

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 9th October 2018 in Council Chambers

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

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Robert Flood (KA), Dylan Brotherston, Kuba Stepniewski (KA), Lauren Aitchison (KA), Moira Graham (HBCP), PC Charlie Duncan, Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Cllr Brian Small, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Morgwn Davies, Nico De Freitas

3. Minutes of 11th September

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Ruth Moncreiff and seconded by Chris McEwan

4. Matters arising - none

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

October 2018 – Summary of Accounts

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £15,259.93 as of 18/9/2018
- Events Groups TSB balance: £7,559.07 as of 2/9/2018
- Held in cash-box: £363.44 as of 8/10/2018
(CC cash = £137.20, Events cash = £226.24)
- Local Priorities **uncommitted** 2018 – 2019: £5,746.00 (+£4000 Festival) as of 27/9/2018

Highlights

- Xmas lights payments now coming through LP.

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £20.02 donation to CC for the WW1 Thistles from Jackie Leinhe, £50 donation from volunteer Lilian McCartney and £50 donation from Tricia Bateman great niece of soldier. Total donations to date of £790.02.

Events Group TSB Account transaction highlights, since last report

- <nothing to highlight>.

Local Priorities Account transaction highlights, since last report

- WW1 Thistles: Final payment of £305 to Sean Cockburn Blacksmith pending payment.
- Latest snapshot received from Lilian, on Page 2. Note £4000 pledged for 50th Festival, but not been used to date.
- £1000 pledged to The Community Kitchen project – still to be paid when they get their own bank account sorted.
- Xmas lights 2018: £1759.10 paid through Lilian for various Xmas light purchases – materials, lights for two Trees, Xmas switch-on plunger. Note £450 of this not yet showing in Lilian's latest snapshot.

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

- <nothing to highlight>

Local Priorities Summary – October 2018

BUDGET 2018/19

HADDINGTON (RLXH) 5144	Budget	Activity	Committed	Spent	Remaining
carry over from 2017/18	£1,955.66	WW1	£184.66		£184.66
		refuse bag holders	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
2018/19 budget	£11,300.00	50th Festival celebrations	£4,000.00		£4,000.00
Total Budget	£13,255.66	Festival marquees etc	£460.75	£460.75	£0.00
		Cranston website WW1	£226.20	£226.20	£0.00
		Christmas lights 2018	£1,309.10	£1,309.10	£0.00
		Fireworks 2018	£1,210.70	£1,033.70	£177.00
					£0.00
		Total Committed	£7,491.41	£3,129.75	£4,361.66
Total Uncommitted	£5,764.25				

5.1 Updates:

Donations: donations to date totalling £790.02 received towards the WW1 memorial thistles (including Lilian McCartney £50, Linda Mitchell £50 and Jackie Leinhe £20)

Local Priorities: we still have £9,764 uncommitted and need to think of ways to use this money.

Proposal: John H proposed we give a donation to the Pipe Band to purchase two sets of practice pipes (£650 each) – this will help the next generation of pipers. All were in complete agreement with this suggestion - Jan said they are a credit to the town and have been greatly supportive of the Thistle project. Proposed by John Hamilton and seconded by Rab Moran.

Action JH

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Update:

Housing: John McMillan reported that the Local Development Plan (LDP) has now been passed – this sets out the housing proposals up to 2024. Sesplan takes these proposals beyond 2024. Jan commented that the general feeling is that there are not enough affordable/council houses on the agenda for local people. Tom countered by saying that 25% of builds is better than none at all and that the building taking place to the west end of the town is a great improvement – roads and pavements are being upgrade due to these continued building projects. This would not have taken place otherwise. John stated that there is a paper available showing the allocations – will send Jan a copy. **Action JMcM**

Remembrance Service: John reported that there will be a joint service held on the 10th November led by the Lord Lieutenant and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland – this will bring together all the veterans/British Legion etc. John asked if the CC could provide some people to help serve refreshments afterwards. He also said that they are looking at the possibility of lighting up some of the prominent buildings in the county. Jan asked if it would be possible to also light up the fountain – John will find out. The Garleton Singers are performing ‘The Armed Man’ in St Mary’s on the evening of 11th in St Mary’s. There may also be a lone piper playing early that morning, along with other possible events – to be confirmed.

Thanks to all the councillors for their support throughout the year.

7. Police Questions

Jan introduced PC Charlie Duncan to the meeting. He has taken over as community police officer from Lynn Black. He read out his report (copy available)

7.1 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. Attention to be given to Haddington Golf course, Whittinghame Drive, in relation to numerous complaints of youths damaging the course and setting fires.
3. Speed checks to be conducted on West Road & Pencaitland Road, Haddington, and in Bolton and Gifford.

