

# Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

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

### 1.Sederunt

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

### In attendance

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Cllr Craig Hoy, Robert Flood, Kuba Stepniewski, Laura McKinnon (KA), Erica Muirhead, Joanna Gibson, Grant Gibson, Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

**2. Apologies:** PC Duncan, Cllr John McMillan, Ruth Moncrieff, Moira Graham, Morgwyn Davies.

**Tonights' meeting will take the following format:**

**AGM – 7pm**

**730pm – discussion about Town Centre Strategy (to include HCBP and Residents Association)**

**830pm – closed meeting for CC members to discuss the above**

### 4. Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> September

### 5. Matters arising

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

**6.1 Annual Audit:** John reported that the audit has been completed successfully.

**6.2 Junction Boxes:** CC has committed to replace the boxes at a cost of almost 24k. Further to an application to the Common Good Fund the sum of £1500 was granted towards this cost. This was thought to be a particularly low sum towards the cost of something that ELC has stated needs to be done. Pat has worked with the CC and Events Groups for the past 10 years (as a volunteer) and raised so much money for events. She suggested this needs to be looked at again and we should appeal this decision especially in light of the fact that ELC received 50k from this fund for the Haddington 700 celebrations. Shamin suggested if we are not happy to put this in writing and ask for them to look at it again. She also stated that a review is being carried out on the cost of licences etc.

### Community Council Accounts Oct 2019

#### Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £7,918.80 as of 23/9/2019 (£400 of cheques pending)
- Events Group TSB balance: £7,201.03 as of 1/9/2019 (£1149.66 cheque pending)
- Held in cash-box: £362.57 as of 5/9/2019  
(CC cash = £5.79, Events cash = £356.78)
- Local Priorities uncommitted 2018 – 2019: £0.00 as of 3/4/2019

#### Highlights

- An award of £1500 from the Common Goods fund has been given towards the total cost of £23,982 for the Xmas light junction box replacement.

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

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- Honorarium paid to both Treasurer and Correspondence secretary.

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

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees
- Invoice for £436.80 for Town House Festival events paid to Council: 24th May Ceilidh £163.80, 28th May PROBUS Coffee morning £109.20 and 30th May Hoe Down £163.80.

#### 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>

## Local Priorities summary

COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOCAL PRIORITY SCHEME					
<b>BUDGET 2019/20</b>					
HADDINGTON	Budget	Activity	Committed	Spent	Remaining
2019/20 budget	£11,480				
Admin budget	£1,181				£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>£12,661</b>				£0.00
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					£0.00
		<b>Total Committed</b>			<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Uncommitted</b>	<b>£0.00</b>				

## AGM Oct 2019

### Accounts totals snapshot at AGM, Oct 2019 (and last year's Oct 2018 figures in brackets)

- CC BoS Account balance: £7,918.80 (£15,259.93)
- Events Group TSB balance: £7,201.03 (£7,559.07)
- Held in cash-box: £362.57 (£363.44)

### Highlights

- Yearly audit by Morham Consultancy passed successfully, August 2019.
- Committed to replacing our Xmas light junction boxes at a cost of £23,982, noting we've been granted £1500 towards this from the Common Goods fund.
- Local Priorities now paid directly into our BoS (Bank of Scotland) account as Council administrator (Lilian) has now retired. Previously this money was called off and paid via Lilian.

### CC BoS incl Local Priorities Account highlights (2018 figures in brackets)

- This year's LP and Admin budget to us was £12,661 (noting this is now paid directly to our BoS account rather than managed through Lilian, who's now retired). (2018: £11,270)
- WW1 Thistles project: Cost of £2249.81.
- £1350 paid to Haddington Pipe Band for 2 sets of trainer bag pipes.
- £1700 paid to the Community Kitchen.
- Armistice 2018: Cost of £355.11. (Cost of £325.33)
- Santa Sleigh Dec 2018: Cost of £525.80 (Cost of £307.23) – more house visits now included.

### Events Group TSB Account highlights (2018 figures in brackets)

- £500 donation received from Mike's Bikes.
- £367.31 donation received from Haddington Theatre Bus.
- Art Exhibition Oct 2018: Profit of £497.75 (Profit of £436.11)
- Xmas fun day 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018: Loss of £310.28 (Profit of £36.94)
- Xmas lights Dec 2018: Cost include install and removal costs: £4,840.91
- Festival 2019: Loss of £1609.11 (Loss of £844.33).

### Cash transaction highlights

- <nothing to report>

## 7. HBCP (Hadd Business Community Partnership)

**7.1 'Our Haddington' Magazine:** Cllr Craig Hoy suggested that the creation of this publication shows the great resolve of the businesses in the town. He confirmed that the councillors are all committed to supporting and fighting for the town – all doors are open and welcome for debate. Pat asked how this publication had been funded – the BCP has funded entirely themselves although they only had enough funds to print off an initial 3000 copies. Are hoping to get help to print more so every household gets a copy.

**7.2 Town Centre Strategy:** Joanna Gibson read out a statement from the BCP outlining their concerns. Erica concurred on this report and added that they have major concerns on potential loss of parking spaces and the effect on

the traffic due to narrowing of the high street (how do larger vehicles gain access/deliveries etc). She also said that Jamie Baker said they had spoken to residents – this did not happen.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Jan thanked the members of the Councillors, KA representatives and press for their attendance. They left the meeting so the CC/BCP could discuss the Town Centre Strategy.

Jan started by reading out a letter of complaint (regarding the closed meeting) received from David Barrett. It was agreed we reply stating this was so the CC could discuss the proposals in private initially.

Paper plans were presented to the members for discussion. It was suggested that the public are not aware of the plans and the CC have a duty to make sure this happens. To this end Pat suggested the plans should be published in the Courier for all to see. They agree that things do need to change but it should be for the good of all. The businesses are very worried about the impact initially of the many months of disruption and then the effect of the reduction in available parking spaces. CBP members now left the meeting to allow CC members to finalise their thoughts.

After much discussion Jack suggested we write highlighting the positives of the plan instead of just charging in with negatives – Pat agreed that this may be a more proactive way to approach this but make it clear we are unhappy with the proposal to reduce parking spaces in town centre and do not agree with creating parking in Whittingham Drive.

It was agreed that Jan, Fiona, Pat, Paul and Jack get together to draft a letter. Jack will produce and circulate round members before finalising and sending.

## **8. Councillors Corner**

**9. Police Questions** – no police in attendance but report available

### **9.1 CAPP priorities**

## **10. Knox Academy News**

## **11. Planning Applications**

**11.1 Gateside Retail Park:** details now available which state that they only anticipate an initial 9% loss from the Town Centre reducing to zero by 2021. Jan thought that the development should be looking at adding to the town and not taking away or just breaking even. It was also stated that there are no examples of towns gaining from the development of similar retail parks. Retailers proposed for the site include Iceland, Home Bargains, Costa and Aldi (despite the consultant stating in a previous meeting that Aldi would not be moving). Jack also thought it was interesting that they are happy to provide 250 parking spaces but not address the lack of parking in the town. HBCP and Residents Association also share our concerns. It was suggested a representative attend in person to put our objections across.

## **12. Correspondence – all emailed out previously**

## **13. Haddington Community Development Trust**

## **14. Events Group**

## **15. Blooming Haddington**

## **16. Area Partnership (AP) Update**

## **17. AOCB**

**17.1 Armistice 10<sup>th</sup> Nov:** it was agreed to meet outside the Corn Exchange 1015am ready to march to St Mary's at 1030am. Rab will carry the Burgh flag and Betty will lay the wreath

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 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**

**June** Sunken drain at Tesco entrance

**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)