



Meeting: Tuesday 12th April 2022

To be held at the Bridge Center, 11 Poldrate Haddington @7pm

MINUTES

1. Apologies & Attendance

- a. PL welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- b. In attendance – Pat Lemmon (Vice-Chair), Graham Samuel (Secretary), John Hamilton (Treasurer) Dawn Alexander (Minutes), Erica Muirhead, Rab Moran, Shamin Akhtar, Tom Trotter, Kenny Black (Anti-Social Behaviour Officer), Jim Graham, Craig Hoy, Theresa Laing, Cameron Ritchie (Courier), Karen Garrott, Falko Burrett, George McGuire, Callum Colquin (Community Warden) Jack Worden, David Barrett, Sam Calvert & Joe (Go Fibre) 4 x members of the public
- c. Apologies – Malcolm Vickers, Steven Spence, Stuart Pe-Win, John McMillian, Kris McEwen, Morgwyn Davies

2. Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting Tuesday 8th March 2022

- a. SOLE are holding an online meeting at 7.30pm on the 27th April to provide more information on the project. Any interest in attending can be emailed to communityadmin@haddingtoncc.org.uk
- b. PL has completed the action on page 2.
- c. A bottle of whisky was given to Colin for leaving (Police officer retiring)
- d. With regards to the petition the lady would like to leave it at present
- e. The Events group are going to take forward the community awards
- f. Sonia's surname to be updated – GS to send this across to DA.
- g. JG proposed the minutes, KG seconded the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Sam Calvert (Consumer Director) & Jo (Head of Sales)– Guest Presentation (Go Fibre)

Two representatives from Go Fibre attended the meeting to gather interest on Go Fibre in Haddington. The Go Fibre mission is to connect local people and businesses to their independent network built for a digital future. Go Fibre is full fibre technology however only 30% of premises in the UK have full fibre right to the door, the rest are connected to fibre cabinet.

Headquarters are in Duns and were set up in 2017. They have been given funding of 170,000 pounds to connect rural towns in Scotland and the North of England over the next 3 years.

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Haddington is in the batch of the first three towns this is being deployed to in East Lothian. Hoping over the next 2 months to connect customers to the network. Go Fibre would like to know what opportunities are available to partner with the local community.

Go Fibre will be the provider and the network; the difference between Go Fibre and Open Reach is that Go Fibre is end to end Fibre, Open reach do not have plans to do this anytime soon in the areas Go Fibre are targeting.

Interested in doing deals with the Haddington Community if there is a demand for this.

Packages start from around £30 per month to £69 per month

There are many places in Haddington where there are places without connection, Go Fibre is trying to connect to those areas – there's government subsidence available to support this if there is a high enough demand in the area.

Lothian Broadband are doing similar work in East Lothian and targeting some of the rural areas. Any further questions to be sent to community admin for forwarding.

b. Anti-Social Behaviour

At the last few Community Council meetings Anti-Social has been discussed, the courier has been asked to advertise the numbers for reporting incidents.

A number of incidents were reported by the community council;

- Rugby Club and Football Club have been targeted by vandalism
- Shoplifting, verbal and racial abused reported by local businesses
- EM reported youths misbehaving in her shop leaving her feeling intimidated. EM tried to contact 101 and was left waiting for 45 minutes.
- Anti-Social behaviour at bus stop leaving members of the public feeling intimidated and having to use other bus stops
- Free bus pass has caused groups of youths to congregate in Haddington from other towns

A meeting took place on the 11th April at East Lothian Council where KB met with Chief Inspector O'Connor to discuss the Anti-Social behaviour. The conclusion was made that a problem solving partnership needed to be put in place. The first problem solving partnership meeting (PLP) will take place on the 14th April at 2pm, community councillors are welcome to attend.

The Community Council discussed the powers of the community wardens and the Anti-Social Behaviour team. The powers were limited and the main aim of these groups was to engage with the youths to sway them away from committing any Anti-Social Behaviour. It was noted that this has been difficult and a contributing factor to this has been the lack of relationship building through COVID lockdowns. The police resources are limited in

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Haddington therefore it is essential that these incidents are always reported to ensure the police are aware of the demand for community police officers to be seen in the town. SA and JMc have also been pushing the need for more community policing. SA added that the Youth Network is also working to identify opportunities for youths in Haddington to try and discourage this behaviour. It was noted that the police have attended incidents in Haddington lately however the youths are being taken home to parents rather than taken to Police cells.

