

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 12th June 2017 in Council Chambers

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Jan Wilson (Chair), Ruth Moncrieff (Secretary), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Rab Moran, Morgwn Davies, Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Fiona-Frances Adam, Paul Darling, Calum Learmonth, Betty Sommerville

In attendance

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

Presentation by Alistair Dickie, Ediston Property Investment Co (EPIC).

Alistair reported that EPIC has obtained the site at Oaktree from Sainsbury's with the intention of developing into a retail site – applications have been submitted. A public exhibition will be available in the JG Centre from next week.

The development will comprise 5 main retail units (3 food retailers and 2 variety retailers) plus 1 coffee drive-thru. They are not at liberty to say who these are at present but confirmed that they are all national retailers. There may also be some smaller kiosk units.

Timings: hoping to have the applications completed for Aug, with consent Jan/Dec with a view to starting on site 1Q 2019. Fit out 4Q with the hope that they would be up and running early 2020. The investment value is estimated to be in the region of 14 million pounds with around 150 jobs created.

Harperdean: still interested in this site and if it were to progress it may run in tandem with the Oaktree site.

Impact on the town: Tom asked how they see the retailers fitting in with what's already in Haddington. Alistair thought that they would be keen to be part of the town and to fit in with the Action Plan. He suggested that the retail park would be good for the town – would keep people here, rather than travelling further afield for shopping - it is estimated that 60/70% leakage goes elsewhere and having this choice would mean people stay local.

More information should be available towards the end of the year and Alistair will keep us informed of any developments. Jan thanked him for coming to the meeting.

2. Apologies: Cllr John McMillan, Rory Macdonald, Pat Lemmon, Graham Samuel

3. Minutes of 8th May

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Fiona McEwan and seconded by Calum Learmonth

4. Matters arising

4.1 Item 7.1 Hardgate (extended parking spaces): John asked if this had been pursued. Tom did look into this matter but has not been rectified as yet.

4.2 Item 7.3 Haddington 700: Pat had asked who was funding this and was told to get in touch with ELC via the 'Freedom of Information Act'.

5. Treasurers Report – Summary of Accounts

Local Priorities summary (still showing last financial year's as no updated sheet received from Lilian yet)

(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

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £15,440.74 as of 23/5/2018
- Events Groups TSB balance: £9,972.65 as of 5/6/2018 (Many outstanding cheque payments pending, so figure artificially high).
- Held in cash-box: £458.16 as of 7/6/2018
(CC cash = £41.02, Events cash = £417.14)
- Local Priorities **uncommitted** 2018 – 2019: £11,300.00 as of 10/4/2018

Highlights

- Many transactions due to Festival week activities, a few costs and a payment still pending.

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £300 donation to CC for the WW1 Thistles from the family of one of the Soldiers.
- £200 donation from Prentice Coaches for the WW1 Thistles.
- £1081 ELC Admin donation for financial year paid into account.

Events Group TSB Account transaction highlights, since last report

- Many activities due to Festival week. Current cost of Festival 2018 running at £1,075 with pending on the income from Tea/Cake Saturday tent and the cost of a donation to the parade sergeant.

Local Priorities Account transaction highlights, since last report

- <nothing to highlight>

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

- Made a cash transfer of £2376 from cash box into TSB account due to monies received as part of Festival week.

5.1 John reported a busy month due to the festival which this year has cost just over £1000 (see festival summary). Cheque pending to be cashed by the EG (£3100). Donations to the sum of just over £500 have been received towards the WWI thistles.

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Newton Port Surgery: Fiona-Frances asked if there were any plans to extend the surgery. It was suggested that there will be a surgery built within the Letham Development.

6.2 Dropped kerbs: wheely bins are being placed over the kerbs on bin night.

6.3 Dog bins: Chris asked if a dog waste bin could be provided near the golf course (up by 9th tee)

6.4 Monkmain Road - potholes: Calum reported that his car had been damaged recently and could something be done about the potholes. Tom said he would check if this area was on the programme of repairs. **Action Tom**

6.5 Overgrown bushes/enforcement: Chris and Fiona thanked ELC for sorting out this problem.

Jan thanked Tom for attending the meetings and wished him a good summer break. Before leaving Tom wanted to commend John on his vision and arrangement of the WWI Thistle ceremony – as well as other CC members, Tom has attended some and thought it was a very touching tribute.

7. Police Questions – report available. Any comments/problems please email direct to Jan or Ruth

7.1 Lynn Black: Lynn was very touched by the flowers sent from the CC and sent her thanks to all.

7.2 CAPP priorities

1. Attention to be given to playing fields at Knox Academy, Haddington, with regards youth related antisocial behaviour.
2. Complaints regarding speeding motorbikes travelling through Gifford, in particular at weekends.
3. General attention in relation to various complaints of traffic speeding on Pencaitland Road and West Road, Haddington.

Next CAPP meeting TBA

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Update: S1 arranged a deli where they served soup/sands/smoothies – all well received.

Activities week went smoothly as did Sports Day today.

P7 transitions taken place recently.

Sports Awards will be held on 22nd June.

‘Safe Sanctuary’ pupils are taking part in this on 26th June (Sandie Baptie giving a presentation).

Awards Ceremony taking place on 27th June.

8.2 Music Tuition: some pupils were involved in a demonstration against the introduction of fees for music tuition. This is a nationwide initiative and will only affect those taking as an extra-curriculum class. All pupils taking music at Nat 5 level will still receive this tuition free of charge.

Jan thanked all those from Knox who have been involved this past year and wished those leaving all the very best.

9. Planning Applications

9.1 George Hotel: an application has been received to change the upstairs from retail to finance and consultancy (ie offices)

9.2 Wind farm off coast of Fife: it was decided that this would not have any visual impact to us in Haddington, other than from the top of the Garleton Hills.

9.3 Oaktree site development: Paul encouraged everyone to attend the public meeting so they can have their say. The planning application should be due around August but we can ask for an extension as we will still be on summer recess.

10. Correspondence – all distributed previously

11. Haddington Community Development Trust – no update available tonight.

12. Events Group meeting

12.1 Festival: all the events were very well attended. Jan said a huge thanks to all who were involved in whatever capacity.

12.2 Next meeting: the next meeting will be an EG and Festival meeting combined on 26th June

13. Blooming Haddington

13.1 Resignation: Rab reported that the secretary (Emily) had resigned. She was wished all the very best.

13.2 Update:

Work at GSB on hold at present.

Lady Kitty's, work continues here

Heathers planted at the monument

Oriental Garden – tidied up (wall had been knocked down)

Brackets for hanging baskets now up (baskets due to go up 22nd June)

Bulbs planted in 3-tier planters

Ground near dentist planted up

Trailer - Rab said that we can borrow one from Haig if needed

13.3 Beautiful Scotland: judging for this will be 9th August, route TBA

14. Area Partnership (AP)

14.1 Chairman: Craig McLachlan has taken over this position.

14.2 Update: an email has been sent round with all the updates regarding funding applications. Lots of work has been done lately regarding this

15. AOCB

15.1 Website: it had been agreed that the CC pay for the hosting of our website and that there will be a page for the Cranston Family. This should be live shortly – still to be decided what the page will be called – John will let us know.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 11th September 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

May

Hardgate – parking spaces

Victoria Terrace – double lines on pavements

June

Dog bin at golf course

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

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

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