

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 11th September 2018 in Council Chambers

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Jan Wilson (Chair), Ruth Moncrieff (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, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Sue Cook, KA Head Teacher, Robert Flood (KA), Sam Thomson (KA), Lauren Aitchison (KA), Moira and Jim Graham, Graham's Jewellers, Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

Welcome: Jan welcomed everyone back after summer break. She also introduced Sue Cook, Head Teacher at Knox, along with Head Pupils Sam Thomas and Lauren Aitchison. Also attending the meeting are Moira and Jim Graham who are representing Haddington Business Community Partnership

Guest Speaker: Angela Leitch could not make this month's meeting – this will be rescheduled for a later date.

2. Apologies: Pat Lemmon, Morgwn Davies

3. Minutes of 12th June

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Fiona McE and seconded by Betty Sommerville

4. Matters arising - none

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

September 2018 – Summary of Accounts

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £15,318.93 as of 20/8/2018
- Events Groups TSB balance: £7,559.07 as of 2/9/2018
- Held in cash-box: £237.26 as of 14/8/2018
(CC cash = £11.02, Events cash = £226.24)
- Local Priorities uncommitted 2018 – 2019: £11,300.00 as of 10/4/2018

Highlights

- <nothing to highlight>

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £100 in donations to CC for the WW1 Thistles from 3 families of the Soldiers. Total donations to date of £670.
- £226.20 paid directly to CC account from our Local Priorities – for cost of Cranston website creation.

Events Group TSB Account transaction highlights, since last report

- Majority of the Festival week monies now paid or in.

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)

- <nothing to highlight>

Local Priorities Summary – Sept 2018

(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
					£0.00
					£0.00
Total Uncommitted	£2,771.31	Total Committed	£11,625.37	£11,163.51	£461.86

5.1 Updates:

EG account: current balance £7,500. **CC account:** current balance £15,300

John also reported that a donation of £670 has been received towards the WWI thistles – this was much appreciated.

Local Priorities: we still have some uncommitted and need to think of ways to use this money. One suggestion was to give some to Blooming Haddington (as we did not give any this year)

6. Councillors Corner

6.1 Update: John McMillan reported that the recent Haddington 700 had been a great success. It was estimated that around 5000 went through the Haugh on the day and that some 3000 people were still in attendance for the evening events. A great number of visitors were in the town and enjoyed their guided tours. Shamin concurred that the Hadd 700 had been a fantastic event and she thanked all the Knox pupils for their help and support.

John also reported a recent meeting had been held by the Problem Solving Partnership with another successful meeting last night regarding the Town Centre.

Kings Meadow/St Mary's Primary School: it was confirmed that the new head teacher for the amalgamated schools will be William French, who joins us from Royal High Primary in Edinburgh

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

7.2 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. High visibility patrols in and around Kings Meadow primary school in relation to complaints of youths regularly climbing on the roof.

Next CAPP meeting: Monday 17th September 2018 at 6.30pm at Haddington police station.

8. Knox Academy News

8.1 Update:

School photo (in the shape of the no 700): still hoping to arrange this

Charities committee: this has been set up and will work with local charities (each school house will represent one)

UCAS convention: pupils were involved with this recently

'Fire up Scotland': a recent event at the school with inspirational speakers

Poppy Scotland: a team of pupils will be running this

St Mary's/Armistice Day: the Garleton Singers will be performing 'The Armed Man' on 11th November – some Knox pupils will be in attendance

Safe Sanctuary: pupils will be attending this event

Volunteering Fair: this was held in the school recently, with representatives from the community in attendance

Duke of Edinburgh Awards: a number of pupils are currently working towards their awards

8.2 Events Group/HCDT: Sam confirmed that they are planning on having a representative from KA for both groups.

8.3 John wanted to thank Robert Flood for all he does. He also wanted to say how impressed he was at a recent event ('Eco-challenge') in which Knox pupils represented themselves excellently and came joint first with Dunbar, winning a sum on money and trophy for the schools. Thanks also to the jazz band who played at a reception recently and to ex-pupil Caitlin Bruce who played also.

