

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 9th April 2019 in Council Chambers

1.Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Rab Moran, Pat Lemmon, Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Betty Sommerville, Paul Darling, Jim Graham, Morgwn Davies

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Ruth Moncrieff (Secretary), Fiona-Frances Adam, Jack Worden, Nico De Freitas, Robert Flood (KA), Moira Graham (HBCP), Cllr Shamin Akhtar, PC Duncan

Jan welcomed Lilian Pryde to the meeting tonight. She has been a great support to the CC over the years and will be sorely missed now that she has retired. Jan said we are very sad to see her go – we appreciate all she has done and wish her a very long and happy retirement. Lilian was presented with a gift to show our appreciation and some beautiful flowers. She was overwhelmed by this and said it had been a pleasure to work with the CC and felt it was her way of giving something back to the community.

3. Minutes of 12th March

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Fiona McEwan and seconded by Chris McEwan

4. Matters arising

5.1 Item 17.4 Lost Haddington: Morgwn wondered why details were not recorded. It was explained that we are trying to organise something and did not want it to come out too early as a surprise for the recipient!

5. Treasurers Report – April 2019: Summary of Accounts (sent out to all)

5.1 Local Priorities: with Lilian retiring the money will come straight into the CC account. John reported that most of this money will be consumed by the £20,400 needed to replace the junction boxes for the xmas lights. He is still pursuing the Common Good Fund and will update on outcome of this once he has made the application.

5.2 Hall hire: Jan reported that as of 1st April the CC will have to pay for the hire of halls for our events (apart from rooms we use for meetings – these will still be FOC). This is expected to have a huge impact on our finances and may mean that we may not be able to run all our usual events (eg Art Exhibition etc). The EG are the major fundraising stream now since taking over from the Festival Cttee but we should all remember that they are volunteers who give their time and energy to making these events happen. It was felt that unless we get more community involvement/help that some events just will not be able to run. Jim said they (HBCP) are putting their efforts into encouraging new residents to the town to get involved via articles in the Toun Cryer.

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £18,597.79 as of 25/3/2019
- 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 3/4/2019

Highlights

- £20,400 pledged from the combined CC and LP budgets for Phase 1 of Xmas lights junction box replacements (2nd stage payment also required, of £3,582).
- Our 2019/20 LP and Admin budget has been announced, a total of £12,661. We're to get an LP of £11,480 and an Admin budget of £1,181, and should be in our account any day now. Note for the first time this money is to be paid directly into our CC BoS account, and not held by the Council's community Liaison.

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £10 paid to RAGES for yearly membership
- £100 paid out for leaving present for Lilian Pryde.
- £100 reserved for Cricket 100 recognition for the Cruikshank family.
- £1000 cheque paid to Red Recycling centre.
- £351.05 paid to Zurich for this year's Public Liabilities insurance.
- £185 cheque paid to East Lothian Council as application fee for our PEL (Public events Licence) for Festival 2019.
- Order has been sent to R3 to go ahead with replacement of Xmas light junction boxes. Payment is agreed at £17,000 +VAT (£20,400) no later than 30th June this year, then a Phase 2 payment of £2,985 + VAT (£3,582) to be paid no later than 31st March 2020.

Events Group TSB Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.

Local Priorities Account transaction highlights, since last report

- Have been notified of this year's LP budget of , and an Admin payment of

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

- <nothing to report>

6. HBCP – no update this week

7. Councillors Corner

7.1 Knox Court: Betty reported disrepair of the pavement at the entrance to Knox Court. Lots of residents with walkers find it difficult to negotiate. John McM reiterated that these sort of issues should be reported right away.

7.2 Social Work Budget: Pat asked for clarification on budget cuts and whether SW dept have been told to review Care Packages as a result of these cuts. Councillors present weren't sure about this but will find out and report back. Jan also reported a huge increase in the cost of community alarms and the worry for some who may not be able to afford this increase. John assured the meeting that the vulnerable would not have their alarms removed.

7.3 Corn Exchange upgrade: Rab asked when the work was starting. It was confirmed that this has begun but that problems have arisen which have already put back the schedule.

7.4 John McMillan update:

John wanted to praise a number of events he was involved with regarding the Knox: Music showcase, Police Scotland young volunteer awards being a couple of them. He was also involved with the mock interviews recently and thought they all did very well.

7.5 Traprain Silver: The John Gray Centre is due to host an exhibition of the iconic roman silver artifacts found some 100 years ago and would encourage all to go and have a look.

7.6 Trail Bikes: bike packing route being discussed for the NB area to encourage cyclists. There is also talk of doing a foothills trail. At least one other CC is interested in this and if enough interest is generated then there may be a chance we get a world famous cyclist on board to promote.

7.7 Area Partnership AGM: John attended the recent AGM which highlighted lots of local groups who have already benefited from their support (eg Art Point, Our Comm Kitchen, Historic Town Trails etc).

8. Police Questions – report available

8.1 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

9. Knox Academy News – none present

10. Planning Applications – nothing for discussion

11. Correspondence

11.1 Accounts Audit: letter received from Morham Consulting to confirm the accounts have been audited and all are in order. Thanks to our Treasurer John.

12. Haddington Community Development Trust – Nico not in attendance, no update as such

12.1 Budget: Pat reminded the meeting that she had previously asked for a breakdown of what the money had been spent on – as yet this has not been forthcoming. It was suggested that Jan write to David Cockerton (Chair) to ask for this information. *Action Jan*

12.2 CC representative: Calum had confirmed he was able to attend their meetings. Jan will email Calum to see if he made it to the last meeting and to check that we will therefore be getting copy of the minutes. *Action Jan*

13. Events Group

13.1 Festival: arrangements coming together with events on each day confirmed which include opening concert, ho-down, tea dance, quiz night, princess/pirates night, bike display, ponies, quad bikes, balloon makers, stilt walkers, fairground rides etc. The festival this year is very family orientated.

13.2 East Coast Buses: Pat is in talks with them with regards a free bus service to run during the Festival, the Fireworks night and Xmas in Haddington. They are also discussing advertising these events on the buses. Pat will report back on these discussions when more info available.

14. Blooming Haddington

14.1 Falco's: planters now in place

14.2 Hanging Baskets: brackets taken down from the shops not taking part

14.3 Memorial Park:

14.4 Britain in Bloom: prov judging day is 9th August. A wheel barrow trail is also being planned for this year.

15. Area Partnership (AP) – no update (meeting next month)

16. AOCB

16.1 WWI centenary: On 30th April this year it will be 100 years since the last soldier returned and to mark the occasion a tree will be planted in the memorial garden, along with a plaque. This has been organised for 3pm, with a piper and also Betty may say a few words. All welcome to attend.

16.2 Fundraising Coordinator: John suggested we pursue the idea of appointing someone who could dedicate time to sourcing funding and completing, at times, lengthy paperwork. We wondered if Jack would be interested in taking this on and to this end it was agreed we ask him at the next meeting in May.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 14th May 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)