



## Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

**Date & Time:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Present:**

Therese Laing (Chair) John Hamilton (Treasurer),  
Robert Moran , Falko Burkert, Morgwyn Davies, ,  
Diann Governlock (Connected Communities

Manager), Shamin Akhtar., George McGuire, Jack  
Warden, Stuart Baxter, Erica Muirhead, Malcolm  
Vickers, Tom Trotter

**In Attendance:**

Cameron Ritchie (Press Officer)

Item	Topic	Action
1	<p><b>Therese welcomed everyone to the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Apologies</b> <b>John McMillian and Knox Academy</b></p> <p>TL updated everyone that Stevie Spence has resigned from the HDCC due to work commitments. TL thanked Stevie for all the work he has done, he is still keen to support Athelstaneford if and when required.</p> <p>TL advised Dawn (minute secretary) has recently been promoted at work and is finding the workload too intense therefore will be resigning from her position. TL thanked Dawn for her work as part of the HDCC.</p>	
2	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting January 2023</b></p> <p>a) John Hamilton has had no response from the events group with regards to signatories. TL will prompt them again. b) The minutes were adopted.</p> <p>Actions from Meeting</p> <p>c) TL and DG will discuss HDCC representation at Local Area Partnership Meeting. d) TL to attend Youth Network Meeting e) SA to provide the capital expenditure of the CC over the last 10 years.</p>	TL
3	<p>a) Local place plans</p> <p>A face to face training session is taking place on the 15<sup>th</sup> March in Musselburgh. Anyone is free to attend. TL asked if anyone wanted to be on the working group for this, a working group can be set up starting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm.</p> <p>b) Parking</p>	

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	<p>The parking letter has been sent to ELC. Thanks to JW for his work on this.</p> <p>c) Twitter and Facebook</p> <p>The facebook page has been set up, thanks to JH for sorting this.</p>	
4	<p><b>Community Reports</b></p> <p><b>a. Knox Academy</b></p> <p>TL commented on how fantastic the Diversity evening was. Thanks to Knox Academy for arranging this.</p> <p><b>b. Business Partnership</b></p> <p>EM attended a zoom meeting that Craig Hoy set up to do with the parking proposals, there were representatives from across all the towns. Jo from Dunbar instigated this. ELC has been asked to have a meeting with all the representatives to discuss the ideas of what we feel might work around parking. We are waiting to hear back on this. EM was there representing the Community council and the businesses, she will keep us updated. FB did not attend the meeting but we should keep in mind that there are increasing shop vacancies in the High Street and Market Street. We need to improve the situation for everyone on these streets and the surrounding areas.</p> <p>JW commented it was a pity that there was no longer a formal Business Partnership, EM commented that she and others had tried hard to keep this going however there was very little engagement.</p> <p>JH added that we have £1000 which is for initiatives towards supporting businesses in the town centre.</p> <p><b>c. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership</b></p> <p>A meeting took place on Thursday at the Haddington Bridge centre on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. The meeting was focused on approving the applications. There were 8 approved and the successful applicants are currently being contacted. The meetings are every 2 months and the next meeting is the 27<sup>th</sup> April. We need to review the HDCC reps for the Area Partnership meetings. TL and DG will discuss out with this meeting.</p> <p><b>d. Tenants and Residents Association Updates</b></p> <p>Haddington Central meeting will take place next week. There have been emails around road safety at the primary school and people blocking the roads. There have been other emails around Ross' close which is becoming a focus for large groups of drunk people and there has also been concerns about speeding around the main roads going into town.</p> <p>Haddington East had their AGM last week, Alan Dunton was voted on as Chair. They are still very proactive with their estate inspections. They have also organised a tidy up around the John Knox Tree.</p>	<p>EM</p> <p>TL</p>

