

## **Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council Minutes of meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Council Chambers**

Jan Wilson (Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Calum Learmonth, Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Rab Moran, Paul Darling

### **In attendance**

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Cllr Brian Small, Martin Hayman, Robert Flood (KA), Fergus Dickson (head pupil KA), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

### **2. Apologies:** Ruth Moncrieff, Graham Samuel, Fiona-Frances Adam, PC Lynn Black

*The meeting tonight was not quorate therefore cannot take any financial decisions – these will have to be taken forward to next meeting. The AGM cannot be held for the same reason – to be held next month.*

### **3. Resignations – Margaret Ingle.**

Margaret has decided for personal reasons to resign from the Community Council. She has been a sterling worker over the years and she will be missed – many thanks go to Margaret for all her hard work whilst with the CC.

### **4. Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Approval of the minutes deferred to next meeting.**

### **5. Matters arising – next meeting**

#### **6. Treasurers Report** – details already emailed to all members

**6.1 Bank accounts:** John reported that the Festival account has now been closed and sums transferred to the CC account with B of S.

**6.2 Fridge for CornEx:** this has now been delivered and installed.

**6.3 WWI money:** the first instalment has been paid to the blacksmith.

**6.4 Auditor:** £250 has been paid to the auditor. A query has been received from Peter Moore re this amount although it has been the same for the past few years.

#### **7. Honoraria** – as not quorate this cannot be decided

**7.1** Jan said that she was willing to forego hers but added that up until the last 2 laptops, that she had bought all the previous computers used by CC. The payment is in place to pay for expenses incurred whilst carrying out CC duties. Tom will find out how other CC's administer their honoraria and report back. Chris pointed out that all CC accounts are in public domain and as such we should be able to find out what other CC's do. In the meantime John H will contact Peter Moore for clarification on this.

*Action John H*

### **Martin Hayman, Treasurer Haddington Table Tennis Club**

Martin gave a brief overview of the club and their proposals:

*Overview:* the club has been operating since 2003 and currently use the Corn Exchange to run classes, which include special needs, children/youths, over 50's group etc. Due to demand they have now run out of space in this venue.

*Proposal:* Currently in the process of looking at developing a purpose-built centre behind the Pavilion in Neilson Park. This would potentially have enough capacity to run tournaments as well as being available for community use. Preliminary drawings are available and they will be holding a consultation session to give everyone the opportunity to discuss and comment on proposals. Within the new building, which will be built so as to blend in as much as possible to the surroundings, there will be a social area and will potentially be available for use by lots of different groups.

*Funding:* Various sources are being investigated, with Tyne Esk Leader and Sports Scotland being two avenues. They also have local firms such as Had Fab interested in sponsoring the project.

Martin will invite further comment once more detailed plans are available but wanted to canvas Community Council opinion and support in the first instance.

Jan thanked Martin for coming to the meeting and said that she thought this was a fantastic idea and would be a great asset to Haddington. As the meeting tonight was not quorate, further discussion would be held with other CC members and, if all in agreement, a letter of support would be sent.

## **8. Councillors Corner**

**8.1 Solar Panels:** Chris has been enquiring about solar panels and has been trying to get information from the planning committee. He believes that neighbours do not have permission but he has been told he needs to apply. Brian said he wasn't sure about this but would enquire on his behalf.

*Action BS*

**8.2 Curfew Bell:** Jan asked why the bell was not ringing any more. Tom not aware of any decision to stop but will investigate and report back.

*Action TT*

**7.3 Oak Tree roundabout:** it was reported that more than half the lights are not working and this has been for some time now. Tom thought it may be a timing issue but will investigate.

*Action TT*

**7.4 Victoria Terr and Hospital Road:** lights are also out in these areas. Shamin pointed out that all lights have a number on them and this can be called in so don't have to wait until the next meeting to report.

**7.5 Traders licence:** John H had asked at the last meeting about the possibility of a concessionary rate for CC – John McM was going to investigate. Tom not sure but will investigate and report back.

*Action TT*

## **9. Police Questions (as Lynn not at meeting pls email any items direct to her)**

### **9.1 CAPP meeting:**

#### **CAPP priorities identified**

1. Hi visibility foot patrols within Haddington town centre by community police officers in relation to recent shoplifting incidents

2. Attention to be given during licensed premises dispersal time in Cross Lane, Haddington, and surrounding streets in relation to urinating, antisocial behaviour and general disturbances.

