

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 13th November 2018 in Council Chambers

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Jan Wilson (Chair), Rab Moran, Fiona McEwan, Pat Lemmon, Fiona-Frances Adam, Paul Darling, Calum Learmonth

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Cllr Brian Small, Robert Flood (KA), Georgia Greenan, Kuba Stepniewski (KA), Moira Graham, Jim Graham (HBCP), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Morgwn Davies, Chris McEwan, Ruth Moncrieff, John Hamilton, Betty Sommerville, PC Charlie Duncan

Resignation: Jan reported that Rory Macdonald, due to family commitments, has had to resign from the CC. He was very keen to be involved and will perhaps re-join at a later date when time allows.

3. Minutes of 9th October

Correction – Pat was in attendance at the October meeting

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Pat Lemmon and seconded by Fiona McEwan

4. Matters arising

4.1 Our Community Kitchen: Jan went along to the lunch on Tuesday and said the meal was fantastic. They provide a 3-course lunch, with tea/coffee and only ask for a minimum donation of £3. We had originally agreed to donate £500 for a new oven. Unfortunately they underestimated and it will actually cost them £1200. Jan asked if the CC would consider increasing our donation. It was agreed by all that this is a very worthy cause and that we should give them £1200 - proposed by Rab and seconded by Pat. They will be hosting their Christmas meal on Tuesday 18th December.

Action John

5. Treasurers Report – Summary of Accounts sent out to all

October 2018 – Summary of Accounts

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £15,309.93 as of 11/10/2018
- Events Groups TSB balance: £7,017.22 as of 1/11/2018
- Held in cash-box: £363.44 as of 9/11/2018
(CC cash = £137.20, Events cash = £226.24)
- Local Priorities **uncommitted** 2018 – 2019: £7,414.00 as of 9/9/2018

Highlights

- 3 yearly memberships paid.
- Local priorities paid out to Pipe Band and Community Kitchen.

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £100 donation received for WW1 Thistles from George Cairns family.
- RAGES yearly membership renewed at a cost of £10.
- Friends of the River Tyne yearly membership renewed at a cost of £20.
- Horticultural society yearly membership renewed at a cost of £30.

Events Group TSB Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £288.44 paid to Adamson Drinks via Betty's for selection boxes for Xmas funday.

Local Priorities Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £1350 paid to Haddington Pipe Band for 2 sets of training bagpipes. Money paid from LP.

- £1000 paid to Community kitchen (as they now have their own account). Money paid from LP.

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

- <nothing to highlight>

6. Honorarium

Chair: Jan confirmed that she does not want to take the honorarium this year.

Treasurer: it was proposed John be given £350 – **this was agreed by all**

7. Haddington Business Community Partnership (HBCP)

7.1 Update:

AGM: Moira reported that the first AGM has now been held. The total membership now stands at around 70 with an elected committee which includes representations from professionals, local traders, community groups etc.

Events: The HBCP were delighted to take part and help with the Fireworks and Armistice Day and were also pleased to have pupils from KA involved.

Logo competition: They have recently judged the schools competition for designing their logo – 1st year pupil at KA won – many thanks to KA for facilitating this.

New ventures: They would also like to welcome the St Columbus charity shop and hub due to be opening next month in the High Street - think this will be a great addition to the town centre.

Disabled access: Jim wanted to highlight how bad the town centre is for those in wheelchairs. Pavements are in disrepair and dropped kerbs are very often blocked by parked cars. Outer lying areas of the town are much better equipped to handle wheel chairs. It was also pointed out that pavements are frequently blocked by wheelie bins. Brian Small said he would take this on board.

Action Cllr Small

7.2 ASB in town centre: a member of the HBCP who lives in the town centre regularly has problems with ASB near Cross Lane. It was suggested that improving the lighting here may go some way to helping with this. Tom said that this needs to be reported at the time to the ASB team who should deal with it – this has been reported on a number of occasions. Pat reported a similar incident at the bottom on the High Street at 7pm – on calling the ASB team they were told that no one was available to deal with it. Tom will get in touch with the CAPP to investigate. Pat will also send information on this event to the CAPP.

Action Cllr Trotter/Pat

John McMillan reiterated at this point that problems should be reported right away and not to wait until the next CC meeting

8. Councillors Corner

8.1 Pothole, Sidegate: Paul said that this was very evident during the march on Sunday

8.2 Victoria Terrace, double yellow lines: Paul asked if this had been progressed at all – lots of congestion due to parking close to the junction

8.3 Monkmain Road, missing speedbumps: this has been reported on numerous occasions and has still not been fixed. Two are missing at the fastest part of the road.

8.4 Buses parking in bus stops: problems are caused by buses stopping for periods of time both in High Street and Market Street. Whilst we understand that drivers are due a break, this should not be at the actual bus stops which causes congestion.

8.5 Banners in the town: Pat asked why other groups have their banners up and the EG were told by Planning that they could not put anything up more than 2 weeks before an event. John and Tom didn't know why this should be and will look into the rules around this.

Action John McM/Tom T

8.6 TTRO meeting: 26 TTRO's were discussed at a cabinet meeting today. 15 of these are to prevent indiscriminate parking and also to discuss disabled spaces and yellow lines. It was suggested this was a robust and reactive paper. John McM reported that the current transport strategy is out for consultation – some councillors were in favour of more enforcement – this would require more parking wardens.