CH thanked KB for responding over the weekend to the Anti-Social behaviour. CH was shocked by the situation on the High Street. The opportunity of the PSP is to have everyone in one place and get everything out on the table. One town centre business has reported they will be leaving the town if the anti-social behaviour continues.

As DB had his hand up, PL said as a prospective candidate standing at the forthcoming election, he would be allowed to ask one question. DB asked how many community councillors live in the centre of town. There were 2 councillors that raised hands. DB supported FB idea of gates on the alleys and the police have a difficult job due to the urban layout of Haddington. DB often calls the police and by the time he has reported it the youths have gone. We may have reached a time where gates have to be put on all the alleys.

A Representative from Marmaris Takeaway spoke and advised he had had to call police 999 and it took 45 minutes. The youths tried to smash the shop window, a customer approached them and asked why they did this, the youths came in the shop and attacked the customer. The police came, they found the youth who done this, handcuffed him and released him shortly after.

JW asked if there is any way of removing the bus passes from those that are travelling to other areas and causing anti-social behaviour. The CCTV in the town is only turned on when a report has been made, can CCTV be set up that is turned on at all times? Can the CC write a letter to all MPs, MSPs, East Lothian so that we can be seen to be doing something?

[Action] anyone who would like to attend the PSP meeting on Thursday, to contact PL to get the link.

- **Community Reports**
 - a. Knox Academy

Knox Academy on Holiday.

- b. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership

DG has sent an update, the next meeting is on the 28th April 2022. EM will attend in PL place.

- c. Tenants and Residents Association Updates

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No update.

- d. Police, CAPP and PSP

Discussed above.

Thursday 14th April for PPS meeting.

- e. Youth Network

19th May 2022 for the next meeting. The purpose of this group is to look at everything that is happening over the next 6 months and how we can engage with the youth to ensure we are proactive. PL suggested having parent representation on the group, it would be good for them to know about the youth Network.

- f. Blooming Haddington

Tidying up different bits of the Town. RM has been going round and organising and tidying up the hanging baskets before the 31st May. FB asked if there is an opportunity to get more hanging baskets.

- **Correspondence**

PL advised 2 emails were received this afternoon which will be circulated to all Community Councillors.

- **Councillors Corner**

No points for discussion.

- **Treasurer's report**

This was circulated prior to the meeting. The Community Council has passed the yearly audit requirements.

The 2 portable sinks have been purchased from the donation.

The yearly web-hosting costs have been paid for the Haddington CC website and the Haddington Town website.

Reimbursed some money for some festival activities.

- **Licencing & Planning**

No update.

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JH asked if there was any planning applications to the back of Starbucks. DB advised there was talk of two industrial units.

- **Community Council Subgroups**
 - a. Events Group

A few meetings have taken place and there is a lot being put together for the Festivals Week which will run between 28th May and the 5th June.

- b. Inclusion & Accessibility

A proposal for a sub group on Inclusion and Accessibility has been set up to include people more marginalised in discussions and decisions. PL and KG have met and drafted a letter to key community organisations, a number have agreed to attend on the 26th April, ELCAP, Carers of East Lothian, Beyond Boundaries, Community Development person.

- **Any Other Business**

SA advised a local constituent has raised a petition to the Scottish Parliament, the committee will look at this and look at getting further organisations to put this forward for discussion; the petition is supporting those who go through cancer treatment to get PIP whilst undergoing treatment rather than after the treatment has taken place.

FB advised the lighting issues have been resolved however there is an issue with cyclists who have no lights and are driving on the pavements/wrong side of the street.

CH advised Keep the Heid Café mental health cafe has received funding and encourage the HDCC to raise awareness.

This meeting will be the last meeting that CH will attend however he will be opening an office on the High Street, George McGuire is standing for election in CH's place.

DB advised all the lights are out on Whittingham Drive, TL has reported this.

PL thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Next CC Meeting: Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.00 pm

Next Events Group Meeting: 19th April 2022