

# Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

## Minutes of meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Council Chambers

### 1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson, Fiona-Frances Adam, Graham Samuel

### In attendance

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

**2. Apologies:** Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Ruth Moncrieff (Correspondence Secretary), Ron Goldie, Pat Lemmon, Rab Moran, Betty Somerville, Paul Darling, Haig Hamilton

### 3. Minutes of 10th May 2016

**Approval of the minutes was proposed by Margaret Ingle and seconded by Fiona McEwan**

### 4. Matters arising

**4.1 David Motherwell:** it was made clear that this was not just being done to honour David but to acknowledge all the volunteers. It has been suggested we think about planting a tree but this would be towards the end of the year therefore this item to be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

**4.2 Queens Birthday celebration:** as decided at the last meeting, the money was donated to the Day Centre who is going to do something to commemorate this event.

### 5. Treasurers Report

**5.1 Festival report:** John handed out a detailed sheet for the Festival, which showed a profit this year of £2118. Jan said we need to build up the Festival fund and suggested the £2000 should stay in this account as a buffer. We have a reasonable sum in the LP fund but need to think about what we do with this money (have until March 2017 to decide - so long as it is committed, we will not lose the money). This item is to be put on the agenda for the first meeting back in September. Some suggestions to be thinking about include a trolley for the Corn Exchange as well as some more cups (Town House). There's also the matter of the sound system for the Corn Exchange - this would probably also require a grant. John said he had an idea for next years' Armistice - details to follow.

**5.2 Ideal Garage:** a request had come to the CC for help with doing up the Ideal Garage site. It was decided, by majority vote, that as we have already given £2000 to Blooming Haddington, that we cannot give any more at this time.

### 6. Councillors Corner

**6.1 Whittinghame Drive - raised table:** John asked if this could be painted so it stands out and to help prevent cars parking close to the area at the skatepark. There is a greater risk to children running out when cars are parked so close - obscured site-lines etc. Tom Trotter suggested that the area is under review and a crossing is being considered. Chris pointed out that even though an off-road car park has been created this hasn't reduced the number of cars parking on the road. It was reported though that there seems to be a reduction in problems in the town centre since the skatepark opened.

**6.2 Reporting of problems on the roads:** Chris said he has been following reports he made on-line and so far has only had an acknowledgment but none of the faults have been fixed yet. Tom suggested that if no reply or repair within one week to contact the relevant councillor direct to have the matter chased up.

**6.3 Proposed 'Haddington Day':** John told the CC that there is a meeting to be held in the Town House on 16th June 6-8pm to look at the possibility of holding a 'Haddington Day' (perhaps towards the end of August). The CDT, CC, HBA and others will all be involved. More details will follow

**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 and mobile patrols to be given at Bangley Quarry, Haddington, in relation to youths being reported as swimming at that location - danger/risk
2. Community police and warden patrols at youth 'drinking den' in Clerkington Woods, Haddington - relating to fireraising concerns and damage to trees

3. Continuation - traffic congestion/parking issues on Hospital Road, Haddington

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th July 2016 at 6.30pm within the town hall, Haddington

## **8. Knox Academy News**

**8.1 Young Achiever award:** ceremony went really well. It was thought a nice touch that the minister included all 5 nominees in the service.

**8.2 1<sup>st</sup> year business class - deli:** Jan and Fiona attended this event and thought the food was delicious.

**8.3 Exhibition:** the design and technical department held an exhibition to show off its work over the year.

**8.4 Activities week:** this is taking place the last week in May.

**8.5 S1 trip:** the first S1 trip took place to South Wales recently and went really well. The school are hoping to repeat this.

**8.6 Upcoming events:** Sports Awards evening, leavers ceremony and dance, school council election, P7 visits, Sports Day

**8.7 Morrisons Construction (new hospital):** group of pupils have been working on this all week - an exhibition will be held at the end of the week to show off their work.

**8.8 'Lead a Bright Future', Dinner/Awards ceremony:** to be held at Coulston House on 30th June - invites going out.

Jan thanked Robert and the Knox representatives for being part of the meetings and we look forward to welcoming two new S6 pupils next session.

## **9. Planning Applications**

**9.1 East Fortune:** the information has already been sent round regarding these plan but is not within our area so nothing to discuss. Another plan for an anaerobic converter at Ballencreiff - also outwith our area.

## **10. Correspondence**

**10.1 Ideal Garage:** details of this have already been sent round all.

## **11. Haddington Community Development Trust**

**11.1** Previous meeting - no-one present at the last meeting but Jan has sent an email regarding our wish that key groups are represented on the board. Fiona-Frances will find out the outcome at the next meeting.

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

**12.1** Fiona gave a huge thanks to all who helped out with this years' festival - it went really well with most events being well attended. The pet show was amazing, the bingo in the Railway also and Chris said the Car Club were very pleased with the interest at the Fun Day and will come again. The tea tent was very well attended, with demand so high on ice-cream that stocks ran out. The Crazy Capers Company was very well organised and want to return next year and also the stilt-man. The Birds of Prey exhibition is also always popular and Donald the Gnome raised £60. Jan gave a huge thanks to Fiona for playing a big part in the organisation of all the events and to everyone who helped out in any way.

## **13. Blooming Haddington (BH)**

**13.1 Raith monument:** planting areas around the monument have been filled with heathers

**13.2 Hanging baskets:** ready to be hung in the next 10 days

## **14. AOCB**

**14.1 Elections:** the election forms will go out in Aug-Sept and if more applications received than the required amount (14 for Haddington, 2 for Athelstaneford) an election will be necessary.

**14.2 Trade Licence:** Lynda asked if this was necessary. We are not sure about this therefore it was suggested we invite Stuart Gibb to the next meeting to discuss.

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 13th September 2016 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

## **Outstanding Matters Arising from previous minutes**

### **2013**

**14/5** Waste bins in High St (14/6/16 - no feedback yet)

Various transportation issues: Lammermuir Cres, Dunder Dy, Church St, sunken road by JG Gray Centre

**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)