



Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Date & Time: Tuesday 10th January 7pm

Location: Zoom

Present:

Therese Laing (Chair) John Hamilton (Treasurer),
Robert Moran , Robert Flood (Knox Academy), Falko
Burkert, Morgwyn Davies, , Callum Donohoe (Knox
Academy pupil rep), Hannah Pathirana (Knox

Academy pupil rep), Diann Govennlock (Connected
Communities Manager), Karen Garrott , Susan Cook
(Knox Academy) , Sam McMillian, Shamin Akhtar.,
John McMillian.

In Attendance:

Cameron Ritchie (Press Officer)

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1	<p>Therese welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies Tom Trotter, Steven Spence, Stuart Pe-Win, Jim Graham, Jack Worden, Erica Muirhead, George McGuire.</p>	
2	<p>Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting December 2022</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SA to confirm with ELC if due process was followed to remove the funding from the nursery. – SA has spoken to the service manager and circulated the ELC process that has been followed. JMc supported SA. b) TL to share local place plans with the HDCC - complete c) TL to share training date for the Local Place Plan - complete d) MD to circulate community benefits proposal and questions to HDCC - complete e) HDCC to review parking email shared by JW and send comments back. - complete f) MD to set up a HDCC twitter account TBD at Matters Arising g) JH to look into the facebook group and see if this can be changed to a page. TBD at Matters Arising 	
	<p>Actions from Meeting: January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) MD to write to the nursery parents to provide an update b) Matt Oley's presentation to be circulated c) JMc to investigate the issue of safe crossings at Pencaitlaid Road. 	

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	<p>d) JMc to find out the cost of using Knox Academy for HDCC face to face meetings.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Matt Olley - Newlands Hill Project (Speaker - 10minutes)</p> <p>All information is available on the website including the virtual exhibitions. Matt is a Senior Project Manager on the Newlands Hill Project. Two exhibitions have taken place March 22 (original scope Gifford and Garvald) November 2022 (which included Stenton and Haddington too). Scoping request is for 17 turbines with max tip heights of 200m and an energy storage facility and associated infrastructure. There is few residential properties nearby and there is grid capacity at nearby connection locations.</p> <p>Community benefit fund 560k per year. A lot of people contacted Beltown about running an energy discount scheme, suggested 80% of this community benefit fund be used for an energy discount fund – discussion is taking place about who this would apply to. This would leave over 100k for community benefit fund. The community ownership would be 1% at no cost with the opportunity to purchase up to 4% at cost. The community ownership would be held by a Community Organisation (potentially ALECC – Association of East Lothian Council).</p> <p>Beltown is a UK clean energy company, head office is in Bristol. Delivered over 200MW of now operating wind, solar, and hydropower capacity across Scotland, Wales, England.</p> <p>Action – presentation to be circulated across the HDCC.</p> <p>SA asked about employment and apprenticeship opportunities. Beltown are focused one educational opportunities and will try and support businesses through the construction phase.</p> <p>a. Local Place Plans</p> <p>TL has circulated the email and the training event. Information from Diann is noted below.</p> <p>Developing a Local Place Plan</p> <p>East Lothian Council</p> <p>Wednesday 15th March 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm at Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre</p> <p>This face-to-face course is aimed at members of community groups with an interest in developing a local place plan.</p> <p>The session will explain what a Local Place Plan is, where it fits with the Local Development Plan (LDP) process, the Scottish Govt's guidance, what the Planning Dept will do with Local Place Plans.</p>	<p>TL/DA</p>

