

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 14th March 2017 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (vice chair), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Rab Moran, Haig Hamilton, Fiona-Frances Adam, John Hamilton, Betty Sommerville, Chris Zientara, Paul Darling

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Calum Learmonth (Knox), Rebecca Keegan (KA), Brian Small (Conservative Unionist), Stuart Gibb (Haddington & Lammerlaw Area Partnership), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Craig McLachlan (Haddington& Lammerlaw Area Partnership), Robert Flood (KA), PC Lynn Black

Before starting the meeting Ludovic announced that he is standing down from the council so this would be his last attendance at CC meeting. He has much enjoyed his almost 30 years with the council and the community council and thanked them all for their courtesy. In return Jan thanked Ludovic for all his help and support – delivered with humour and sincerity – and wished him all the very best for the future.

3. AOCB

3.1 Residents from Victoria Park

4. Guest speaker – Stuart Gibb

4.1 Stuart gave a short talk about his role within the Hadd and Lammerlaw Area Partnership.

In summary they work with the community and for the community to bring together projects to improve the town and surrounding areas (minutes of monthly meetings are available on line). Some projects they have been involved in include skatepark, speed signs in Bolton/Saltoun, Amisfield Garden, signage in Haddington, KA cycle project run by one of the teachers (bike maintenance etc), Bridge Centre motorcycle club, Athelstaneford skatepark, table tennis club.

Workshops are held regularly where they plan ahead using a '4-wishes' plan and they very much welcome input from the community. Jan said we weren't aware quite how much they were involved with and would welcome a monthly update at our meeting (to be put on the agenda). Paul and Graham will be the CC representatives. A weekly newsletter is also available via a link on the ELC website.

Jan thanked Stuart for coming to the meeting tonight.

5. Minutes of 14th February 2016

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Fiona-France Adam and seconded by Rab Moran

5.1 Correction: Item 8.3. John McMillan corrected the minutes to reflect the fact that Alderston House has not actually been sold by ELC. The council is currently reflecting on its future use.

6. Matters arising

6.1 Items 8.4/8.5: Athelstaneford: Tom reported that both items have been forwarded to the appropriate department.

6.2 Item 8.8 Cultural House (Chris Zientara): John McMillan said he was trying to arrange a meeting to discuss Chris's ideas which he thought were very constructive and would like to explore some more.

6.3 Item 8.9 Potholes reported by Tom

6.4 Update from John McM - Future development of Knox: John said he had been asked about the development of Knox in line with all the new housing being planned. He said that the numbers won't be breached until 2022 therefore no plans are in place at present but exploratory work is being done to the south of the school, though any development in the future will not impinge on the pitches. As per the LDP all approved developments will contribute to Letham Mains Primary at no cost to the council.

7. Treasurers Report

7.1 Local Priorities: money pledged before the end of the year £1800. Approx £500 uncommitted – this can be carried forward to next year.

7.2 Christmas lights: £525 for scaffolding to put up the lights – this would save on paying for a cherry picker. We also save around 10.4K by recruiting volunteers to put the lights up and down

8. CC boundary to include Cockles Brae

8.1 Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson: (This item brought from last meeting) Jan said that at the last election when Lynda went to stand again it was found that she lived out-with the CC boundary. We could ask ELC to move the boundary lines which would allow Lynda to come back onto the CC. Therefore it is suggested we write to the Chief Executive to ask them to consider this. It was agreed that Ruth will write to request this. *Action Ruth*

{Brian Small and Ruth Currie were in attendance as prospective councillors and to hear what type of issues are discussed at our meetings}

9. Councillors Corner

9.1 Street lights: Jan reported a number of lights out over the town. John McM said that these should be reported directly, quoting the number on the light, and not to wait until the meetings. Chris asked if there were any plans to replace the LED lighting with softer glow, rather than the bright white ones. John said he would find out.

9.2 Care and Repair: Betty asked how she can get in touch with this department. John McM said he would get the information to her.

9.3 Macmerry - bollards: this was a matter that had been brought up by Jan and dealt with very quickly – the road markings now need to be altered to reflect that fact that the bollards have been removed.

9.4 West road/High Street - bollards: all in need of a clean as dull and not very visible.

9.5 Signage in town: this has been mentioned previously but there are a number of signs in the town pointing the wrong way, one in particular in Sidegate, by the opticians.

9.6 John McMillan update: John didn't have much to report other than the scaffolding has now come down at the George and the new offices at Brewery Park are now all occupied.

Thanks to all the councillors for attending the meeting.

