

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 9th May 2017 in Council Chambers

1. Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Margaret Ingle (vice chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Rab Moran, Ron Goldie, Betty Sommerville, Chris Zientara, Paul Darling

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Robert Flood (KA), Callum Learmonth (KA), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: PC Lynn Black, Cllr John McMillan, Graham Samuel, Fiona-Frances Adam

3. Minutes of 11th April 2016

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Rab Moran and seconded by Betty Sommerville

3.1 Correction: Lynn was in attendance at the April meeting but not listed in the sederunt. The meeting was also not quorate but this had not been noted.

4. Matters arising

4.1 Item 8.1 Lynda Boyle-Ronaldson/Boundary: this item could not be discussed at the last meeting as was not quorate. We are also not sure if Ruth has written to the Chief Executive. Jan happy to do so if Ruth not able.

4.2 Item 16.1 Plants offered to BH: Rab offered to dig up the plants from Fiona-Frances garden but this has not been progressed as yet.

5. Treasurers Report – details already emailed to all members

5.1 John reported a few large transactions this last month including: deposit paid for the Hogmanay event, money for the Panto, Festival printing, Bridge Centre and money for new fridge for the Corn Ex. Jan suggested the money for the fridge come from the CC account and not Events Group account. All in agreement with this.

5.2 Local Priorities: there is money left in the account – Jan suggested we think of how to use this money.

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Whittingham Drive: Margaret reported potholes either side of the speed table.

6.2 Council Houses: Margaret asked the councillors present why there were no council houses being built. There are plenty developments of 4/5 bed luxury houses around the town but none for locals who are in need of housing. Shamin said that they are aware of this and have had meetings to discuss the issues around housing and are trying to push this forward. The fact that so many council houses were sold has made this a major problem but we cannot change history. The new developments do have to include 25% affordable housing but this issue will not be solved overnight.

Chris Zientara commented on anti-social behaviour and that perhaps those involved should be careful where these people are housed. This was recognised but on the same hand everyone has a right to housing and we cannot pick and choose our neighbours. All antisocial behaviour issues are in hand with the ASB team.

6.3 Housing Development signage: Chris McE asked who was in control of the signage throughout the town – signs are everywhere and can be confusing. Tom said that diversions were in place so that heavy vehicles do not come through the town centre. He will look into it though.

Action Tom

6.4 Bin in Market Street: the bin has been removed, but the fixing screws in the pavement left in place causing a potential trip hazard. More litter in evidence outside sandwich shop too. Can this be replaced? *{Since the meeting we have had confirmation that the refurbished bin is now back insitu}*

6.5 Artillery Park/Hardgate junction: Ron asked if anything could be done about the parking near this junction – sightlines are very bad and is an accident waiting to happen – could lines be painted preventing cars parking too close to the junction. This matter has been raised at the CAPP meeting and police are going to target this area.

6.5 Parking at Tyneside: Rab also brought up the problem with parking outside the Tyneside where the road narrows. This can also be a problem.

6.6 Victoria Terrace: this problem remains, with cars parking on both sides of the road, close to the junction. Tom said that this was to be addressed within the Local Plan.

Thanks to the councillors and in particular to our new councillor Shamin, who along with John McMillan are planning their surgeries and will welcome any input.

7. Police Questions – Lynn not in attendance therefore any items please send to her direct

7.4 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified

1. Pro Laser speed checks in East Saltoun following complaints of speeding vehicles entering the village.
2. Attention to be given to The Butts Sheltered Housing complex, Haddington following reports of possible suspicious person/s in the area in the evenings
3. Cont. PSP re youth related antisocial behaviour - *next meeting will be 31/05/17*

The next CAPP meeting will be 31st May 2017 at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Memorial Plaque: Callum confirmed that all the paperwork has now been completed and so the plaque should be in place on the bench in the High Street very soon.

8.2 St Martin's cemetery: although Callum will leave school at the end of this term he is looking to carry on with this work.

8.3 Poppy Scotland: Robert said that he and some S5/6 pupils attended a Poppy Scotland event recently which was very interesting.

8.4 P7 transition: this is also ongoing at present with visits etc by P7 pupils

8.5 SQA exams are ongoing at present

8.6 Haddington Community Young Achiever award: final day for nominations is 12th May but this date may be extended.

8.7 S1 deli project: presentation will be happening across various days next week.

8.8 Youth Games/Sports Awards: some pupils from Knox were in attendance at the games. The annual sports awards ceremony will be held on 23rd June.

This is Callum's last meeting with the CC – many thanks to him for all his help and input throughout the last year and we wish him all the best moving forward.

9. Planning Applications

9.1 Letham development: Paul reported only one new application which involves social housing at the Letham Development – nothing of note to discuss.

10. Correspondence – none to report. Ruth has passed out a lot of the correspondence via email.

11. Haddington Community Development Trust – no update available

12. Events Group meeting

12.1 Festival: all well in hand

12.2 Festival programme: should be ready for distribution by the end of the week. Help needed to get out to all households.

13. Blooming Haddington (BH)

13.1 Update:

Tesco: BH now one of the groups Tesco supporting with their token collection

Ideal Garage: funding has been secured to upgrade the grounds opposite the old garage site – re-do fencing and new seats

Potato boxes: ready for ongoing work

KMP/Hadd infants: weeding ongoing and raised beds at Infants school also in hand

Tubs/planters: work ongoing

Amisfield Garden: work also ongoing

Scotland in Bloom: Laura, Ronnie and Rab attended a seminar in North Berwick recently

Hanging baskets: 150 baskets are due to go up in mid June – see Laura if anyone wants to sponsor one.

13.2 On offer: Chris and Jan may have some items like plant pots, buckets etc that BH are welcome to use

13.3 Memorial Garden: BH have received a grant from Hadd and Lammermuir Area Partnership to improve the pathways in the garden.

14. Area Partnership Update – no update

15. AOCB

15.1 WW1 proposal: John Hamilton has now got a sample thistle and aiming to get this to Stuart Pryde for approval. 131 thistles in total, to represent each soldier killed – to be committed on the day they died. This to continue throughout the year starting on Armistice Day and will be put onto the fence around the monument. It was suggested we contact the Cranston family to let them know we are planning this.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 13th June 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, Dunpender 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?
- 10/5** Speed bumps - Monkrigg Road
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

- 14/2** Roads issues: pole in pavement, Pencaitland Rd, diversion signs, dumped cones etc
Athelstaneford: speeding signs, signage at cemetery
- 11/4** Lights out on Nungate Bridge

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

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

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