Jan agreed that the KA staff and pupils have been amazing with all their help and support. Sue Cook added that her first few weeks have been lovely – she has been made very welcome, with great support from staff, parents and pupils. She has been overwhelmed by the challenges and initiatives running within the school and looks forward to continuing this great work.

9. Planning Applications

9.1 Oaktree area: Paul attended a recent presentation which confirmed that they are planning approx. 6 units which will include a garden centre and drive-through coffee shop. The finer details of which retailers are actually involved was not available and there was some concern about the design of the entrance. They are addressing this issue. There is also concern about the effect on the local business community and the actual look of the buildings (HADAS have raised similar concerns). It was also suggested that a pet food store may be on the cards and the impact this may have on our local businesses like Mains. John asked if it were possible to 'block' certain retailers from coming to the site – it was thought this wasn't possible. The planning application will probably be presented in the next few months

John McMillan said that there is a presentation in the John Gray Centre on 24th September on creating vibrant town centres and how to achieve this – all welcome to attend. The Local Development Plan is based on the principle of 'Town Centres First' and this is the driving force behind it.

9.2 Letham Mains: slight change of plans to reflect the size of the houses but no change in the actual number of houses on the site. Brian said that a number of bungalows area also planned for the site.

9.3 East Fortune Airfield: plans have been submitted for more museum units to the north of the site – this to be the new hangar for the concord exhibit. Public exhibitions are planned for 18th Sept at the JC Centre in Hadd 3-7pm and E Linton Primary on 24th Oct 6-8pm. Letter of support to be written to them. *Action Ruth*

9.4 Town Centre Streering Group: Jan read out an email from Jamie Baker – the group is looking at ways to regenerate the Town Centre, making it a more desirable place to do one's shopping and perhaps stopping for lunch etc.

10. Correspondence – most sent previously via email

10.1 WWI memorial - letter of thanks: John read out a letter from Pat Courtney thanking John and the CC for organising the thistle memorial. They were very touched and thought it was great how it brought families together. John confirmed that the last thistle ceremony will be take place on Armistice Day.

11. Haddington Community Development Trust – no update available tonight (*Calum said he does not receive any minutes from the meetings – this to be addressed*).

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

13. Blooming Haddington

13.1 Beautiful Scotland Awards: BH were delighted to win the gold award, as well as being named the best medium sized town. Rab passed round the certificates and trophy for all to enjoy - well done to everyone involved in this. Rab also wanted to thank the council for all their help and support.

13.2 Twinning Association/BH: John McMillan reported on a recent event at Lady Kitty's involving the planting of iris's and lavender. They are hoping that pupils from the schools will help to plant more. JMcM will send out the details to all. Tom Trotter reiterated how proud we all are of all the initiatives and hard work by many to make the town as great as it is. Jan agreed – it has been a wonderful year for Haddington and it has been great to see so many groups working together to achieve this.

14. Area Partnership (AP) – no update avail. Next meeting will be held end September.

15. AOCB

15.1 Haddington Business Community Partnership (HBCP): Moira and Jim gave an outline of this new initiative. Many local groups and businesses are interested, including Hadd Pipe Band, Hadd in Bloom, Nungate Gala, MADE in EL, Farmers Market, Falko's. Talks still ongoing with many more businesses so looks to be a very positive project for the town and community.

15.2 Armistice Day: John reported that as this is the centenary year a number of events have been planned for the 11th, including beacons being lit nationally at 430pm with the possibility of a bugler playing in the morning (?5/6am) – still to be confirmed. All other arrangements going ahead as normal on the day, leaving the CExch at 1015am. Rab will carry the flag.

All credit to John for the organisation of this and the thistle memorials throughout the past year. And thanks also again to Rab who has not missed a single thistle event.

15.3 Art Exhibition: Jan needs help on Tues 9th from 10am. Following year – due to the refurbishment of the hall in 2019 we may have to consider alternative venues.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 9th October 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)