10. Police Questions – Any items for Lynn can be sent direct to her or via Ruth

10.1 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified

1.Cont... Haddington Problem Solving Partnership to continue to tackle youth related antisocial behaviour in the town with a multi-agency approach - **next meeting of PSP 29/03/17.**

2. High visibility patrols in Victoria Road and Neilson Park Road, Haddington, in relation to road safety issues for school children.

3. Attention to long stay car park at Tesco, Haddington, re issues with antisocial drivers during evenings.

The next meeting will be Monday 10th April 2017 at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

11. Knox Academy News

11.1 Assembly: Callum reported that an assembly has been held for the future S6 pupils to tell them what their involvement will be over the next year.

11.2 Red Nose Day: the school held a sponsored head-shave to raise funds along with a dress-down day.

11.3 Dance show: a dance show has also been held to encourage inclusion for the P7 pupils coming up to their first year at Knox.

11.4 Recruitment interviews: S6 pupils took part in a recruitment interview session with local businesses taking the time to come along and 'interview' pupils. Rebecca said that this was a valuable and helpful exercise and gave them an idea of what to expect in a real interview. Thanks to all the businesses who took part, including Ross Prentice, the local banks etc.

12. Planning Applications

12.1 Clarendon Exhibition: this proposed development is not part of the original plans at Letham – residents are opposed to this and will petition against it.

12.2 Marmaris: had been served an enforcement notice. They now have tables and chairs in place and signage which is more in keeping with the area.

12.3 Burger van off Hospital Road: have now applied for a licence to trade

13. Local priorities budget

13.1 The sum of £500 is to be carried forward

14. Correspondence – has all been circulated via email by Ruth

14.1 St Marys church: Paul asked if they would borrow our Art Exhibition Banner for an event in May – this was agreed by all

15. Haddington Community Development Trust

15.1 Update from Fiona-Frances Adam

16. Events Group meeting

16.1 Update: Festival planning ongoing. This year there won't be a festival office for the sale of tickets – tickets can be bought from Betty's, Mike's Bikes and the library. A CC member needs to be present in the Corn Exchange during the festival café's and volunteers are needed for this.

17. Blooming Haddington (BH)

17.1 Update:

Town entrance signage: looks fantastic

Disabled ramp: this has been finished to allow access to the Oriental Garden

KMP: work ongoing

Pumpkin Patch Nursery: in talks with them regarding their outdoor space and what can be done

Ideal Garage: hoping to do some work in the area opposite

Seed beds: beds are now rotavated

18. AOCB

18.1 Victoria Park/traffic ban: residents from Victoria Park were present at the meeting to talk about the traffic ban during school in/out times. Residents feel there is a lack of communication from the council regarding this situation – they were originally told it was temporary, then it was permanent and now temp again. They have been issued with passes for the area but the ban has made it very difficult should they need to have anything delivered to the house during these times. It has been made even more difficult to adhere to as some parents continue to drive down the road to drop off/collect children from school. One suggestions would be to create a safe parking area where parents could drop children but when suggested to the council they won't commit to doing this. This has been an issue for many years and it was agreed that the onus is on drivers to take responsibility and observe the regulations during these times.

Jan said that we have had a lot of complaints and suggested that they put all their concerns in writing and email to the CC to take the matter up with ELC and the police. She also said that this could be taken to the monthly CAPP meeting (residents have already done this). John McM said he has already emailed Peter Forsyth and Lynn Black about this situation and asked that he be cc'd into any emails sent by residents.

18.2 State of roads: litter along the side of the bypass coming into Haddington is horrendous and the proposed drive-through restaurant will only add to this. Potholes throughout the county are also bad. Bear Scotland are responsible for this so it was suggested we write to them to ask if they can do something about these areas.

18.3 Flight paths: new proposals put Haddington under 6 possible flight paths so there is some concern about noise pollution. It was suggested these concerns be put in writing to Ruth and the CC can then discuss.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 11th April 2017 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 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
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

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

10/12 Street furniture – state of disrepair
Overhanging trees at Hilton Lodge
Lamp House Music – disrepair of road surfaces
Market St Pharmacy – mirror for sight lines
Slip road at Abbotsview – litter

2017

10/1 Carlyle Court – state of road

14/2 Roads issues: pole in pavement, Pencaitland Rd, diversion signs, dumped cones etc
Athelstandford: speeding signs, signage at cemetery

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

Pot Holes: Ideal Garage junction, Stevenson, West Road surfaces, Whittingham Drive, Aubigny Centre

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