

Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting 10th March 2020 in Council Chambers

1.Sederunt

Jan Wilson (Chair), Fiona McEwan (Secretary), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Chris McEwan, Pat Lemmon, Jim Graham, Fiona-Frances Adam, Paul Darling, Erica Muirhead, Morgwyn Davies, Rab Moran

In attendance

Cllr Tom Trotter, Cllr Craig Hoy, Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Robert Flood (KA), Kuba Stepniewski (KA), Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Anna Faulkner (minutes' secretary).

2. Apologies: PC Duncan, Jack Worden, Cllr John McMillan

3. Minutes of 11th February

Corrections: Item 5: VE Day 75: Jan not Pat to be involved in this discussion

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

4. Matters arising

4.1 Item 5 VE Day: CC has some events planned. Nungate Community Centre has been booked for a Tea Dance on 8th May. Everyone has been emailed regarding holding a parade on the day - this has been agreed.

4.2 Item 9.3 Yellow lines for Dunbar Road/Victoria Terr: Shamin reported that this is to be done on Sunday (weather dependent).

5. Treasurers Report: Community Council Accounts, March 2020

Accounts totals for month

- CC BoS Account balance: £8,120.75 as of 28/2/2020 (-£4,000 & -£535 pending cheques)
- Events Group TSB balance: £2,892.93 as of 2/2/2020 (-£512 cheques pending, + £200 donation pending)
- Held in cash-box: £315.32 as of 4/2/2020
(CC cash = £105.79, Events cash = £209.53)
- Local Priorities **uncommitted** 2018 – 2019: £0.00 as of 3/4/2019

Highlights

- The CC's yearly Zurich public liability insurance has been paid - £351.05 (same as last year).
- £500 donation made to Nungate Gala from the CC.

CC BoS Account transaction highlights, since last report

- £50 cash paid to Anna for monthly secretarial fees.

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)

- See above comments regarding paying the monthly secretarial fees to Anna.

7.8 YPI – the charity the group focussed on was EL Young Carers. Robert said there is a group training to do the half marathon/10k – all monies raised are for this charity.

Shamin thanked all the KA pupils who took part in the recent concerts – they were fantastic

8. Blooming Haddington – update from Rab

8.1 Haddington Aware, Saturday 7th March: Rab thanked all who attended this event which was a great success with lots of community groups in attendance. And many thanks to OCK for the delicious food.

8.2 Hanging Baskets/planters: forms have been handed out.

9. Councillors Corner

9.1 Poster/stickers around the town: we have received correspondence regarding the amount of items defacing structures around the town. The stickers in questions relate to the public consultation regarding the town centre plans – we are not aware who put them up but it is an offence to do this. Jan has replied to this particular letter. We have had problems in the past regarding putting posters/banners up advertising the festival etc and were told that we could not display more than 2 weeks in advance and they have to come down right away as soon as event is over. We are aware that not all groups follow these rules. Paul confirmed that people should go through planning to put up posters legally, for which there is a fee. Jan pointed out that the noticeboard outside the Corn Exchange contains nothing relating to Haddington and is a very underused resource.

9.2 Dentist, Market Street: Rab said there is a broken pole sticking up which is dangerous. Also sharp bit sticking out from a road sign opposite the Post Office

9.3 Junction boxes: John has chased the Area Partnership regarding the money for the boxes – still no response. Shamin said there was a new person dealing with this and will get in touch with her.

9.4 Coronavirus situation: Morgwyn asked what plans were in place to deal with this unfolding situation. Shamin said they were having weekly meetings and would be following the national guidelines as they come about. Craig also said the information would be available on ELC website. Jan read out an email from John McMillan regarding the resilience plans – to be discussed at future meeting.

9.5 MKM builders merchants: Craig wrote to the managing director re local opposition to the proposals. Despite the opposition they are not willing to reconsider their plans. Fiona-Frances said there was also a petition ongoing regarding this.

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 Nothing of note to discuss. Jan asked if Paul could send her and Fiona McE a copy of the letter he wrote regarding the industrial units. Jim asked how he could view any planning applications – this can be done on the ELC website. Can also make individual comment on applications on the same site.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Jan reported that she has sent an email round all the CC members to say she has reconsidered her plan to retire from the CC and will continue to see through all the developments regarding the town centre plans.

12.3 Letter from HADAS to say they will be holding their final AGM at the end of October. Monies left at the end of the year will be used to replace the door at Haddington House.

13. Haddington Community Development Trust

13.1 Pat has tried on numerous occasions to get information from them to no avail – we were told at one point that the reason for this was that we didn't have a representative on the trust. We've still not had any answers regarding any monies left over and what this would be used for. It was also said that as a charitable status the accounts should be in the public domain and be published annually. Jack is our CC representative but is out of the country at the minute – Pat wondered if another CC member could attend their meeting on Thurs instead. Fiona McEwan will email Eric Bateman regarding this. Pat and possibly Fiona-Frances would be willing to go.

14. Events Group

14.1 New members: Chris and Fiona McEwan have agreed to come onto the group. The Funday was the only thing of note discussed at the last meeting.

15. Area Partnership (AP)

15.1 Groups benefiting from the AP Grants: Paul gave a run-down of some of the groups who have benefited which include Yester Primary School, Knox Academy (various projects), OCK, Meadowpark, Haddstock, Gifford Comm Council, Bridge Centre, Made in East Lothian.

15.2 Goat Trail: this to be launched at the end of May.

15.3 Christmas Lights/Festival: AP waiting for our submission for the lights. It was suggested we also ask for help to buy equipment we might need to put on parades etc like cones/barriers for example and other costs association with running the festival. We also need to pursue our application for help with the junction boxes.

16. AOCB

16.1 Young Achievers Award: the trophy will come back to us as we are no longer running this award. Can perhaps give the trophy to another group.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 14th April 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)