

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 14th May 2019 in Council Chambers

1.Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Rab Moran, Pat Lemmon, Fiona-Frances Adam, Paul Darling, Jim Graham, Jack Worden

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr John McMillan, Cllr Craig Hoy (arrived 7.15pm), Moira Graham (HBCP), Robert Flood (KA), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: Ruth Moncrieff (Vice Chair/Secretary), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Morgwn Davies, Betty Sommerville, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, PC Duncan

3. Minutes of 9th April

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Pat Lemmon and seconded by Jim Graham

4. Matters arising

4.1 Item 5.1 Local Priorities: John confirmed that the application to the fund is done

4.2 Item 7.2 Social Work Budget: Pat received an email from John McMillan which confirmed there has been no cuts to the SW budget. All contracts are being reviewed on an individual basis.

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

5.1 John reported a quiet month. The figure of just over £29,400 is artificially high as this has been pledged for the replacement fittings for the Christmas lights. Also £1500 pledged from the EG total of £6,500

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £29,457.75 as of 15/4/2019
- Events Group TSB balance: £6,599.12 as of 1/5/2019
- Held in cash-box: £513.62 as of 9/5/2019
(CC cash = £20.79, Events cash = £492.83)
- Local Priorities uncommitted 2018 – 2019: £0.00 as of 3/4/2019

Highlights

- <nothing to report>

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £59.37 paid to Jan Wilson for ink cartridge cost.
- £56.19 paid to Vote Pedro for the yearly CC website hosting fees.
- £39.99 paid for WW1 Commemorative plaque for Tree planted in West Road park.
- £120 cheque paid to Graham's the Jeweller for Quaich for Cruikshank family's 100 years with Cricket Club.

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>

Jack suggested that the main thing they could not control is the health service/social care and people are naturally concerned about the inability to cope with increasing demands. John said that the Integrated Joint Board works to bring together NHS and council boards to address these demands and reassured the meeting that budgets for adult social care are ringfenced. On this note the council have acquired Herdmanflat, with plans to provide a care centre. Tom Trotter said we should focus on all the positives which are coming on the back of all the new housing developments (ie new schools, sports facilities etc) and all the upgrades to draining and roads in these areas.

Jim also asked about the possibility of a development at Meadowpark (plans for 14 new houses/flats) and can this area cope with this (again the issues of parking, increase in cars etc) into what is already a very congested area. Tom said this was in the very early stages of discussion and that a meeting is to be held shortly. His personal issue is that the building is an eyesore and poses a bit of a health and safety issue. Comment on any proposals will be welcomed once options have been firmed up.

It was agreed by all that good communication is the key to all these issues

7.3 Community Hospital: people who are keen to volunteer for the new hospital are invited to attend on the 4th June. They are also hopeful that staff will be in the hospital by August with progression of patients in September. With a completion date of January 2020

7.4 John McMillan update:

East Coast Buses – will be undertaking more publicity for Haddington on the back of the buses

Traprain Silver – there has been considerable interest in this. Blooming Haddington are also planting silver plants to compliment this exhibition

Nungate Bridge – problem with the LED lighting and have therefore reverted to the original type

Parking problems by new hospital – Morrisons have put in some of their workers to man the gates and to minimise disruption for residents in the Davidson Terr, Hospital Rd areas – thanks to Morrisons for this.

Dog Fouling – there will be a stand at the Fun Day in the park and hope that people will sign up to this.

The town had 12 visitors from Inner Mongolia recently who had a guided walk around and were very impressed.

8. Police Questions – report available

8.1 CAPP priorities

1.Speed Checks to be carried out on West Rd & Pencaitland, Haddington, & in Humble, Bolton & Gifford.

2. Patrols to be carried out in Haddington town centre due to reports of antisocial behaviour consisting of drunken disorder and persons urinating in public.

3. Patrols to be carried out in Haddington town centre in response to an increase in reports of persons driving in an antisocial manner.