3. Cont. Attention to be given to youth related antisocial behaviour at Knox Academy playing fields

## **10. Knox Academy News**

**10.1 PoppyAppeal:** Robert reported that 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils are currently running assemblies to raise awareness of the appeal. They are also busy making contact with local businesses and shops for potential locations for the collection tins. A veterans coffee morning is also in the planning – Robert asked for info on where to best get in touch with local veterans – it was suggested they get in touch with the local council and also the local British Legion secretary. Jan also suggested the Day Centre. The pupils are going to be located in Tesco with collection tins over a couple of weekends leading up to Armistice Day.

**10.2 Armistice Day parade:** Jan has been asked to have 8 volunteers to man the road closures as only 2 police officers will be available. Ruth has got in touch with the Knox - Robert will look into this. Volunteers also needed to serve refreshments beforehand.

**10.3 HCDT:** the CDT are looking for a senior pupil to represent the school. Robert said they are also hoping to have a rep for the Events Group.

**10.4 Fireworks/Funday:** also hoping to find volunteers to help out at these events

**10.5 2018 – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Festival:** Jan said that the Events Group will be meeting in January to discuss the year ahead and we would be happy for the school to be involved.

**10.6 WWI commemorations:** John spoke about the plans to commit a thistle for each of the 131 soldiers lost in the war. He asked if it would be possible for pupils to be involved if family members were not available. They are also looking for a bugle player to play the last post. It was suggested we contact the teacher in charge of brass section (David Robb).

**10.7 Young Achievers award:** this has been passed back to the CC to organise. Shamin surprised there is not more interest in this. It was suggested that perhaps Calum could give a talk to the school to promote. It was also suggested that an article in the Courier might encourage more interest.

## **11. Planning Applications**

**11.1 Gateside East/West:** Paul submitted our comments on both areas as per previous meeting.

## **12. Correspondence – all details email to members**

## **13. Haddington Community Development Trust**

**13.1 AGM:** The AGM is on 31<sup>st</sup> October at 730pm in Town House. It was suggested as many members attend – it is free to become a member of the CDT. Fiona-Frances has resigned from the CDT and Calum has agreed to be CC representative – thanks to him for this.

**13.2 Other items discussed:** town centre/parking strategy, treasurer report, community choices (participatory budgeting) – local community put forward ideas which then goes to a vote to decide who receives funding.

**13.3 Website:** progressing but a slight decrease in views has been noted. Lots more focus on Facebook which gets more interest. Paul said they are looking into producing a daily blog and possibly a newsletter. It was also suggested that the CC minutes go onto the website.

#### **14. Events Group meeting**

**14.1 Sub groups:** decisions were made as to what each sub-group were in charge of eg Fireworks, Christmas in Haddington, Hogmany Bash etc.

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

##### **15.1 Update:**

*Baskets:* the baskets are due to be taken down at the end of the week.

*Volunteers:* it was suggested the Courier run an ad to ask people to come forward to help. People can contact either Joe Forte or Laura Samuel direct if interested.

*AGM:* Will be held in October

#### **16. Area Partnership (AP) Update**

**16.1 Funding:** Paul gave brief details of some of the recent funding awarded eg girls rugby at Knox – awarded 7.5K for equipment and a community kitchen awarded £300.

**16.2 AGM:** will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov at Roodlands site. This is open to everyone and a guided tour of the new hospital will be included.

#### **17. Art Exhibition (12-15<sup>th</sup> October)**

**17.1** October 10<sup>th</sup> - help needed to set up. October 11<sup>th</sup> – preview night, help needed also. Jan also asked for help to man the exhibition between 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Betty and Margaret will look after the catering.

#### **18. AOCB**

**18.1 Armistice Day 12<sup>th</sup> Nov:** parade will leave the Corn Exchange at 1020am

**18.2 Town Centre Public meeting 31/10:** important that everyone attends to give their views

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm. The AGM will be held in November.

#### **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?
- 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

10/12 Poles in town centre - christmas lights  
Bench at bottom of High Street  
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

13/6 Ball Alley – pole sticking up  
Tyne Walkway – flooding(behind St Mary's)

10/10 Curfew Bells  
Street lighting not working (Hosp Rd, Oaktree roundabout)  
Traders licence – concession available

**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)