



Meeting: Tuesday 8th March 2022

# MINUTES

- **Apologies & Attendance**

- CMC welcomed everyone to the meeting
- In Attendance - Chris McEwan (Chair), Pat Lemmon (Vice-Chair), Cameron Ritchie (press), Erica Muirhead, Graham Samuel (Secretary), Jack Worden, John McMillan, Tom Trotter, Karen Garrott, Robert Flood (Knox Academy), Tom Riddle (Knox Academy), Rab Moran, Stuart Pe-win, Theresa Laing, Falko Burket, Shamin Atkhar (ELC Councillor), Craig Hoy (MSP)
- Apologies were received from John Hamilton (Treasurer), Dawn Alexander, Diann Governlock

- **Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting Tuesday 8th February 2022**

- YPI is £3000 not £5000.
- RM proposed the minutes and EM seconded these.

- **Matters Arising**

- SOLE Project - an allocation of funding (450k) has been provided to the SOLE project to develop websites in East Lothian with Haddington being one of the areas selected. The SOLE Project is a website/app platform developed by the Scottish Tech Army to bring together local businesses, community groups etc and provide an online platform to bring the community together. JMc sent an email regarding the project which CMC will circulate. Feedback from Dunbar Pilot Project was that the project wasn't as successful as they made out. PL, CMC and GS provided questions to the Scottish Tech Army regarding the site however a response to these questions hasn't yet been received. PL noted a concern as we are already looking at developing the Haddington Town website, a 20% response has only been received to date. What happens once the Scottish Tech Army SOLE project ends, who maintains the site? Other concerns include who owns the site/data? The committee discussed the cost of the project and the concerns that they had. The committee agreed it would be useful to have a Haddington CC rep on the steering committee of the project, CMC would be happy to take on this role. The committee agreed to resubmit the questions discussed to SOLE.

[Action] - CMC to resubmit questions to SOLE.

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- **Community Reports**

- **Knox Academy**

- Fundraising for the leavers dance has started and will include a bake sale and ice bucket challenge
- Live assemblies have taken place in the school this week for the first time in 2 years.
- Scottish Apprenticeship has taken place with a number of events taking place including a presentation to pupils from Thomas Sherriff.
- The Young Enterprise Programme final is on Wednesday 23rd March, Knox Academy have a team in the final.
- John Cooper from the Haddington Heritage Project will be attending the school to speak with the National 5 history class, to see if the project can be supported by the school.
- Poppy Scotland - £5320 was raised
- PL thanked Knox academy for the Lammermuir Larder donations.
- Pupils have provided donations to the Ukraine appeal.
- Modern Studies trip to the Scottish Parliament took place.
- FB was approached by a set of parents advising pupils have been drunk. FB asked who this should be directed to? RF advised it should be communicated to the Head Teacher. The CC discussed anti-social behaviour that has taken place and agreed that this needs to be reported at the time.

- **Local Area Partnership**

- Meeting took place on the 10th February and over £20,000 was paid out to community groups.
- The next meeting is the 28th April and any projects that may require funding from the general budget need to be submitted 2 weeks before.
- The Health and Wellbeing sub groups next meeting is the 24th March.
- The Child and Youth Network next meeting is the 31st March.

- **Tenants and Residents Association**

- Four people have contacted the group about anti-social behaviour.
- PL raised a concern about someone who is part of the Tenants and Residents Association Group who has been engaging with the Youth on the High Street.
- JMc advised himself and SA previously got invited to the TRA meetings and he would be keen to be invited again.

[Action] PL to email SP regarding the person engaging with the Youth on the High Street.

- **Police, CAPP and PSP**

- FB advised the Police are looking into Anti-Social Behaviour in the Town Centre. RM added that a number of the kids were seen leaving on a bus and

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therefore may not live in Haddington. JMc noted he had already reported Anti-Social Behaviour. GS advised he also witnessed an altercation and 90% of the kids were Musselburgh based. EM raised an issue with police resources, having reported an incident and being advised a visit would take place in 2-3 weeks. The Committee discussed the lack of police officers available in East Lothian and agreed that action should be taken to try and increase resource.

- Colin (Police Officer) retires in March, the Community Council agreed to recognise Colin's contributions to Haddington.

[Action] CMc & PL to organise a thanks to Colin.

- Youth Network
- No meeting has taken place
- Blooming Haddington
- **Correspondence**
  - A concerned Haddington Resident has a petition she would like to lodge with ELC regarding parking and speeding at Dunbar Road. JMCM said he would clarify how this petition could be lodged. If this lady wishes to make representation to the CC, she should contact us directly.
  - PL has been contacted by Haddington Residents asking why CC haven't had an awards ceremony to recognise volunteers during the pandemic. CMc advised the Events Group can't do this as the volunteers are stretched. PL suggested she could work on this with someone from the Rotary.

[Action] JMc to raise Awards Ceremony at the next Rotary meeting on Tuesday. PL would also contact via email.

- **Councillors Corner**
- **Treasurer's report**

**Treasurers report was circulated prior to the meeting.**

- **Licencing & Planning**
  - Starbucks has applied for planning permission for advertising boards at the retail park
  - Application for change of use from RSMccolls for a dog grooming parlour

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- MD would be happy to lodge a letter of support for the dog grooming parlour
- Meeting taking place later in the month which MD will attend
- Nomination for a deputy planning officer is still outstanding.
  
- **Community Council Subgroups**
  
- **Events Group**
  
- Working on getting the Festivals Week organised, GS has started the Programme
- Responses are starting to come in from people being involved
- DA is trying to contact Community Groups to ask for their involvement in the Festivals Week
- Sonia Pirie is now Chair of the Events Group
  
- **Resiliency.**

No updates.

- **Any Other Business**
  
- KG would like to propose an Inclusion and Accessibility Subgroup that would report into the CC every month and look at how we can engage the more vulnerable. PL seconded this.

**Next CC Meeting: Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.00 pm**

**Next Events Group Meeting: 29th March 2022.**