The next date for the CAPP meeting is set for Monday 27th May 2019 at 6.30pm at the Town House, Haddington

9. Knox Academy News

9.1 Leavers ceremony: took place on 24th April

9.2 Poppy Scotland: Robert and a couple of pupils travelled to Stirling for this event at the end of April

9.3 SQA exams: are now in full swing

9.4 Activities week: a number of trips were enjoyed by pupils, including PGL and Paris with the younger years taking part in school-based activities

9.5 Edinburgh Half Marathon 26th May: a number of pupils and teachers are taking part. Robert hoping to be at the opening ceremony later in the day! A JustGiving page has been set up for anyone wishing to contribute

10. Planning Applications

10.1 Gateside: details are now available. It has been confirmed that the largest unit will be occupied by Aldi, with Home Bargains plus a food warehouse (?Iceland). Costa Drive Thru and Starbucks also planned. It looks like there will also be a café/rest provision (?Greggs). Burger King also a possibility. The overall site has been reduced to just over 4,000 sq feet (which doesn't include the garage). The garage provision has been sold to Euro Garages who plan to install retail facilities within their 24-hour garage space.

There were major concerns about the impact on residents in the area and therefore after some discussion it was agreed we object to the 2nd proposal of the 24-hour garage and retail space. After seeking clarification on the details it was

agreed we object on the grounds of the detrimental impact to nearby residents and also that it does not give a great first impression of the town.

On the back of this, should Aldi move to Gateside would there be any suggestion that the council buy the old Aldi site to convert into a car park for the town?

11. Correspondence – all emailed out previously

12. Haddington Community Development Trust

12.1 CC representative: Calum said he would go to the last meeting but the date was changed and he did not make it. It was agreed we should appoint a new member to attend the meetings. The members asked if Jack would consider taking on this role. He was given a run-down of the history behind the group and agreed that he would attend for a probationary period of 6 months. Jan thanked him for this and said she would give him a copy of the Vision Document which is the driving force behind the CDT. Jan will also write to David Cockerton (Chair CDT) to let them know Jack will be attending as CC representative.

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, ceilidh, quiz night, bingo, princess/pirates night, bike display, ponies, quad bikes, balloon makers, stilt walkers, fairground rides etc. The programme will be out shortly and thanks to the Courier for advertising the events.

13.2 Burgh Flag: it was suggested Jim was the flag bearer at the opening parade – he agreed to do this. Pat will get in touch with the details.

Action Pat

14. Blooming Haddington

14.1 GSB: planting complete

14.2 Wheelbarrow trail: 7 wheelbarrows have been donated for this

14.3 Silver plants: these have planted to compliment the Traprain Silver exhibition

14.4 Britain in Bloom: judging day is 9th August. Litter picking arranged – bags were bought using a donation from the CC. It was suggested we buy 15 and use any extra for clearing up after the fun day in the park. The was proposed by Jan and unanimously agreed by all. Cost for 15 = £150 +VAT.

Action John

14.5 Hanging Baskets: to go up 14th June

15. Area Partnership (AP)

15.1 Support for parents/children: looking at employing someone to do this

15.2 Town Centre Manager: Pat still keen on this idea and thinks they should pursue it. Also look at a dedicated fund raiser. Jan sighted the 3 town centre markets which were held a number of years ago and were very successful – though this could not be sustained as run by volunteers. If we had a dedicated town manager they could be tasked with this. She also pointed out all the changes happening regarding charging of halls/venues, increases in insurance etc. This is happening across the county – Jack suggested we get together with all the other CC's and write to the council to object to all these charges. Many of our long-standing events may not go ahead because of all these charges (art exhibition being one).

Craig asked if there was any consultation before these changes were made – not as far as we know. John said we have asked for concessionary rates and this may be possible on room hire rates but not on licences. The response was that this is what the LP money is for. Craig will investigate and report back. On the back of this Jack suggested we invite all the CC chairs to a meeting to discuss the way forward. Craig knows the Chair of the Association of CC's and will get in touch with him.

Action Craig Hoy

15.3 Roads budget (50k): suggest we think of projects we could use this for. Rab suggested Newton Port could benefit from speed bumps.

16. AOCB - none

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 11th June 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)