

# **Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council**

## **Minutes of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Council Chambers**

### **1.Sederunt**

Jan Wilson (Chair),  
Fiona McEwan (Secretary), Chris McEwan, Jim Graham, Fiona-Frances Adam, Paul Darling, Erica Muirhead,  
Rab Moran, Jack Worden

### **In attendance**

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

**2. Apologies:** PC Duncan, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Pat Lemmon, John Hamilton (Treasurer), Morgwyn Davies

### **Applications to the Community Council**

We currently have vacancies on the CC both for Haddington and Athelstaneford. Although we have a couple of applicants it was suggested we postpone this month and seek to recruit from the wider community. We have a lot of new residents in the town and would feel it would be beneficial to seek from this community. We can advertise on Haddington Facebook, social media, Courier, website etc. The shopkeepers are also happy to display advertising in their windows. It was also suggested we display a poster in Athelstaneford. Fiona will write to present applicants to explain this.  
*Action Fiona McE*

### **3. Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**Approval of the minutes was proposed by Rab Moran and seconded by Fiona McEwan**

### **4. Matters arising**

**4.1 Item 7.1 Wheelie bin covers:** Tom said nothing has come of his enquiry re the possibility of new covers but will continue to investigate. The present design is the only option at present and people should ask for replacements if they are perished.

**4.2 Item 7.2 Mitchell's Close:** Tom reported there are no specific plans regarding Mitchell's Close, the ongoing Town Centre Proposals will seek to slow down the traffic anyway. As to the incident of a falling slate narrowly missing a resident, John McMillan has spoken with the lady (Cynthia Baxter) and she is very happy that a representative from the Council attended immediately and dealt with the matter to her satisfaction. The offending area was inspected and deemed safe and not a danger to the public.

On a similar matter, Fiona France said she had reported an incident where masonry fell from the buildings above Marmaris in the High Street. Tom said he would check this had been dealt with. *Action Tom*

**David Barrett arrived at the meeting.** Jan told him that the CC had made the decision to postpone the applications in order to reach the wider community but that he was welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

### **5. VE Day 75**

There is to be a public holiday on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May to mark this event. John McM said he wasn't aware of anything being planned specifically in Haddington. ELC are not doing anything officially – Corn Exchange out of action and it was felt the Town House isn't big enough. Erica suggested the shops could do window displays – Erica and Jim will speak to the shop keepers. John will also ask the John Gray Centre if they would be involved. He also said he would be happy to chair a meeting to discuss this further. Pat, Chris and Fiona McEwan also happy to be involved. It was suggested we could use the time at the EG meeting next week to discuss also.



currently employ roving attendants therefore there is not someone there all the time. He is not aware of there being a problem but if Jim gives the resident details to John he will look into it.

**9.2 Gateside/parking:** Fiona Frances asked if something could be done about the vehicles parking along the road, despite there being cones in place to prevent this. Tom said the contractors have been asked not to park there and that if issues are spotted to call 101 to report.

**9.3 Yellow lines for Dunbar Road/Victoria Terrace:** Chris asked when these were going to be done (have marked out the area but not come back to paint the lines). John McM said he was aware that the line painting lorry is in the area so will chase and report back.

**9.4 Aldi:** Jan has had a lady ask her what was going to be in place of Aldi once they move to Gateside. This shop is vital to some who don't have transport. Would Aldi consider putting on a shuttle bus. It was thought this unlikely but the CC will write to them to at least ask the question. It was also suggested this could be put to all the bus companies.

*Action Fiona McE*

**9.5 Town Centre Proposals/meeting:** the next meeting is scheduled for 25/26 February, 2-7pm. Jan said the general consensus is that we are not getting enough feedback/answers from the last meeting held. But there is a most definitely strong opposition to the present proposals. And especially to the ideas put forward for Whittingham Drive. Erica said that lots of people came along to the meeting thinking they would find out about the TC plans but this was not forthcoming – the meeting was run by Consultants and residents did not get the information they sought. Despite there being a thinking that this is a 'done deal' John McM said this was not the case – the process has to be open and clear and planning process has to be followed. Jan pointed out that we have given our objections/comments and still not had a reply. Tom said that there was a lot of nasty comments and behaviour at the last meeting and that people need to remember that there is a process that has to be adhered to – the council need to get this right, even if it takes longer to get there. Jan added that she hopes very much that the council are not swayed by the money on offer from Sustrans and that they listen to what the town wants.

#### **9.6 Update from John McM:**

Corn Exchange – current completion date to be end August.

Gateside – MKM Builders Merchants proposals – all the councillors are involved with the local residents objecting to this. Craig added that there is a big campaign by the residents and he will write to the builders merchants to let them know of this.

Alderston – parking issues – ongoing

Town House – possibilities of an upgrade but only once the Corn Exchange is completed

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

#### **10.1 CAPP priorities**

1. Parking in the areas around the Haddington primary schools during the prohibition times.
2. Youth issues within Neilson Park.
3. Anti-Social Behaviour in and around Ross's Close, Haddington

**Next meeting to be held on 23th March 2020 at 6.30pm within the Town Hall, Haddington.**

### **11. Planning Applications**

**11.1** Paul said there is a proposal for 7 small industrial units to the back of Trinity Church Hall in Tyne Close. These to replace the council garages. It was felt that this would be a good use of the area and better than the buildings already there. After a brief discussion it was decided we have no objection to this but suggest that the metal cladding be replaced with something more in keeping with the area, like wooden cladding for instance. *Action Paul*

**11.2 East Fortune Airfield:** John McM reported that the recent application made by the airfield has been rejected

### **12. Correspondence**

**12.1** Email from Zurich Insurance had been forwarded to John H

**12.3** Email from resident Donald Smith and Christine Dora: suggesting 'Haddington Goes Dutch'. Wants to get the residents cycling more and want to hold an event to promote this. Looking for the support of the CC, which they are happy to do so but cannot offer them insurance to cover this event, can only act in an advisory role.

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

**13.1** Still no update on this – due to meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Apparently there are issues around winding up the Trust.

## 14. Events Group

**14.1** Jan reported there are only 4 members left in the Group. At the last meeting the Fun Day was discussed and it was suggested they ask the CC for £1500 to cover the cost of the rides etc for the day. She also told the meeting that the EG are planning to use the wrist band system again this year but raising the cost to £7.50 in advance and £10 on the day. The EG are fairly certain that the sales of the bands will cover the cost of the rides. **After a brief discussion the CC agreed to give them the £1500.** Jan also asked them to consider giving the Nungate Gala a donation of £500 – **this was also agreed.**

**14.2 Christmas Lights:** Chris wanted to make mention and thank Alan Clelland for all his help with the lights/poles for the lights etc. In fact all the volunteers over the years deserve our grateful thanks (including David Evans)

## 15. Blooming Haddington – update from Rab

**15.1** BH promotion - the Town House has been booked for this event on Saturday 7th March 2020. It will be an opportunity to promote the Wheelbarrow Trail, Friends of BH and anything else. The event is for all voluntary groups in Haddington to be able to promote what they do, raise awareness and to seek to recruit volunteers for themselves. OCK will provide food on the day. Rab asked if some of our members could come along to represent the CC - Jan, Chris and Fiona McEwan will go.

## 16. Area Partnership (AP) – no update

## 17. AOCB

**17.1 James Moncrieff:** Jan had word during the meeting that James has sadly passed away. It was agreed we sent his wife Pat some flowers. Erica will organise.

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 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**

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

#### **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)