

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 13th March 2017 in Council Chambers

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Jan Wilson (Chair), Ruth Moncrieff (Vice Chair/Secretary), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Betty Sommerville, Rab Moran, Haig Hamilton, Calum Learmonth, Chris McEwan, Fiona McEwan,

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Robert Flood (KA), Cole Dean (KA), PC Lynn Black, Monica Poborska Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Cllr John McMillan, Fiona-Frances Adam, Paul Darling, Graham Samuel, Morgwn Davies

New Applicants: Pat Lemmon and Chris Zientara - statements

Pat Lemmon:

Previously, I was a Community Councillor for nearly six years, was part of the group that introduced the Haddington Vision and set up the Community Development Trust, was one of the founder members of the Festive Lights Group (that grew into the Events Group) and was one of the founder members of the Haddington Business Association that grew from the Traders Association.

I grew up and have lived in Haddington for most of my life, I want to ensure that Haddington remains a wonderful place to live, work and socialise in, by re-joining the CC and by being part of the decision making process, I can play my part in making this happen.

Chris Zientara:

Although Chris stepped down from the CC last year he has since had a change of heart and on learning more about the Town Vision and spoken to many residents through his business he has been encouraged to re-join and bring his and his customers points of view to the meetings.

Both left the meeting and a vote was taken: result - 6 in favour of Pat and 2 for Chris with 1 abstention. Therefore, we are pleased to go ahead and invite Pat back onto the CC. Ruth will write to them. Action Ruth

3. Minutes of 13th February

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

4. Matters arising - none

5. Treasurers Report – details already emailed to all members

March 2018 - Summary of Accounts

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £14,180.48 as of 22/2/2018 (pending payment out of cheque for £250, but payment in of £552.96 from LP)
- Events Groups TSB balance: £8,539.33 as of 29/1/2018 (pending paid out cheque to value of £704.88)
- Held in cash-box: £507.22 as of 26/1/2018
(CC cash = £41.02, Events cash = £466.20)
- Local Priorities uncommitted 2017 – 2018: £2,771.31 as of 8/3/2018

Highlights

- Mainly Local Priorities transactions.

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.

- Honorarium cheques written out to Chairperson (£250), Treasurer (£350) and Correspondence secretary (£100).

Events Group TSB Account transaction highlights, since last report

- Hogmanay G4S security payment made via cheque for £704.88 to ELC (VAT free).

Local Priorities Account transaction highlights, since last report

- Lilian requested to transfer Santa Sleigh LP monies to CC BoS account, amount £275.76.
- Lilian requested to transfer remaining Armistice 2017 LP monies to CC BoS account, amount £277.20.
- Cost of £750 Xmas lights 2017 cherry picker erection and removal. Erection of 2 visits @ £250 each, and the removal visit of (£250).
- Cost of £180 Xmas events Myreton equipment cost paid through LP.

Cash transaction highlights, since last report (CC: from CC cash, EC: from Events Cash)

- <nothing to highlight>

Local Priorities Summary

(RLXH) 5144 carry over from 2016/17	£3,056.68	WW1 Commemoration	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
Hadd Trusts	£70.00	New Christmas lights 2017	£5,773.12	£5,773.12	£0.00
2017/18 budget	£11,270.00	Myreton Festival Week equipment	£669.50	£669.50	£0.00
Total Budget	£14,396.68	Corn Exchange fridge	£759.99	£759.99	£0.00
		Santa Sleigh Run	£275.76	£275.76	£0.00
		Armistice Event	£327.00	£49.80	£277.20
		WW1	£890.00	£705.34	£184.66
		Erection of Christmas lights	£250.00	£250.00	£0.00
		Erection of Christmas lights 2	£250.00	£250.00	£0.00
		Myreton Christmas equipment	£180.00	£180.00	£0.00
		Removal of Christmas lights	£250.00	£250.00	£0.00
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					£0.00
Total Uncommitted	£2,771.31	Total Committed	£11,625.37	£11,163.51	£461.86

5.1 Update: the cheques for the honoraria decided last month have been sent out. Christmas lights money is now all received. Cost for putting up/taking down was £750 – total spend this year on the lights was approx. £5000. Jan thanked the ‘boys’ for all their hard work in dealing with the lights this year – people don’t realise how much work goes into this each year – a huge thanks to all involved. Also thanks to Rab, John and Chris who shovelled snow outside areas such as the Day Centre and who also filled all the yellow grit bins during the recent snowy weather. Also thanks for Haig for helping with the gritting of the roads.

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Whittingham Drive: there was some concern about the state of the road. It was confirmed that this had also been brought up at the CAPP meeting and will be addressed.