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	<p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/developing-a-local-place-plan-tickets-467490636077</p> <p>b. Community Benefits</p> <p>c. Parking Letter</p> <p>JW is going to update the letter with HDCC comments and recirculate before submission.</p> <p>d. Twitter/Facebook/Website</p> <p>Website – DA now has the access to the website and can update HDCC profiles. Peter Lugdon is no longer going to be maintaining the website. This is being moved over and JH will copy DA into the emails with the new website host.</p> <p>Twitter - @hadcomcouncil</p>	
4	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>a. Knox Academy</p> <p>Sue Cook (Head Teacher) joined the meeting to tell people about the Diversity evening being held at Knox Academy to try and encourage cultural understanding and diversity. This will take place on the 9th February from 5pm. Members of the Haddington Community Council would be welcomed to attend the evening from 7-9pm on the invite list. SA thanked Knox Academy for putting this event on and welcomed any suggestions of how the HDCC can support this. Sue asked if the HDCC could help to promote the event. The event will be free however the evening show will be ticketed to help support the costs of the speakers.</p> <p>CD provided an update. The Christmas concert that took place is now on the school YouTube channel. A pupil committee has been set up to create a spring concert.</p> <p>HP advised one of the main events in the next few weeks is the careers fayre on the 18th January which is being held from 6-8pm. There is over 50 exhibitors present including Edinburgh and Heriot Watt University. The event is open to pupils and parents.</p> <p>A Burns lunch is taking place on the 25th January at the bowling club, hosted by Our Community Kitchen, a number of pupils are helping out at this event, reciting poetry etc. The LGBT is planning for LGBT history month in February.</p> <p>A Community litter pick is also being arranged.</p> <p>b. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership</p> <p>c. Tenants and Residents Association Updates</p> <p>SP is at the Haddington Executive meeting however sent an email with concerns. JMc advised he has raised these concerns.</p> <p>d. Police, CAPP and PSP</p>	

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	<p>Pencaitlaid Road and the school will be police priorities for the next 6 weeks for checking the speed.</p> <p>JH advised the school road is brought up every year and asked what is going to be done to ensure this doesn't just keep going back on the priority list. SA advised the community police have been engaging with the school as it will be parents and carers and the police will be doing speed checks and issuing parking tickets. KG added there was also an issue with safe crossing. MV added that the solution needs to be introducing average speed cameras.</p> <p>Action – JMc to investigate the issue of safe crossings at Pencaitlaid Road.</p> <p>e. Youth Network</p> <p>The Youth Network is taking place on the 19th January.</p> <p>f. Blooming Haddington.</p> <p>No update. RM asked JMc to enlighten everyone on the Gambian baskets in Lady Kitty's Garden. JMc added they were designed to replicate the siege gunn during the siege of Haddington. Blooming Haddington applied to Common Good for funding for them. They were done by a local blacksmith. The siege of Haddington research group led on this.</p>	<p>JMc</p>

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5	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The query about the gym at one of the industrial units, this has been passed to JMc who is dealing with this. There has been a query if the train station is imminently opening. Email from a possible new member however there is a query over whether or not they live within the HDCC region. Waiting for a response on this. 	
6	<p>Councillors Corner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMc circulated an update in advance of the meeting. SA advised we have had the settlement for Scottish Government, the gap between ELC and the requested amount is due to inflation, rising gas and electricity etc. Still awaiting clarity on the Local Authorities final figure. 	
7	<p>Treasurers report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH circulated this in advance of the meeting. 	
8	<p>Licensing & Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 & 8 Market Street Haddington – we received an email about this which was a restaurant, this is being developed into 4 flats and a coffee shop (with no cooking facilities). KG added that it would be good to have a coffee shop that you can go to in the evening. HDCC have no objections to this. 	
9	<p>Community Council subgroups</p> <p>a. Events group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RM advised the lights may be coming down this weekend. The events group is going to hold a meeting on the 24th January in the Nungate Community Centre. TL to prompt them to get in touch with JH to discuss the signatories. <p>b. Inclusion & Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is 31st January. DA and KG meeting tomorrow to discuss how we move forward with this. 	
10	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RM asked when we will go back to face to face meetings. TL asked JMc when the Town House will be reopened for 	JMc

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	use. JMc is looking at Knox Academy for a potential meeting space. JMc to ask the cost of Knox Academy.	

Next meeting: Tuesday 14th February 2023