

# Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

## SPECIAL PRIVATE MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

Zoom meeting, 645pm

**Special Business Subject:** Harassment from member of the public

**Proposer:** Chair and Vice Chair

**Request Date:** 02/03/21

**Members in agreement with meeting:** All members of CC. Concerns about holding meeting in private from Morgwn Davies

### **Apologies and Attendance:**

All members, as listed, attended the meeting: Chris McEwan (Chair), Pat Lemmon (Vice-Chair), Fiona McEwan (Secretary), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Graham Samuel, Fiona-Frances Adam, Erica Muirhead, Rab Moran, JanWilson, Steven Spence, Jim Graham, Malcolm Vickers, Morgwn Davies, Therese Laing, Jack Worden

**In attendance:** Councillor Shamin Akhtar and Diann Govenlock (ELC) in attendance to observe proceedings - to officiate and confirm that the meeting was conducted appropriately

### **Statement of subject matter:**

- 1.To discuss continued campaign against CC and its members from Mr David Barrett, 6 Mitchell's Close, Haddington
- 2.Proposal to ban said member of the public from future meetings for a period of 1 year
- 3.Proposal to block said member of the public from active correspondence for a period of 1 year

### **Discussion of subject matter:**

Members discussed the situation with continued harassment from said member of the public and despite reaching out both in person and in writing this continues. After discussion and taking advice from ELC it was decided we have no choice but to move to banning said members as above. Chair Chris McEwan stated that the updated Code of Conduct and Constitution will afford us more powers to deal with situations like this in the future.

Concerns from Morgwn about private meeting: Morgwn has previously voiced his concerns but on advice from ELC it was agreed the meeting should go ahead. Chris pointed out that certain private matters pertaining to this situation cannot and should not be discussed in a public forum, hence the private meeting.

### **Recording of outcome and decisions:**

The meeting moved to a vote - the outcome was 15 members agreed to uphold the ban with none against therefore this motion was carried

The meeting ended