

# Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

## Minutes of meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Council Chambers

### 1.Sederunt

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

### In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Robert Flood (KA), KA pupils Lauren Aitchison, Bethany Hunter, Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

**2. Apologies:** Morgwn Davies, Ruth Moncrieff, Cllr Shamin Ahktar, Moira and Jim Graham, Cameron Ritchie (Press), PC Duncan

### 3. Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> December - Corrections

*Attendance: Georgia Greenan (KA) was in attendance at the Dec meeting*

#### 16.2 Spelling of Haddington

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Pat Lemmon and seconded by Fiona-Frances Adam

### 4. Matters arising

**4.1 Item 12. HCDT:** their AGM is the end of January and we have yet to have any communication with them and our representative Calum has not received anything for the last couple of months. It was agreed we write to them with our concerns about the proposals to drop community groups. Pat will draft a letter and email members before sending it out.

*Action Pat*

**4.2 PC Lorna Bairden:** Pat said that she thought it was highly disrespectful how Morgwn spoke to Lorna at last months' meeting. Jan reiterated that as members of the CC (and as a such representatives of the public) we should be very careful how we speak and should deal with certain things out-with the public meeting.

### 5. Treasurers Report – January 2019: Summary of Accounts sent out to all

#### Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £18,293.94 as of 27/12/2018 \* ref £2075 comment
- Events Groups TSB balance: £3,833.47 as of 2/12/2018 \* ref £2075 comment
- Held in cash-box: £20.94 as of 9/11/2018  
(CC cash = £20.79, Events cash = £0.15)
- Local Priorities **uncommitted** 2018 – 2019: £6,499.45 as of 5/12/2018 \* ref £2075 comment

#### Highlights

- Santa Sleigh and house visits have cost £525.80 – this is higher than last year as there were 6 house visits, with one house having 3 recipients. This will be paid from LP budget.
- \*£2075 mentioned last month regarding it being incorrectly paid from Events account, but to come from LP. £2075 has now been tx'd from LP into BoS account for onward payment into Events account. Cheque written to have it reimbursed into Events account, so all of above totals need to bear this in mind.

#### CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.

#### Events Group TSB Account transaction highlights, since last report

- <nothing to highlight>

#### Local Priorities Account transaction highlights, since last report

- The Fireworks' £1033.77 entry showing against last month's LP ledger has now been removed from our LP ledger.

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

- <nothing to highlight>

## Local Priorities Summary

BUDGET 2018/19					
HADDINGTON	Budget	Activity	Committed	Spent	Remaining
(RLXH) 5144					
carry over from 2017/18	£1,955.66	WW1	£305.00	£305.00	£0.00
		refuse bag holders	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
2018/19 budget	£11,300.00	Haddington Pipe Band - bagpipes	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	£0.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>£13,255.66</b>	Festival marquees etc	£460.75	£460.75	£0.00
		Cranston website WW1	£226.20	£226.20	£0.00
		Christmas lights 2018	£2,259.10	£2,259.10	£0.00
		Our Community Kitchen	£1,700.00	£1,700.00	£0.00
		Remembrance Day	£355.16	£355.16	£0.00
		<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>£6,756.21</b>	<b>£6,756.21</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Uncommitted</b>	<b>£6,499.45</b>				

### 5.1 Updates:

**Local Priorities:** just under £4k still uncommitted. The work to upgrade the junction boxes will probably make use of this money – this can be discussed at the next EG meeting. Our new Local Priorities budget will be available from around April. Chris also wondered if we can access the Area Partnership for funding. Jan will be meeting with the housing developers later in the month to discuss the possibility of them supporting the community. The Common Good Fund has also been suggested as a means of funding.

**Christmas lights:** Jan will also mention this to the developers – Chris pointed out that some of the lights will need to be replaced and others repaired – this all costs money and would be very welcome if the developers were involved.

**Santa run:** thanks to John and all his helpers for organising and to Haig for housing the sleigh. John suggested that next year we may need to split into two separate events as very busy this year – it took over 3 hours to get round the route and do the house visits and on an exposed sleigh this was pretty chilly.

## 6. HBCP – none present

### 7. Councillors Corner

**7.1 Disabled spaces in High St:** Fiona-Frances had an issue with someone using a disabled space and was told by the driver that it wasn't legally enforceable – this is already being dealt with.

