stands built in one of the disabled spaces in the surgery car park. John McM said that the surgery themselves had requested this for staff etc. Another disabled bay will be marked out.

6.5 John McMillan update : John gave the CC a brief update:

Congratulations to Knox on their recent end of term concert and to the pipeband – came 3rd in their category in a recent competition.

Garages /storage: he is currently looking into this

Classic car competition: has highlighted this

Corn Exchange/Nungate Hall: progress is being made on these 2 areas

7. Police Questions - (this section was taken at the beginning of the meeting. Full report available from Lynn and any issues to report please contact her direct or through Ruth)

7.1 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified

- 1. Attention to be given to Haddington Golf Club in relation to damage and fireraising by youths and associated antisocial behaviour**
- 2. Hi Visibility patrols in the vicinity of the new skatepark at Whittinghame Drive, Haddington, in relation to antisocial behaviour and litter.**
- 3. Numerous complaints regarding male on mini-moto in Haddington streets - concerns for safety of driver and fear of accident.**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 23rd May 2016 at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Rugby news: congratulations to Paul Cunningham who has made his U16 debut in Wales

8.2 Young Enterprise: Knox team came 2nd overall

8.3 Afternoon tea event: this was very successful

8.4 Spring concert: this went really well. Jan congratulated them on this for all the hard work from both pupils and teachers. She wondered if the school could take part in the festival next year

8.5 Pipeband: Knox band were placed 3rd in their category for the whole of Scotland.

8.6 Young Achiever award: Robert has been in touch with Joe Forte and all is in place for nominations. Closing date for nominations is 13th May. Presentation of the award will be made at the festival opening ceremony. He will send out an email this week with all the details and copies of nomination forms etc. *Action R Flood*

8.7 1st year business class: this class is setting up a deli business producing soup, sandwiches, smoothies etc. Parents and other interested parties will be invited to taste the products and to listen to their presentations.

Jan thanked the Knox once again for their input to the CC – and especially to Harriet and Peter as this will be their last meeting as both leaving school shortly. And very well done to all those who won awards.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Victoria Terrace parking: Margaret has met with Colin Baird re this area. He has said nothing can be done about the parking until later on in the year. To implement parking restrictions certain processes have to be undertaken but this will be done eventually.

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 has finally been acknowledged by the bank so is able to access the account etc.

10.2 Cheque: there was an error with a cheque being written twice - this has now been corrected and the sum of £285.16 paid back into the account.

11. Haddington Community Development Trust

11.1 Consultant: Alastair Bruce is now in place as consultant.

11.2 Funding applications: criteria for funding applications was discussed at the last meeting.

11.3 Brand Haddington: also working on this. It was suggested we invite Alastair to attend the next CC meeting to update us on progress.

12. Events Group meeting - minutes have been distributed to members

13. Blooming Haddington (BH)

13.1 Memorial Garden: the clear up has been completed.

13.2 Ideal Garage: plans are being discussed for this area

13.3 Oriental garden: also discussing plans for this area

13.4 Hanging baskets: not sure details of this as yet

14. Planning applications - nothing of note to discuss

15. AOCB

15.1 Table top sale: Saturday 23rd April 10-3pm. Help required

15.2 WW1 centenary: John asked if the CC were in agreement with him looking into doing something to commemorate this. He thought a display of an artillery gun in the Memorial Park at the Railway junction. As the CC agreed to this in principle he will gather information, consult with Blooming Haddington on their thoughts and bring to the next meeting.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 10th May 2016 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

Outstanding Matters Arising from previous minutes

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

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 ?

9/2 Lights in Hospital Road

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)