6.2 Sidegate - pothole: Jan reported a pothole around the area of Haddington House. Tom said that the council will be addressing roads.

6.3 Lights at Market Street/Ideal garage junction: John asked that the lights sensors be replaced as they have been changed since the resurfacing works done.

6.4 Bollards Gateside/Post Office: Jan said the bollards at Gateside have been removed. Shamin confirmed that they will be replaced once the building works are complete. Jan also said that the one outside the PO is still not lit up.

6.5 Thanks to roads dept: Chris wanted to pass on thanks to the roads dept – during the spell of bad weather they did well to keep the main roads gritted and open. Tom will pass on – it’s often that criticism is in abundance but we should make sure the good stuff is reported.

Action Tom

6.6 Weather watch team: Jan also wanted to thank Sandie and his weather watch team for all their updates.

6.7 Curfew Bell: Tom reported that this is now restored to working order and the north clock face is at the correct time. Although not all residents seem pleased about this as there were some complaints to the police and on social media.

7. Police Questions

7.1 Lynn ran through her report (copy available from Lynn)

7.1 CAPP meeting:

CAPP priorities identified

- 1. Fire raising** – continue to police hot spots
- 2. Speeding on West Road** – pro laser checks planned
- 3. Anti-social behaviour, Cross Lane:** ASB team are also involved in targeting this area along with police foot patrols. Poor lighting, pub dispersal etc all contribute to the problem in this area.

The next CAPP meeting – date to be confirmed

7.2 Youth Shelter: Shamin said there has been a meeting to discuss – complaints have been received by residents about the location of it. Various areas such as Whittingham Drive, Sports Centre, Scout Hall have all been suggested. The Scout Hall was favoured as there are facilities at the other 2 already. Although this is by no means set in stone and is still up for discussion. Stuart Pryde is leading on the planning side of this.

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Updates: Community Engagement ongoing, dress down day held, bakes sales held. Courtyard – thanks to Blooming Haddington for their help with this (cleared and tidied the area)

8.2 Sports Relief: event to be held, pupils vs staff – various activities planned like football, netball, rugby etc with local referee coming to help out.

8.3 Showcase concert: this going ahead tonight

8.4 Twinning Association: senior pupils taking part in a quiz night

8.5 Enterprise Hub: Robert said this was held on Wednesday afternoons with the theme ‘lead a bright future’. All ideas welcome. Shamin pointed out that this has been funded by the Area Partnership who also run the hub – they have already done some great work within the school.

8.6 Haddington 700: the whole school photo is being done on 26th April – he had an idea that it be taken from above with the pupils forming the shape of the number 700 – help and suggestions on how to achieve this would be welcome.

8.7 Events Group: Robert also said that the school are very keen to continue involvement with the Events Group, especially with the 50th Festival activities.

8.8 Spring Concert: this is planned for 27th March in the evening only.

9. Planning Applications (Paul not at meeting but not aware of any issues)

9.1 Sainsburys: Jan said we have some concerns on the rumours that the Oaktree site has been sold on to Developers by Sainsburys. It would appear that this is the case – Cameron suggested what has been proposed would be along the lines of Fort Kinnaird, only on a smaller scale. Chris suggested nothing can be done until we know for sure, although Jan strongly pointed out that we have to do everything to protect the town centre and local businesses. Will be discussed once any planning applications come online for this.

10 Correspondence – all been sent out to CC members

10.1 East Lothian Bus Charter: information received by Jan – date for comment is June.

10.2 Haddington 700: request for input and help with a possible donation to promote this event. John H proposed we donate £500, this was seconded by Fiona McEwan and agreed by all. *Action John H*

11. Haddington Community Development Trust – no update available

12. Events Group meeting -no update, festival arrangements ongoing

13. Blooming Haddington

16.1 Update: Bad weather has delayed some jobs but they have been working at the Oriental Garden, seating area at Herdmanflat, Knox etc. Hanging baskets have been promoted around local businesses.

16.2 Volunteers: Rab asked if Cameron could put a write up in the Courier asking for volunteers. *Action Cameron*

14. Area Partnership (AP) – no update available

15. AOCB

15.1 Hut: thanks for Haig for looking after the hut – he will arrange with John/Rab to collect it and take away for safe storage.

Action Haig/John/Rab

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 10th April 2018 in **Council Chambers, Town House** at 7.00pm.

Outstanding Matters Arising from previous minutes

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
Traders licence – concession available
- 12/12** Station Court – disrepair of the road

2018

- Feb** Wynd by Leisure Time - ?signage
Road by car park – Nungate Bridge
Mill Wynd – tree stump at corner -? Removal
- March** Whittingham Drive
Unlit bollard at PO/Gateside development
Traffic lights at Ideal Garage junction - sequencing

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

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

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