**7.2 Parking at Railway walk:** Fiona said there are still problems up at Gateside at the beginning of the railway walk. Tom has looked at the area and not managed to see any sign of this.

**7.3 Parking around Alderston/Community Hospital area:** John McM has been in touch with the developers who have been warned regarding parking in this area – they must ensure they do not impact on the residents in the area. Residents have already noticed a difference since this warning was issued.

**7.4 Amisfield Park walkway:** Chris asked if this walkway could be cleared so it can be used. John will look into it – he asked Chris to send him details of the exact location

*Action John McM/Chris*

**7.5 Disabled signs (residential):** John asked if there was any legal obligation to remove these signs from a residential property if the owner moves away. Tom thought that the new owner may have the courtesy to remove if not needed – he did not know the legal standing on this but will investigate.

*Action Tom*

**7.6 Lennox Road 'Well':** Rab wondered who was responsible for this as in need of some attention. It was thought that it was previously looked after but the Tranent Rotary Club and Grant's Braes Trust ? John McM will enquire if ELC will do anything about this.

*Action JMCM*

**7.7 Cross Lane:** JMCM reported that the police have increased patrols in this area due to the previously reported ASB. The lighting problem is with Scottish Power

**7.8 Dog dirt – Nungate Bridge:** this has been addressed - wardens have increased patrols

**7.9 Lothian Gift Card:** positive feedback on this initiative

**7.10 Town Centre Strategy:** meetings have been held with Sustran to discuss the way forward. John will report more fully when more information available.

**7.11** Tom reported that the hogmany event was excellent and enjoyed by all.

**7.12 Resurfacing of roads:** Jan asked if Sidegate was going to be addressed (she has previously reported potholes).

**7.13 West Road exit at Oaktree:** this will be resurfaced in mid January. The developers have been reminded they need to consider the residents in the area whilst building work ongoing. Tom also pointed out that although there may be periods of inconvenience due to all the developments at the west end of town, once this was complete the area will be a great looking entrance to the town.

## **8. Police Questions – none in attendance but report available**

### **8.1 CAPP priorities**

1. Speed checks to be conducted on West Road, Pencaitland Road, Whittinghame Drive Haddington, and in East Saltoun.

*John McMillan wanted to point out that any issues he has reported recently have been dealt with incredibly well – the police are a very positive force within the town. He reiterated that any incidents spotted should be reported immediately.*

**Next CAPP meeting:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 6.30pm at the Town House, Haddington

## **9. Knox Academy News**

### **9.1 Update:**

*Festive box competition:* boxes were decorated (theme ‘Christmas movies’) they were filled with non-perishables then distributed to the community

*S6 panto:* 2 performances held

*Christmas concert:* 2 performances on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Jan apologised for the CC members not being there – they were at the OCK xmas lunch.

## **10. Planning Applications**

**10.1 Proposal for flats in small car park next to GP surgery:** Paul has reported back our comments and objections to this development.

**10.2 Town Centre Strategy - Parking:** a fairly lengthy debate ensued re parking but it was suggested this was not the time of place for such discussions.

**10.3 Pure Malt:** have submitted proposals to build a brew house on the land to the left of the road. No objection to this

## **11. Correspondence – none to discuss**

**12. Haddington Community Development Trust** – no update available again tonight. Their AGM is on 28<sup>th</sup> January and it was suggested we write to ask what their plans are regarding community groups etc. Pat will draft a letter outlining our issues.  
**Action Pat**

## **13. Events Group – no update**

## **14. Blooming Haddington – no update**

## **15. Area Partnership (AP) – no update avail**

**15.1 CC representative:** Pat happy to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> representative to attend meetings if needed. Next meeting is Thursday 7-9pm at JMH

**15.2 Curling Pond:** John McM said that the rotary are investigating the cost of restoring the pond

## **16. AOCB**

**16.1 Planning liaison officer:** Paul currently undertaking this role. Chris will share this job. John McM said that the planning dept hold meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month if anyone interested in attending.

**16.2 Corn Exchange - refurbishment:** everything needs to be cleared out by the 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. It was suggested this be discussed in detail at the EG meeting next week.

**16.3 Plaque for Dino Pacitti:** Calum has the money that was raised for this but so far no one has got back to him regarding putting in place. He has tried to contact Stuart Pryde a number of times.

**16.4 Rotary ‘Citizen of the Year’:** John McM was delighted to nominate John Hamilton for this award.

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 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  
  
**2019**  
 Jan

**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)