

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 11th October 2016 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), Ruth Moncreiff (Correspondence Secretary), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Fiona-Frances Adam, Ron Goldie, Paul Darling

In attendance

Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, PC Lynn Black, Robert Flood (Knox), Calum Learmonth (Knox), Rebecca Keegan (Knox), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary)

2. Apologies: Betty Somerville, Haig Hamilton, Graham Samuel

It was pointed out that Haig, as he did not re-apply, is strictly not a member of the CC any more. Therefore we currently have 2 vacancies and asked that a notice be put in the Courier asking for applications. **Action Cameron**

3. AOCB

4. Minutes of 13th September 2016

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Chris McEwan and seconded by Fiona McEwan

Jan apologised for giving the incorrect date for the Art Exhibition.

Application: we have had an application from a local resident of Haddington. Ruth will write to them to inform them of the process. **Action Ruth**

5. Matters arising

5.1 Item 6.2 Trade Licence: Ruth has written for clarification but still waiting for a reply. It was suggested we email Kirsty McNeill at ELC for help with this as she had told Jan we did not need a licence. John McMillan will also try to find out about this matter. **Action Ruth/John McM**

5.2 Item 8.1 Whittingham Drive (lights): Tom confirmed this has been dealt with.

5.3 Item 8.4 Lothian Development Plan: correction - should read Local Development Plan

5.4 Item 10.4: correction - should read Colstoun

6. Treasurers Report

6.1 Annual Accounts - copies circulated to members. Accounts have been audited to March 2016. Any queries please bring to the next meeting.

6.2 Local Priorities: the sum of £8603 still uncommitted.

7. Councillors Corner

7.1 Newton Port: Ruth reported the pavement between the surgery and the old Courier office is in very bad repair on both sides of the road. **Action Tom**

7.2 Christmas lights poles: Chris reported that the base plates are loose so they are investigating the cost of replacing. This would run into the thousands so they wanted to know if there was any planned works on the pavements in the near future. To their knowledge, the councillors were not aware of any planned work.. Chris said they could put in a short term fix but really want to make it more permanent. Tom pointed out that if the council did have to remove anything they would have to replace like for like. Chris will email John McMillan with details of work. **Action Chris**

7.3 Bench at bottom of High Street: the suggestion has been to remove the bench as it attracts problems with youths hanging about. Although it has been suggested for a memorial plaque for Dino Pacitti who recently passed away.

7.4 Speed bumps at Monkrigg Road: some months ago Paul asked about the replacement of speed bumps - this has still not be done and it is at the very fastest part of the road that they are missing. **Action Tom**

7.5 Victoria Terrace (Waterloo Bridge): the parking issue has still not been resolved

7.6 GP surgery: on a positive note Jan thanked the council for the introduction of more disabled bays at the Newton Port Surgery car park.

8. Police Questions - Full report available from Lynn

8.1 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified

1. Attention to be given to the following areas in relation to complaints of youth related antisocial behaviour including litter, noise, smashed bottles and fireraising: Millfield Football ground, Haddington Joint campus playground, Neilson Park and Mill Wynd.

2. Hi Visibility mobile and foot patrols during evenings in High Street, Haddington, in relation to youth related incidents.

3. Enforcement patrols in Victoria Road and Neilson Park Road, Haddington, during the school restriction periods.

4. Pro Laser speed checks in specified areas in the Haddington and Lammermuir ward area, including Gifford and Athelstaneford.

8.2 Millfield/MillWynd: calls have been received about ASB, particularly at the weekends. These hotspots are given special attention and those who have been found making a nuisance have been spoken to and letters sent to parents.

8.3 Skatepark: obscene graffiti has been dealt with by the council. Chris said that there has been quite a spate of under-aged drinking in the area - with older youths buying and giving to the younger ones.

8.4 Haldane Avenue: it would appear that due to the closure of the car park at Roodlands, drivers are parking in the bike lane at Haldane Avenue. Lynn will have a look at the area. *Action Lynn*

8.5 Memorial Garden: Lynn looking for any information regarding some very unusual damage to trees in the garden. Contact Lynn direct.

8.6 Herdmanflatt: there have been reports of drug dealings in the area - police are aware of this.

8.7 Police procedures: Jan has received details of information received regarding charges for police presence for events/road closures etc. Will speak again once we have more information.

