

# **Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council**

## **Minutes of meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Council Chambers**

### **1. Sederunt**

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), 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 John McMillan (arrived 820pm), PC Lynn Black, Robert Flood (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary)

**2. Apologies:** Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Ruth Moncrieff (Correspondence Secretary)

### **3. Guest speaker - Jamie Baker, ELC town centre regeneration officer**

Jamie gave an overview of his remit as Town Centre Regeneration officer. Community consultation is being planned with key stakeholders being invited (23<sup>rd</sup> May). Jamie keen to get the CC feedback and ideas of who should be invited for this consultation. A wider community consult is planned for 4<sup>th</sup> June. Jan already has a list of who should be involved but he asked for any more ideas.

Some suggestions were:

Schools: Robert asked if the schools were to be included. Also youth groups etc. KA to be included on the list. Jamie reported that they actually had some of the best ideas from the school children in Tranent.

Pensioners: Rab suggested they be included. Lynda thought it a good idea to contact the U3A. Jan also suggested contacting Bob Mitchell, Chair of the Day Centre. Mother and toddler groups and disability representatives were also thought to be important for input.

Any further suggestions to be sent either directly to Jamie or via Ruth. A list will be compiled and sent out to all CC members. Jamie also confirmed that all town centre businesses will be surveyed

Jan asked what the main focus will be for the consultants involved in this process. Jamie said that the main focus will be on traffic movement, pedestrians and cyclists, with importance being put on pedestrians/cyclists.

Disabled parking: this is one area which is lacking. Pat concerned that if parking is reduced in the town centre this would adversely affect businesses. Jamie said they are currently looking at residents permits also and have walked around the town to assess the situation. If parking taken out of the High Street it will be replaced elsewhere.

Other areas of concern are the Railway junction and Rosehall.

Park and ride – the area at Alderston had been earmarked for this – would be a possibility of ELC employees to use to free up space in the town centre.

Hot spots: Pat asked if they still get reports on the hot spots (previously the areas at Greggs and M+Co). It would be interesting to see the difference between the numbers in 2011 and present. This will be arranged.

Jan thanked Jamie for speaking at the meeting.

### **4. Minutes of 12th April 2016**

**Approval of the minutes was proposed by Fiona McEwan and seconded by Graham Samuel**

### **5. Matters arising**

**5.1 David Motherwell:** at the last meeting Sheena Richardson had suggested some form of memorial for David. Although the members were, in principle, in agreement they thought it would be better to commemorate all members/volunteers. It was suggested we look at planting a tree - John H will speak with Mike Foy about this. Chris suggested that the rotten trees in Court Street could be removed and replaced with new. John H will find out price, location etc and bring the info back to the next meeting.

**Action John H**

**5.2 Queens Birthday celebration:** an email has been received from the Area Partnership to say that they are giving each Comm Council £250 to use to celebrate as they wish. Jan had previously suggested we have a party in the Corn Exchange as the last one we did for the Golden Jubilee was very well attended. Fiona McE suggested we donate to the food bank, although John H wasn't sure how this related to the Queen's birthday. Paul therefore thought that if we did have a party, we ask for a donation at the door and this be donated to the Food Bank if people voted for this. After some discussion there was a vote, with only 5 in favour of a party, therefore this suggestion was vetoed. We need to come up with ideas of how to spend the £250 - **it was finally agreed that we give to the Day Centre in Haddington.**

## **6. Councillors Corner**

**6.1 West Road surface:** Rab said that the road is in need of some attention – the surface is breaking up.

**6.2 Whittinghame Drive:** Chris said that the signs advertising a wood store in Edinburgh are still evident on fences in this area. He asked for clarification on advertising as they have been told that events cannot put up banners more than 28 days prior. Tom will look into it.

*Action Tom Trotter*

**6.3 Speed bumps (Monkrigg Road):** Paul asked for an update on when the speed bumps were to be replaced.

**6.4 Pencaitland Road:** Graham said there is an area where developers have dug a hole and this area is still sitting with temporary fencing round it. He asked if there is a time limit as to when they have to fill in and complete the job.

**6.5 Meadowpark:** Rab said that one of the speed bumps here is loose and wobbles when cars go across.

**6.6 Wheelie-bins in High Street:** Pat still having problems with the bins being put out in the street 24/48 hours before pick-up due. Extra bags of rubbish are also being put out. She has previously contacted Environmental Health/Cleansing Dept – neither of which take responsibility. When bins are emptied the men are leaving the extra bags as they are not in the wheelie-bins.

**6.7 Whittinghame Drive:** Chris said he had reported some time ago the bad state of the road surface. He thought that they could have sorted the road when building the speed table – which evidently has not been the case.

**6.8 Pothole:** Jan reported a deep hole at the junction of Lydgate and Aberlady Road.

**6.9 Hospital Road:** Fiona- Frances reported congestion with parking of vehicles on both sides. Tom said they have looked into this area, along with the police. Perhaps an issue for the next CAPP meeting.

**6.10 Stevenson:** Margaret also reported bad potholes on the road towards Stevenson. Tom reiterated that these items should be reported immediately on the ELC site rather than wait until the next meeting.

