

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 12th March 2019 in Council Chambers

1.Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Rab Moran, Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Betty Sommerville, Paul Darling, Jim Graham, Calum Learmonth,

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Moira Graham (HBCP), Nico De Freitas (HCDT), Robert Flood (KA), Kuba Stepniewski (KA), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Ruth Moncrieff (Secretary), Morgwn Davies, Pat Lemmon, Fiona-Frances Adam, PC Duncan

3. Community Council applicant – Jack Worden

Jack was invited to say a few words on why he wants to be part of the CC. He has lived in Haddington over 30 years and his family have attended the local schools. Now that he is retired from his role at Napier University he feels he has more time to contribute to the community - particularly now that Haddington is undergoing a significant period of change. Jack feels he can draw on past experience and skills he acquired in supporting the development and management of the University and bring these skills to work with the CC.

Jack left the room and a show of hands revealed a unanimous vote in favour of his application. He returned and was given the good news and invited to stay for the meeting.

4. Minutes of 12th February

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

5. Matters arising

5.1 Item 7.4 Amisfield Park walkway: Chris will complete the application form to present to the Area Partnership
Action Chris

6. Treasurers Report – March 2019: Summary of Accounts (sent out to all)

6.1 Audit: has been undertaken and passed (Susan Farmer)

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £18,793.39 as of 14/2/2019
- Events Group TSB balance: £7234.12 as of 3/2/2019
- Held in cash-box: £520.94 as of 8/3/2019
(CC cash = £20.79, Events cash = £500.15)
- Local Priorities **uncommitted** 2018 – 2019: £0.00 as of 10/1/2019

Highlights

- 2017/2018 Audit of accounts initiated from Peter Moore; Susan Farmer has again agreed to conduct the audit, which is WIP.

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

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Local Priorities Account transaction highlights, since last report

- <nothing to report>

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

- <nothing to report>

COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOCAL PRIORITY SCHEME					
BUDGET 2018/19					
HADDINGTON (RLXH) 5144	Budget	Activity	Committed	Spent	Remaining
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
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	£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
		Christmas tree lights (3 trees)	£2,075.00	£2,075.00	£0.00
		East Lothian Foodbank	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
		Santa visits	£525.80	£525.80	£0.00
		Christmas light junction boxes	£3,798.65	£3,798.65	£0.00
					£0.00
		Total Committed	£13,255.66	£13,255.66	£0.00
Total Uncommitted	£0.00				

7. HBCP (Moir)

7.1 Update:

Town Centre Development - the general consensus among the group was that there were definitely areas of concern and they would be asking members some relevant questions so that they can instruct the Rep. on the Steering group as to their stance on the subject.

Anti-social behaviour - remains high in the concerns of the HBPC. While acknowledging that the recent PSP was generally very successful in tackling day time issues there still remains a problem after business hours and particularly at the weekends.

Marketing - currently producing a glossy magazine called MY HADDINGTON in conjunction with the Editor of the Toun Cryer. Aimed primarily at the new people coming to Haddington with lots of local content from Community members and local groups to explain what goes on in the Town and what makes Haddington tick! Prices for membership advertising has been set and met with general approval. The Provost has said he will write the forward.

‘Totally Locally’ – another initiative which is a collaboration between groups – still in the early stages and will keep the CC informed.

8. Councillors Corner

8.1 Church St: Fiona McE reported a car parked on the pavement at Church St, outside the old Day Centre building. Disabled bay also needs re-painted. Tom thought that the problem here was that the pavement is very narrow and can easily become a problem if cars park too close – blocking the passage for buggies/wheelchairs etc. This has been reported.

8.2 Monkmaims/Seggarsdean: Calum thanked the council for replacing the speedbumps. He also asked if a sign for Monkrigg Place could be put in place.

8.3 Sidegate: Jan thanked the council for resurfacing Sidegate but could they replace the Disabled Bay please.

8.4 John McMillan update:

Blocked drains in Sidegate – has been reported

Community Hospital – on target to open in August. John has had a tour of the building and is most impressed. The parking issue on site will be addressed and more provided and landscaping done with a completion date predicted of March 2020. Tom pointed out that residents have been very patient and understanding during the upheaval of the construction of the hospital (with regards increase in parking/traffic)

Herdmanflat – negotiations are in hand to buy but still in the very early stages

Area Partnership – AGM on Saturday

Cross Lane/lighting/ASB – lighting problem is being addressed and the police are aware of the problems here

8.5 Resignation/retirement: Brian Small has resigned – by-election to be held on 9th May (*Jan took this opportunity to thank Brian for attending the CC meetings*). Jan said that Craig Hoy has asked to meet with Jan with regards his application for the post.

Lilian Pryde retires at the end of March – her post will be replaced

8.6 Retail Park: Jim asked if there were any developments to report. Nothing to report at this point.

8.7 Station Court: Rab thanked the council for resurfacing – have done a great job.

8.8 Hopetoun Drive: Rab asked if double yellow lines could be put in place at Tustain Motors – lots of congestion and sight-line problems due to parking near the junction.

8.9 Budget: Jack asked how the increase in council budgets would be used. John reported that they are looking at ways of improving processes and continuing to deliver services.