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	<p><b>e. Police, CAPP and PSP</b></p> <p>Emma circulated the report in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The CAPP priorities were parking issues at Mill Wind, Hospital Road and Gifford.</p> <p>EM had Craig from the police in the shop and he had been asking if EM had any issues raised. EM raised the issue of Ross Close as there has been bother there again. The police are looking into this and trying to monitor it. One of the blocks of flats, the door gets kicked in regularly for the kids to get into the stair. There is a meeting soon with the Head of Anti-social behaviour (Kenny Black). FB commented the anti social behaviour s getting worse and there is drug related activity taking place. He suggested that The pub rules need to be sharpened. FB commented that the cameras are no longer in place. JW added he witnessed the fight in the high street and there are two individuals to thank for pulling this fight apart.</p> <p><b>f. Youth Network</b></p> <p>The meeting took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> January and the next meeting is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The minutes get circulated to the generic mailbox. It is an opportunity to identify the priorities for Children and Youth Work and review areas for development. HDCC members are welcome to join.</p> <p><b>Blooming Haddington.</b></p> <p>Meeting took place last week to discuss who Blooming Haddington will join in future. Lady Kitty's Garden work will start soon.</p>	<p>TL</p>
5	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MD wrote to the representatives of the nursery parents, they have not been back in touch.</li> <li>● EL Courier have been in touch asking if we have been to the Herdmen Flat exhibition. They asked for MD opinion, he advised he couldn't give this and he will discuss this at the HDCC. The next consultation is on the 24<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li>● An email came in today about what they're planning to do with the public toilets. ELC is considering using the public toilet for commercial development. Likely to result in charges for public toilets. FB added we have issues with people urinating in the streets already so closing the toilets will not help this issue. JW suggested we leave discussing this until there are firm proposals on the table. SP added that it would be good to discuss it further once the proposals are concrete however from his perspective public toilets are necessary. FB added that</li> </ul>	

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6	<p><b>Councillors Corner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JG asked what the councillors would like to see happen with McKays. TT responded that it is a tragic decision it has closed and he would like to see it remain in some sort of retail capacity. JG asked if there was a Regeneration Manager t the Council. GM added that because the company has gone through administration, there is processes to go through before they can be taken over. SA added there is no regeneration manager however there is an economic Development Team. TT advised the councillors would be supportive of any businesses coming to Haddington that would bring jobs etc to the area.</li> <li>● EM commented that Market Street have a few businesses that are empty at the moment. Can we ask the ELC to review the business rates to make empty spaces more attractive? SA will enquire as to who owns the land of the McKays.</li> <li>● GM attended the Herdmanflat consultation and encouraged others to attend.</li> <li>● GM met with people from Brown Street regarding the corner and has tried to move on the update of this.</li> <li>● Somnerfield area the refuse collectors of the street bins, they were driving over the grass area which were causing trenches. This is going to be fixed.</li> <li>● On hospital Road the footpath has been occupied by staff smoking and there has been cigarette ends left. The council is going to make sure this is cleaned.</li> <li>● JW and JG mentioned the eye sore of the old bus stop in the High Street. Are there any plans to resolve this? SA advised the bus shelter is connected to one of the utilities and they have to come out and remove it. ELC are waiting for Scottish power to come out and fix this. MD advised we were promised this would be completed by the end of January. SA advised the HDCC to write to Scottish Power. FB reminded the HDCC that these bus shelters appeared without consultation and planning.</li> <li>● FB asked why the derelict building on Brown Street is not being sold?</li> <li>● JW asked if SA could provide the capital expenditure of the CC over the last 10 years?</li> </ul>	SA
7	<p><b>Treasurers report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JH circulated this in advance of the meeting.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Licensing &amp; Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plan to repaint the flat 5a and b on Market Street.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Community Council subgroups</b></p> <p><b>a. Events group</b>  <b>Haddington Festival Week – Opening Ceremony will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	

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	<b>b. Inclusion &amp; Accessibility</b>	
10	<b>Any other business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SA advised there is a Scottish Government department called Spice, they do research on different things, SA shared a link to show what funding we get.</li><li>• Haddington Heritage Project to be included on HDCC agenda.</li><li>• HDCC members to share what groups they'd like to be involved in with TL.</li></ul>	

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023