

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 8th November 2016 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Margaret Ingle (Vice Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Fiona-Frances Adam, Ron Goldie, Paul Darling, Graham Samuel

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: Jan Wilson, Betty Somerville, Ruth Moncrieff

3. AOCB

4. Minutes of 10th October 2016

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Paul Darling and John Hamilton

5. Matters arising

5.1 Item 6.2 Trade Licence: Ruth confirmed that all the paperwork has been completed but the council are still not sure about the details so this item still ongoing.

5.3 Item 8.4 Haldane Avenue: Lynn said they are aware of the problems here with parking/traffic but that nothing can be done about this for the time being.

5.4 Item 9.2 Poppy appeal: Robert said he did get in touch with Charles who has done his collection. Some pupils have already been in Tesco and they plan to be in this coming weekend.

5.5 Item 10.1 Local Development Plan: Paul confirmed that the date did run out on 31st – will get onto this. *Action Paul*

5.6 Item 11.2 Electrics for Christmas lights: Chris reported that they have received 2 donations from GSB Properties and Sergeants Dentist towards the lights at the Ideal Garage junction. A sign will be put up stating that the lights were sponsored by these two local company's in the hope that others might get involved.

6. Treasurers Report

6.1 Accounts have been circulated to members.

7. Councillors Corner

7.1 Seggarsdean/Bearford Place: Margaret pointed out that there are often street lights out and although they have been reported are still not fixed as yet.

7.2 Electricity in High Street: Chris said they are currently trying to sort out some problems with the supply – he asked if the councillors could chase this up. John McMillan said that they had been onto Scottish Power who are trying very hard to resolve the issue.

7.3 Hospital road - parking: Rab reported once again the problems with parking in this area. Lorries and vans in particular are parking up on pavements making it very difficult to pass safely, especially for prams etc. Lynn said this needs to be reported right away so they can attend and deal with the offenders.

7.4 Post Office: Ron also reported on the parking at the narrow part of the road outside the PO. Problem for vehicles passing here when cars parked too close to the island. Lynn confirmed that they had issued a number of fixed penalty tickets for vehicles staying over the 90 minute allocation.

7.5 Clerkington road: Graham said he had emailed transportation about the holes that have been filled with rocks and have been left in this state – has had no reply as yet.

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.

The next CAPP meeting will be held on Monday 21st November at 6.30pm within the town hall, Haddington

9. Knox Academy News

9.1 Dress-down day: the school held this the other day and raised the sum of £650 – the money to be donated to Meadowpark and the Playscheme.

9.2 Poppy Appeal: this is up and running

9.3 Restoration of graveyard: an initial meeting has been held with Alan Sheerin and a further meeting scheduled for next month to discuss how to progress this.

9.4 Children in Need: the pupils will be taking part in lots of different events on the 18th to raise funds for this.

9.5 Dino's, memorial: now that the bench is no longer there it has been suggested a plaque be placed on the wall at the chip shop. They will have to check with planning before going ahead with this.

9.6 Update: Robert reported that there is now a great new communications unit at Meadowpark in which S5/6 pupils can volunteer; Lead a Bright Future – some S5 pupils taking part in this; Pop-up businesses – Elaine Gayle giving a talk on this; Fundraising dinner to be held at Colstoun House on Thursday night.

9.7 Events Group representative: still don't have a pupil rep but do have 2 pupils going to attend the next meeting and some are helping with the Christmas fun day, panto and Armistice parade.

Thanks to representatives of Knox for attending.

10. Planning Applications

10.1 Exercise stations: these have now been granted retrospective planning permission – some of them now in need of repair.

11. Local priorities budget – Memorial Tree: have now spoken with Mike Foy and the location for the tree will be decided between one of two locations in Court Street. He will see what they have in stock and the cost will be somewhere between £150/200. John McMillan asked if there would be plaque to explain – this has yet to be discussed.

12. Correspondence – none to report

13. Haddington Community Development Trust

13. Update from recent meeting: Website – due to launch 22nd Nov. Strategies – various items discussed. Fundraising – most of the time was spent discussing this item.

13.1 Local Area Partnership: John McMillan said that they will be holding their AGM on 22nd Nov and urged members to attend.

14. Events Group meeting

14.1 Extra meeting: this will be held in Steven's café Wednesday night at 7pm to discuss Christmas in Haddington events.

14.2 Fireworks: despite a technical hitch, which delayed the event, the evening went really well. The total raised has not yet been confirmed – Lorraine will let us know in due course. Health and Safety issues may need to be looked at for next year – perhaps the sparkler area could have been bigger? To this end there will be a risk management group in place for events such as these. Chris said that the only complaint was that they had to keep moving the kids along from the skatepark during the day to allow for the fireworks to be set up. It was also suggested that the start time be brought forward for future years.

15. Blooming Haddington (BH)

15.1 Awards: Rab updated on the awards won as follows: Scotland in Bloom - Gold certificate for the Best Medium Sized Town and in the Britain in Bloom competition we won gold and trophy for the Best Overall Town. A feedback sheet is available for anyone interested.

15.2 Tubs/Hanging baskets: have now been dismantled but will be recycled.

15.3 Ongoing work: lots of bulbs have been planted, including some at KMP in their raised beds, with plenty more to do. A bench commemorating the 1914/18 war has been delivered and will be placed in the memorial park. May also look at getting a second one for next year.

15.4 Public relations: Rab reported that he had taken part in a local radio programme and will be repeating this next week – will aim to advertise the great work both BH and the Events Group are doing.

15.5 Arts Hub: the hub would like to acquire a shed – this to be supplied by Windymains.

15.6 Winter displays: Fiona-Frances asked if they were going to do something over the winter months as the town looks quite bare now that the summer displays have gone. The Arts Hub are looking into this. Ron said he knows someone keen to be involved – to contact Joe Forte.

15.7 New committee: Chair – Laura Samuel, Vice Chair – Claire Scott, Treasurer – Louise Begbie, Secretary – Emily Armatage, Project co-ordinator – Ron Pearman

John McMillan thanked the members of BH and all the volunteers for their hard work and congratulated them on their recent successes.

16. Armistice Day: help needed on the day. Chris will lay the wreath and Rab will carry the flag (practice will be held on Saturday).

17. AOCB - none

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

Diary dates:

27th Nov – Christmas in Haddington/lights on ceremony

11th December – panto, Dick Whittington, 5pm in Corn Exchange

18th December Santa sleigh ride round the town

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, Dunspeir Dv, 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 - Monkkrigg Road

Pencaitland Road - incomplete road works/hole in ground

Meadowpark - loose speed bump

Wheelerie-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

8/11 Clerkington Road – holes in road (temp filled with rocks)

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)