

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 12th November 2019 in Council Chambers

1.Sederunt

Ruth Moncrieff (Vice Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Fiona McEwan, Chris McEwan, Pat Lemmon, Rab Moran, Betty Sommerville, Morgwyn Davies

In attendance

Cllr John McMillan, Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Craig Hoy, Robert Flood, Kuba Stepniewski, Laura McKinnon (KA), Erica Muirhead, Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: PC Duncan, Jan Wilson (Chair), Moira Graham, Jim Graham, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Paul Darling, Jack Worden

3. Minutes of 10th September and 8th October (not ratified at the last meeting)

Approval of the Sept minutes was proposed by Fiona McEwan and seconded by Pat Lemmon

Approval of the Oct minutes was proposed by Rab Moran and seconded by Pat Lemmon

Correction: October meeting – Cllr Tom Trotter was in attendance at the meeting

4. Matters arising - none

5. Treasurers Report

Community Council Accounts Nov 2019

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £9,018.80 as of 15/10/2019 (-£4,000 pending for Xmas lights junction box replacement, no cheques pending)
- Events Group TSB balance: £5,174.57 as of 1/11/2019 (No cheques pending)
- Held in cash-box: £356.08 as of 4/11/2019
(CC cash = £5.79, Events cash = £350.29)
- Local Priorities **uncommitted** 2018 – 2019: £0.00 as of 3/4/2019

Highlights

- £1500 from Common Goods Fund for Xmas lights junction box replacement now showing in our BoS account.

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

- £50 paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.
- £340 paid out for Cherry Picker for putting lights up.

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 2019/20

HADDINGTON Budget Activity Committed Spent Remaining

2019/20 budget £11,480

Admin budget £1,181 £0.00

£0.00

£0.00

Total Budget £12,661 £0.00

£0.00

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Total Committed £0.00

Total Uncommitted £0.00

5.1 Junction Boxes: John had a call from Shamin to say they are going to re-visit our application to the Common Good Fund for help with the cost of replacing the boxes. John has re-submitted our application as she requested – we have had no word as yet on the outcome. The councillors present asked that they be copied into any correspondence regarding the Common Good Fund.

5.2 Area Partnership: application still in review. It was suggested John and Chris meet with them to discuss the queries they have.

6. HBCP (Hadd Business Community Partnership) – Erica Muirhead standing in for Moira Graham

6.1 ‘Our Haddington’ Magazine: launch of the magazine was a great success. Many thanks to all concerned and to St Marys which was a great venue. With the help of the council they are going to do a re-print of another 3000 copies – thanks to the council for this.

6.2 Town Centre Strategy: Erica questioned a detail in the letter the CC wrote which mentioned the Hadd Business Association – she just wanted to clarify that they meant the Hadd Business Community Partnership. She also wanted to point out that the disruption to the town needs to be highlighted and that this proposal should go back to the public for consultation. It was suggested that the HBCP and Residents Association write to the council stating these objections. Jamie Baker is keen to meet with all groups involved before the public consultation. Pat agreed that a group meeting is necessary to get everything aired.

John McMillan confirmed that talks will be held to discuss all the proposals. They are very keen to be open and transparent and continue to look at the bigger picture whilst taking note of all the comments and worries. He suggested we all wait and work together on this plan with the thought that everyone has the towns’ best interests at heart. Tom agreed we are all caught up in the negatives and need to focus on the positives. There are many long-standing issues to address and all need to be discussed, along with public consultation. Chris said that the last meeting he attended had been very positive but agreed that there is a long way to go.

7. Councillors Corner

7.1 Sandbags: John asked if the council still provide the bags during flooding. A resident has approached John to say that they were told (by Sandie Baptie) the council did not supply them. Craig said that the emergency line would offer bags and on this occasion it may have been a timing issue or that they were out-with the town. John said the residents even offered to collect them but this was also not possible. John asked if they could get an answer on this.

7.2 Community Development Trust: Pat (on behalf of Jim Graham) asked what will happen to any money left once the CDT disband. John McM said this was a matter for the CDT and would be dealt with in-line with their Constitution.

8. Police Questions – no police in attendance but report available

8.1 CAPP priorities

1. Speed Checks to be carried out on Dunbar Road, Haddington and attention given to double parking on the High Street.

2. Patrols to be carried out around Haddington town centre to deter anti-social behaviour.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th November 2019 at 6.30pm in the Town House, Haddington.

9. Knox Academy News

9.1 Poppy Scotland - Knox took part in the annual event on 13th October which was a great success and all those involved thought it was a very moving evening.

9.2 McMillan Cancer Support concert to take place 26th and 30th

9.3 Halloween Dance to take place on 30th for S1-S6 pupils

9.4 Children in Need – S6 pupils will dress up to raise money for this

9.5 Hong Kong Visit - a Burns supper was held for the visitors which was a great success. Robert also mentioned the Scottish Chinese Network Conference which was held recently. They are hopeful to arrange a reciprocal visit at some point.

10. Planning Application

10.1 Builders Merchants: Craig and Shamin are already involved with the objections to this proposal. Paul suggested we ask for an extension so this can be further discussed along with the residents involved. Pat thought we had already put a letter in – Paul will check.

11. Correspondence – all emailed out previously

12. Haddington Community Development Trust – no update

13. Events Group (no meeting held last month)

13.1 Christmas lights: switching on arranged for last Sunday in the month. Looking at a low-key event due to the Corn Exchange being out of action.

14. Blooming Haddington

14.1 ‘Best Town in UK’ – well done to all involved for winning this accolade. Rab said they were all immensely proud of their achievement but that it takes a lot of hard work from a lot of people, including the Council, Amisfield Garden, The Pleasance, Pipe Band, all the Schools, the Nursery Staff and of course all the volunteers involved. The wheelbarrows were also commented on – thanks to everyone who took part in this.

Tom said they were all extremely proud of all those involved – they deserve all the praise. Pat also thought it was wonderful how much joy the residents at the Care Home get from the Oriental Garden (and thanked BH for involving some of the residents in attending to the garden)

15. Area Partnership (AP) Update - none

16. AOCB

16.1 Absent CC members: Pat pointed out that at least one member of the CC has not been in attendance at meetings for 3 or 4 months with ? no apologies given. She said it was important that the CC is made up of people who want to be there and take an active part on the CC. We need to address this and get new members on board.

16.2 Armistice: Jan thanked all those involved on the day.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 10th December 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

June Victoria Terrace – double lines on pavements
Dog bin at golf course

2019

June Sunken drain at Tesco entrance

Nov Sandbags

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)