8.10 Morrison Construction (MC): Jan had a meeting with Henry Lennon where he said that MC were keen to bring something to the community. They are part of the ‘Considerate Construction Scheme’ and are therefore very good at liaising with the community and being accountable for their actions. Any suggestions of how they can contribute to the community are welcome.

9. Police Questions

9.1 CAPP priorities

1. Speed checks to be conducted on West Road, Pencaitland Road & Aberlady Rd, Haddington, & in East Saltoun, Humble & Bolton.

2. Patrols to be carried out in Cross Lane, Haddington, due to ongoing ASB consisting of drunken disorder, damaging property and urinating in the vennel.

The next date for the CAPP meeting is set for Monday 15th April 2019 at 6.30pm at the Town House, Haddington

10. Knox Academy News

10.1 Eco-week: very successful event to raise awareness

10.2 LGBT: dress down day held

10.3 Rotary Club (Gordon Boyd, link person): donation received for their inclusion fund. Also, S2 pupils took part in a technology event and just missed out on 1st place. Leadership award – outward bound activity planned in July.

10.4 Young Enterprise presentation

10.5 Awards Evening: to be held on 28th March at Napier

10.6 East Lothian Showcase: the music department took part in this very successful evening held last week

10.7 Twinning Association: students studying French had a trip to Aubigny

10.8 Spring Concert: planned for the end of March

11. Planning Applications

11.1 Letham Mains: plans available for 34 more houses (continuation of the original plans)

11.2 Coop, Hopetoun Drive: plans submitted for extension for stores and refrigeration unit. Not thought to be needing comment.

11.3 Gateside West: Starbucks have applied for a drive-thru unit. Sound-proof boarding will be in place to alleviate any potential noise disruption to neighbouring housing. It was suggested we write to voice our concerns regarding possible noise problems to residents and to say that this will need to be monitored (*Action Paul*). It was also confirmed that planning applications are currently with the council for 3 main and 2 smaller units for the retail park.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Application to join CC: received from Jack Worden (previously discussed)

13. Haddington Community Development Trust (Nico)

13.1 Nico reiterated that the CDT are working to develop the town and continue good relations with all community groups. Meetings are held in the Fletcher room on the 1st Monday of each month (next one 1st April). Calum is currently the CC representative – he will hopefully attend this meeting.

13.2 Marketing Haddington: one suggestion came from Jack regarding adding Haddington to local bus tour routes (we are currently not on their list of towns to visit, with North Berwick and Dunbar being the main focus). Jack agreed to draft a letter to the bus company (*Action Jack*)

Walking tours of the town - Nico said this is one of the events the CDT are looking at developing. John Hamilton currently involved in the history walks around the town on Saturdays.

14. Events Group

14.1 Festival: arrangements currently ongoing. John put paid to the rumour that the Fun Day is not going ahead – this is not true, just that some attractions for the day are still in negotiations.

15. Blooming Haddington

15.1 Hanging Baskets: Rab and Joe have been round local businesses with details for this years' baskets (£36 basket, £110 planter)

15.2 Eco week: BH involved in this initiative at KA.

15.3 Banner: a banner is now in place at crossroads advertising BH's achievement of finalist in 'Britain in Bloom'

15.4 Planting continuing at GSB

16. Area Partnership (AP)

16.1 Presentations: event happening at the Bowling Club on 16th March at 1130am

16.2 Application for funding: money still available in the Education Budget. Applications to go via the education board for consideration.

16.3 Successful funding applications:

Art Point £7,600

KA (support worker for Duke of Edin) £4,800

Bridge Centre Motor Cycle Club £10,713

Outreach youth workers £5,832

Meadowpark- have to re-submit their application

17. AOCB

17.1 Citizen of the Year award: John Hamilton was richly deserved of this award – congratulations!

17.2 Lilian Pryde: due to retire end March – suggest we invite to the next meeting – all agreed to this. *Action Ruth*

17.3 Request for Funding: Fiona asked the CC if they would consider giving some funding to the Wee Red Upcycles CIC Project run by Lyn Hamilton in Church Street. Wee Red Upcycles CIC is a Community Interest Company (not for profit) which specialises in teaching valuable transferable skills in repair, re-designing and upcycling of furniture to Vulnerable Adults and Young People within the community, building confidence, self-esteem and breaking down barriers to support people to reach their full potential through a creative process. They deliver fun friendly workshops and training courses in a relaxed all-inclusive and friendly environment across East Lothian and further afield. Inspiring people to upcycle, reuse and redesign and to live a more sustainable life. They also sell unique designed quality upcycled furniture as well as take commission work. They are currently using the old Day Centre building but this needs some work done to make it more user friendly (ramp, drop rails etc). Rab proposed £500. Chris proposed £1000, seconded by Betty. A show of hands was held and 7 voted in favour of giving them help to the sum of £1000. It was also suggested they investigate the Common Good Fund and also the Area Partnership for further help with funding this very worthwhile project.

17.4 Lost Haddington (LH): John had a proposal to bring to the CC, which was discussed and agreed at this meeting (seconded by Rab). Details cannot be shared at this time – details will follow once it becomes public knowledge.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 9th April 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)