

ROYAL BURGH OF HADDINGTON and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Apologies and Attendance

Present

Therese Laing (Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer), Jack Worden (Vice Chair), Morgwn Davies (Correspondence Secretary), Jim Graham, Malcolm Vickers, Craig Douglas, Stuart Pe-Win, Tom Trotter, John McMillan, Shamin Akhtar, Stuart Baxter

Christine Read (potential New Member), TonyThomas (APT Planning and Development)

Members of the Public from Athelstaneford area

Apologies from Falko Burkert, Cameron Ritchie (Press Officer), Diann Govenlock, Erica Muirhead, George McGuire, Debbie Bryan

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Therese welcomed everyone to the meeting and as this was the first face to face meeting since June, she asked everyone to introduce themselves.	
2.	Adoption of minutes from the previous meeting delayed until after the presentation.	
3.	Vacancy in HDCC Christine Read told the members a bit about herself and HDCC members were given the opportunity to ask her questions. Then she was asked to leave the room. She was voted on to HDCC by Rab Moran and was seconded by John Hamilton.	
4.	Presentation re East Links Farm Tony Thomas from APT Planning and Development was welcomed to the meeting. He gave an informative talk on the proposal to relocate East Links Family Park to Brands Farm which is located in close proximity to Athelstaneford and East Fortune. Many of the villagers attended the meeting and Malcolm Vickers (Athelstaneford representative on HDCC) who had collated their concerns, asked questions on their behalf. Most of the concerns were around increased traffic on B roads which would have a detrimental effect on the day to day lives of the villagers and surrounding houses. These roads are also used by farm vehicles. People who have houses on the periphery of the park were very concerned about their privacy/noise pollution. Malcolm asked Tony Thomas if he would consider holding a public meeting in Athelstaneford Village Hall. Tony agreed to this and it has now been arranged for Thursday 20th April at 7.30pm. Tony was asked to send his presentation to HDCC. It was agreed that this would be further discussed at future meetings of HDCC.	TL
5.	Adoption of Minutes Minutes from February were adopted with minor changes.	



<p>6.</p>	<p>Matters Arising Admin Vacancy - HDCC has advertised for a new admin secretary on Facebook/Twitter and on the Courier Facebook page but we haven't had any interest in the post.</p> <p>Parking Following the letter which HDCC sent to East Lothian Council, Jack Worden and Therese Laing are meeting with Peter Forsyth on Friday 2nd June to put the views of the CC forward again and to hopefully discuss the Council's parking strategy.</p> <p>HDCC was unanimous in that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We opposed the introduction of metered parking in Haddington town centre. • We wanted a minimum of 120 car parking spaces released behind the Plough Tavern for a new exclusively public short term car park accompanied by an effective fee collection and policing system. • Highly visible signage for this new car park and the long stay car park behind Tesco for both residents and visitors. <p>JW to keep members of HDCC informed.</p> <p>Areas of responsibility TL circulated a table of responsibilities in advance of the meeting. JW intimated that he would like to attend the Area Partnership Meetings. CD would attend the Youth Network and EM would attend CAPP meetings.</p> <p>Noticeboard TL asked if HDCC members would be happy for a Who's Who with photographs/names/area of responsibility to be posted on the Noticeboard opposite the Corn Exchange. TL has communicated with the printers at Dunbar Road who would be happy to do this. Members agreed that photographs and responsibilities could be put on noticeboard. TL ask the local Councillors if they knew who has responsibility for updating the other side of the Noticeboard. At the moment it advertises places in North Berwick/Tweedmouth This could be updated to incorporate places of interest in Haddington.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Community Reports Knox Academy - Hannah and Mr Flood gave their report. Hannah invited HDCC members to the Spring Concert being held on Thursday 30th March. There will be two performances, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.</p>	

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	<p>P7 transition will be a mixture of virtual and physical events. Staff and S6 pupils are participating in running the Edinburgh Marathon. This year the chosen charity is Teenage Cancer Trust, this has been chosen as a pupil in Knox Academy has been given significant support by the charity. Mr Flood asked if HDCC could support their Just giving page and he will send link to TL which should be put on Facebook/Twitter and shared with other HDCC members.</p> <p>Mr Flood also thanked everyone for their support for Poppy Scotland. This had been Knox Academy's best year for supporting this charity and £6300 had been raised.</p> <p>Area Partnership – Stuart Baxter reported that many organisations had been successful in securing funding for their projects. Next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th April.</p> <p>Tenants and Residents Associations HETRA - this group continues to be active with Estate Inspections. Community Payback Team has tidied the area at John Knox tree and has asked HDCC to pay for the paint for railings. Everyone was in agreement that HDCC would pay £95 to the team. TL would inform HETRA and Callum Smart</p> <p>Haddington Central TRA</p> <p>Police, CAPP and PSP - next CAPP meeting is on 18th April. Emma Stewart circulated her Police Report, indicating their Policing Priorities. SA reminded group that there were no PSP meetings at the moment as it was felt they weren't needed. These would be reinstated if Anti Social Behaviour became a problem. John McMillan asked that the Councillors also get a copy of Police/CAPP reports. MD to distribute.</p> <p>Youth Network - next meeting is on 23rd March and Craig Douglas will represent HDCC.</p> <p>Blooming Haddington continues to ensure the gardens, plants etc are watered and cared for. The group has been concentrating on Lady Kitty's Garden and the Memorial Park.</p>	<p>RF TL</p> <p>TL</p> <p>CD</p>
8.	<p>Correspondence Craig Hoy is looking for community champions from across East Lothian to join him for a reception in the Scottish Parliament to celebrate their work supporting the local community. There are 3</p>	MD

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	categories - health, sport and well being. He would like HDCC to circulate the link. HDCC will circulate the link to all present and will post it on Twitter and Facebook.	JH
9.	Councillors' Corner John McMillan and George McGuire circulated their reports to the group in advance of the meeting.	
10.	Treasurer's Report John Hamilton circulated his report in advance of the meeting.	
11.	Licensing and Planning MD said that HDCC should follow the development of the Herdmanflat development. A small number of comments have been expressed over the loss of trees, height of development and vehicular access to the site.	MD
12.	Haddington Heritage Project Jack Worden reported that HHP was making progress with regard to Haddington becoming a tourist destination for those interested in Scottish history with particular emphasis on the 16th century. Working with organisations such as the History Society, the Friends of John Gray and others, HHP is supporting archaeological research with regard to the Siege of Haddington. It is ,developing a new historic tour of Haddington and pursuing the concept of Haddington becoming a virtual museum, utilising virtual and augmented reality.	
13.	Community Council Subgroups Events group continues to be busy organising activities for Haddington Festival.	
14.	Any other business TL suggested that HDCC meets in Athelstaneford for one of the monthly meetings. It was decided we would hold June's meeting in Athelstaneford. Malcolm to book Village Hall for Tuesday 13th June.	MV