Tom left the meeting – thanks to him

John McMillan arrived 820pm, apologies for missing the start of the meeting.

### **Update:**

**Broadband:** John spoke about the plans to roll out broadband to rural areas. The Scottish Government has the national contract for Superfast Broadband but 5% of the county is not covered by this. Community Broadband Scotland is coming in to fund this other 5% - details of which will be published on the ELC website with details of postcode areas to be covered. The work to set up the infrastructure will go out to tender by the end of December. It was confirmed that this won't be BT as they decided that it was not commercially viable. He confirmed that the UK and Scottish government will be funding this project.

**Refugees:** John Hamilton spoke about the families due to come to Haddington shortly and wondered how we can help them. He said that communication back home is not covered by their package and wondered about the CC helping in some way to provide them with a means of keeping in touch with their families. John McM said that it would be best to speak to ELC as this has been discussed at council and some provision is being made for them to be able to stay in touch with their families. We are all concerned that they are welcomed and treated like members of our community - as Jan said, this is the worst point of their lives and we have to have compassion for them. This is not to say that we don't recognise there are people suffering in our own country.

John McMillan wondered if it would be more appropriate if the Rotary were to fund computers/phones etc for communication - he will have a word and relay information before next meeting. Pat said that there is the computer service at the library for public use also. Paul suggested we ask around and if anyone has any equipment they don't use this could be adapted for use - during the meeting 3 spare laptops were identified - we could put some money towards refurbishing them for use.

**7. Police Questions** - 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 13th June 2016 at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

## 8. Knox Academy News

**8.1 Young Achiever award:** Robert reported that Joe has received 6 nominations for the award. Decision will be made by Joe and Rab. A small trophy will be given to the winner to keep, with their name engraved on the large one. Certificates will be awarded to the runner's up.

**8.2 1<sup>st</sup> year business class:** this is running next week - they are 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. Robert will send out the details of times etc.

*Action Robert F*

**8.3 Morrisons construction:** pupils are involved in the plans for the new hospital - final presentation will be in June.

**8.4 Adam Lynton:** Pat said that Adam is undertaking a sky dive to raise money for Oxfam and we need to promote this event more. Robert will put it on the school website and Pat will speak to Cameron about an article in the Courier.

## 9. Correspondence

**9.1 Haddington Community Development Trust (HCDT):** Jan received a letter from Frances Wright, Chair of the CDT to inform us of their key initiative which is to create a brand for Haddington. Deadline for comments/feedback is 17th May with the launch scheduled for 22nd July. It was also agreed that the community groups need to continue to be involved (ie CC, HADAS, Knox, HBA) as well as the board members of the CDT. Letter to this effect to go to CDT. Around 8/9 choices have been presented for Brand Haddington - these have been cut to a final 5 suggestions which will be sent out for public/community comment.

## 10. Treasurers Report (John sent out his update via email prior to meeting)

Nothing of note to mention.

## 11. Haddington Community Development Trust - as above

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

**12.1 Festival office:** help needed for the office - please contact Fiona McEwan. John McMillan asked that he be sent the list of dates and he will help out where he can.

*Action Fiona McE/John McM*

**12.2 Ticket sales:** a web page has been created where tickets can be bought on line - no charge being made for this. Graham said he could frank the mail, thanks to him for this.

**12.3** Fiona McEwan asked for some more stamps - John will get these to her.

*Action John H*

**12.4 Festival Programme:** this is now ready and looks great. Thanks to Fiona McE and Ruth for all their work on this and to Graham for getting it printed. Help needed to have it delivered. Haig offered to do Athelstaneford - Fiona will liaise with him on this.

*Action Fiona McE/Haig H*

## 13. Blooming Haddington (BH)

**13.1 Memorial Garden:** the beds are getting planted out.

**13.2 Bridge at the Laid:** 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 but thought it best to speak to Emily who deals with this.

## 14. Planning applications

**14.1 Clerkington House:** plans have been presented for a chicken farm housing 16,000 free range hens. Some discussion was had around thoughts on this proposal - the main objection would be odour based. In general it was thought we should support this project but need to look into their processes of minimising odour to nearby housing and indeed that side of town. Haig said that we need to support new enterprises such as these and explained that the odour should be kept to a minimum due to the fact that they are loading and transporting the waste away from the area.

## 15. AOCB - none

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 14th June 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, 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  
**9/09** Mental Health Resource: Tynepark

### **2015**

- 8/9** Victoria Bridge - parking/congestion  
High Street - flood-lights out  
Hardgate/Artillery Park: uneven paving stones  
Monksmains 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  
**10/5** Speed bumps - Monkrigg Road  
Pencaitland Road - incomplete road works/hole in ground  
Meadowpark - loose speed bump  
Wheelie-bins in High Street  
Whittingham Drive - state of the road surface  
Hospital Road - congestion

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

- Pot Holes:** Ideal Garage junction, Lydgate/Aberlady Road junction, Stevenson, West Road surfaces  
**Uneven Pavements:** High Street, Market Street, Court Street. St. Anne's Place, Mitchells Close (11/1/11)