The next CAPP meeting will be held on Monday 31st October at 6.30pm within the town hall, Haddington

9. Knox Academy News

9.1 Canon UK - presentation: the Financial Director of Canon UK Ireland gave a presentation at the school.

9.2 Poppy Appeal: Robert confirmed that Knox will once again take charge of this - they are hoping to be collecting in Tesco on the 2 weekends leading up to Remembrance Sunday. It was suggested Robert get in touch with Charles Ingle who is also coordinating a collection. *Action Robert*

9.3 Craft Fair 29th Oct: Fiona McE suggested that we could do with some help at the fair. The Farmers' Market is also on that day and would therefore be a good day to have the poppy tins visible.

9.4 Events Group meetings: not got any representatives from Knox for the group as yet. But Robert said to email him direct if help needed for any events. It was suggested that help is needed for the fireworks night and also the Armistice parade (to help with teas/coffees)

9.6 Projects: Calum reported that he had attended the Rotary Challenge Enterprise weekend which was business related. He has also created a link between Knox and the Art Hub. Another project is Haddington Star project - proposal to hang stars as part of the christmas lights. Jan suggested people could hang a star in memory of someone. Calum will certainly have a think about this idea.

Thanks to representatives of Knox for attending.

10. Planning Applications

10.1 Local Development Plan: the council have asked for 1400 more houses for the area (which are all included in the present LDP). These include Dovecot, Letham, E/W Gateside and Haldane.

Riverside - in addition, the field at Riverside has been zoned for 500 houses/mixed use (ie sports centre, shops etc).

Seggarsdean - proposal for a retirement village in this area with 250/300 houses.

Briary Bank - proposal for a cemetery in the opposite field.

Schools - Knox would have to expand and there would have to be provision for more primary schooling.

Infrastructure/Transport - the amenities of the town would have to be given consideration A park and ride would be a distinct benefit given the rise in number of houses/cars/people in the town.

Paul suggested we work out what we want to say re all the above in our comments. It was also suggested we make contact with HADAS for their views on the plan. *Action Paul*

11. Local priorities budget – Memorial Tree: this has been planted by the family. We still need to discuss what the CC is going to do as not spoken to Mike Foy yet. Defer to next meeting.

11.2 Electrics for Christmas lights: costings have been received for lights on lamp posts in Lodge St, Court St, Corn Exchange and opposite Ideal Garage. Also hoping to put lights in the trees at the Launderette. Looking for the sum of £875. Rab proposed, seconded by Margaret that this money be given from LP budget. **Action John**

12. Correspondence

12.1 Ruth has only received a letter from potential new member. She will write to them inviting them to come along to a meeting. **Action Ruth**

13. Haddington Community Development Trust

13.1 AGM : Paul reported that there has been no change to office bearers. Fiona-Frances is able to continue as CC representative, as well as Paul.

14. Events Group meeting – minutes have been distributed to members

14.1 Fireworks: help needed on the night to marshall the event

14.2 The Dentist in Market Street have kindly agreed to fund the lights in the trees next to them. The EG have also written to GSB to ask if they would be interested in helping fund the lights on their side of the road.

14.3 Christmas in Haddington: fun day planned for 27th Nov. Santa sleigh is 18th Dec - route to be confirmed as not sure if East Fortune House at Roodlands will still be there for a visit.

14.4 Festival: 3rd June 2017. Have bought 3 gazebo's for our use - can also be hired out.

15. Blooming Haddington (BH)

15.1 Rab present to give update - thanks to all for their help, both in person and financially, to make this a fantastic year. *Awards received - Anna not sure, can give correct information at next meeting.*

15.2 Hanging baskets: these have been beautiful throughout the summer months (17 weeks in total). They are due to be taken down on 23rd October.

15.3 Ongoing work: Rab said there are hundreds of bulbs to be planted, as well as work done to the beds at the memorial garden. A bench is also planned for this garden. Art Hub a ideal garage - some fantastic work done there.

Jan thanked Rab for his update and congratulated BH once again for their awards and for making the town look so good.

16. AOCB

16.1 Area Partnership: Paul happy to be CC representative

16.2 CAPP meetings: Ron happy to be CC representative

16.3 Carbon Trust Funding: Chris wanted to note an interest in looking at this for funding.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 8th November 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
- 11/10** Newton Port pavements
Poles in town centre - christmas lights
Bench at bottom of High Street

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

Pot Holes: Ideal Garage junction, Stevenson, West Road surfaces

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