7.2 Community Speed Watch Scheme: an initiative which allows communities to purchase their own speed monitoring equipment. Details are being circulated round Community Councils for consideration. This will not replace the police but will allow the communities to help tackle areas of concern regarding speeding. John McM

thought it was very worthwhile and should be considered as a deterrent - will not replace the role of the police but will run alongside. Vehicle registration nos will be passed to police who will contact the drivers.

Next CAPP meeting: Monday 29th October 2018 at 6.30pm at the Town House, Haddington

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Update:

European Week of Languages: pupils have been taking part in different events this week. Congratulations from John McM in encouraging the speaking of different languages.

UCAS evening: pupil/parent university information evening held

Poppy Scotland: Knox pupils have been busy organising all the boxes and delivering round businesses in the town. They will be collecting in Tesco over the weekends leading up to 11/11 but anyone else welcome to help out during the week.

Armistice Day: hoping to have KA representatives to attend on the day.

Charities committee: each house has been working to support 3 chosen charities – Dementia Friendly, Muirfield Riding for the Disabled and EL Foodbank

Haddington 700 – school photo: still hoping to have this done (bad weather prevented the last time)

P7 integration evening: pupils coming up from primary get a chance to visit to the school

HCDT: Robert said they have a pupil, Adam Fairgrieve, who will sit on the committee

9. Planning Applications

9.1 East Fortune museum: plans have now progressed to a formal application for a larger hangar for the concord display and a new café area

9.2 Letham Mains: further details are available for 275 houses to include social housing. Only comment was that all this was showing to be built to one side of the development – Paul thought it may have been better to have been integrated round the development. No mention of a High School extension – Jan confirmed that this had been confirmed at a previous meeting. A primary school is planned within this development along with a GP surgery.

10. Correspondence – most sent previously via email

10.1 WWI memorial - letter of thanks: received from Tricia Bateman and Linda Mitchell, along with a donation of £50 towards the thistle memorials.

10.2 Ideas are requested for a memorial next year to commemorate the return of the regiment and the freedom of the Burgh. A meeting will be held to discuss the way forward with this.

11. Haddington Community Development Trust – no update available tonight

Calum said he still doesn't receive any minutes from the meetings. Ruth will write to Fran to ask her to email the minutes to Calum

Action Ruth

12. Events Group meeting – first meeting will be held next week.

12.1 Corn Exchange: will be closed for refurbishment from January to November 2019. Some thought will need to be given to venues for events normally held in the CE. It was reported that the committee is growing and is going to take this opportunity to look at ways of changing the festival etc.

13. Blooming Haddington

13.1 Update:

Lady Kitty's: Iris's had been planted but were being vandalised therefore have been removed and will be planted elsewhere.

Hanging baskets: have now been removed – huge thanks to Colin Armitage for his help

AGM: will be held either 8th or 15th November

14. Area Partnership (AP)

14.1 Draft Area plan will be rolled out to all other areas

14.2 AGM – will be held Feb/March 2019

14.3 Training: mandatory training will be available for new members

14.4 Funding: Loose Parts Play – this is the last year AP will fund – will be self-funding thereafter.

14.5 Future plans: Paul said the AP are always looking for new ideas so everyone welcome to propose – will be assessed and if meets the criteria will be taken forward for consideration

15. Haddington Business Community Partnership (HBCP)

15.1 Moira reported that they are doing well, with the group continuing to grow – currently sitting at around 70 members. Their AGM is scheduled for 25th October.

15.2 PSP – glad to be involved with this

15.3 Marshalls for parade: have been asked if they can provide marshalls for the 25th and Armistice day parade. The Rotary cannot supply any marshalls this year. Pat also said they need for the Fireworks day event. Jan confirmed that our responsibility is to provide barriers and have warning signs in place. Charlie will find out how many police can be available also. A meeting will be held once we know how many marhalls we have.

15.4 Moira asked if the CC had any thoughts on the proposal for a new charity shop in the town. Pat suggested that it was a good thing as charity shops will only open in towns they consider prosperous.

16. AOCB

16.1 Our Community Kitchen: Email received from Elaine Gayle thanking the CC for their donation of £1000 towards a new oven and Christmas lunch – delighted that the CC has supported them so generously. They are hoping to expand the provision to more days in the week (currently serve lunch on Tuesdays 1230-3pm)

16.2 Resilience Day: this is being held at the Brunton Hall on 27th October (9-1230).

16.3 Association of Comm Council's: talk from Planning on 30th October – asking for questions in advance

16.4 Community Council members/attendance at meetings: it was suggested we need to address the '3 meetings rule' – some members have failed to attend regularly. Pat said that we are aware of at least 4 people keen to come onto the CC therefore we should ascertain whether those not attending regularly still want to remain on the CC. Jan will approach them direct.

Action Jan

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 13th November 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)