8.7 John McM wanted to thank all those involved in the event in St Mary's on Saturday 10th November. Thanks also to East Coast FM. He felt the whole event was a very fitting tribute and very memorable. Tom agreed – it was great to see so many people taking part and all were a credit to the town. And many thanks also to John Hamilton for the thistle initiative which has been taking part throughout the year.

Jan also thanked all those involved – to those who gave their time, to Moira who took charge of the marshalls and to John and Rab who over the year have been a huge part of the thistles memorials (Rab has not missed one single thistle event). Rab also thanked all those who came along to each ceremony.

Many thanks also to Knox pupils who came along to the armistice on 11th. John said he was very proud of Robert, Liam and Georgie who were invited to the parliament re the Poppy Appeal.

9. Police questions – police report available on request

9.1 CAPP priorities

1. A PSP (Problem Solving Partnership) has been set up to tackle complaints of antisocial behaviour in the High street, Haddington, and surrounding streets.

2. Speed checks to be conducted on West Road & Pencaitland Road, Haddington, and in Bolton, Gifford & Humbie.

The next date for the CAPP meeting is set for Monday 10th December 2018 at 6.30pm at the Town House, Haddington.

10. Knox Academy

10.1 P7 integration week: S6 pupils coordinated this event where pupils and parents are invited to attend Knox for an information evening.

10.2 Schools Scotland event: careers information evening held for S5/6 pupils

10.3 Poppy Scotland: Knox ran the poppy appeal again this year. Boxes were placed in various businesses in the town. Pupils were also in attendance at the Garleton Singers performance of The Armed Man in St Marys – just over £2000 was raised on the night. They reckon they will achieve around £5000 in total this year for the appeal. Pupils also held a veterans coffee morning which was very well received.

10.4 Resilience Event: Robert said that a couple of S5 pupils were involved with this event which went really well.

10.5 ‘700’ photo: they school managed to arrange this – Robert had a copy to show the meeting. An aerial photo was taken of the whole school in the shape of the no 700 which was very effective.

10.6 Children in Need: Georgie reported that the school will be taking part in various fund raising events this Friday as part of the appeal.

10.7 Christmas concert/S6 panto: will be held on 18th December - performances in both the afternoon and the early evening. The panto will also run a couple of performances on 19th Dec.

10.8 Christmas in Haddington: Pat looking for some help with this. Robert will chase.

10.9 Events Group meetings (3rd Tues in the month): no one has been coming from KA – Pat wondering if they know about it. Robert thought that the senior leadership teams were dealing with it but will chase. **Action Robert**

Huge thanks to Robert for all the work he does and the pupils who attend the meetings – it is great for the CC to get the views of the younger generation and we really appreciate their help.

Jan also wanted to say a huge thanks to ELC – the SAGG meetings have proved to be very successful. It has been suggested that all the TTRO's and Risk Assessments are done at a joint meeting, this would be very helpful and save time – Pat will drop an email to John McM on this subject **Action Pat/John McM**

11. Planning

11.1 Letham/Dovecot: 2 notices of variations – nothing of note

11.2 Tenterfield Drive: 3 houses planned for this site (re-application). The boundary wall is not affected in these plans

11.3 Local Transport Strategy: everyone urged to have a look at this paper and give feedback. Same with the Economic Strategy – both papers are worth having a read.

11.4 Parking payment Strategy: this is also up for consultation. This discusses the possibility of pay and display town centre parking. All groups are able to make comment. Pat asked if there was a condensed version – John will make it available. Pat pointed out that as a CC we have a duty to make sure the public understand these papers.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Food Bank: letter from Joan Ramsay asking for help to buy 600 bags for their Christmas ‘jingle bags’. They need £600 – asking each CC for a donation of £100. This was agreed by all at the meeting. **Action John H**

13. Haddington Community Development Trust (HCDDT) update

13.1 Workshop has been planned in January to which Jan will attend.

13.2 It has apparently been the view that groups such as CC, HDBA, HADAS, KA should not be represented on the HCDDT. If this was the case then Pat said they would need to take the work 'community' out of their title. It was agreed that we write to them to ascertain the situation.

Action Jan

14. Events Group (EG) update

14.1 Fireworks: very successful evening with over £10,000 raised - this should make the event self-funding in future. Many thanks to all the helpers and especially to the new business association for their volunteers who helped on the night.

14.2 Christmas in Haddington (25/11) – all help welcome

15. Blooming Haddington (BH) update

15.1 Work continuing at Lady Kitty's Garden and the Oriental Garden.

15.2 AGM will be held on 14th Nov

15.3 Planters being done this week. 'MADE in Haddington' group may be decorating them for Christmas. Jan thanked Rab for the update and said the displays this year had been fabulous

16. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership (HLAP) update

No update – next meeting 6th Dec.

17. AOCB

17.1 East Lothian Gift Card: this is being promoted this year instead of the Shop Local initiative.

17.2 Apologies were received from Calum for missing the Armistice in Haddington. He was marching at an event in Glasgow

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 11th December 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)