



## Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

**Date & Time:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Present:**

Therese Laing (Chair) John Hamilton (Treasurer),  
Jack Worden (Vice Chair), Jim Graham, Erica  
Muirhead, Robert Moran, Tom Trotter, John McMillian,  
Robert Flood (Knox Academy), Falko Burkert,  
Morgwyn Davies, George McGuire, Callum Donohoe

(Knox Academy pupil rep), Hannah Pathirana (Knox  
Academy pupil rep), Alison Brown (Volunteer Centre),  
Diann Govennlock (Connected Communities  
Manager)

**In Attendance:**

Cameron Ritchie (Press Officer), Dawn Alexander  
(Minutes)

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| 1    | <b>Therese welcomed</b><br><br><b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Karen Garrott, Stuart Pe-Win, Shamin Akhtar</li></ul>  |        |
| 2    | <b>Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting September 13th 2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• YPI is on the 9<sup>th</sup> November</li></ul>   |        |
| 3    | <b>Matters Arising</b><br><br>a. Armistice Day – TL thanked JM for his support in coordinating the event and instructing her to invite the attendees along. TL also thanked JH and EM for organising the wreaths, JH will attend the event on Sunday to hand out the wreaths. EM will arrange for a wreath to be delivered to Athelstaneford at MV address. RM will be carrying the town flag. Callum Colquhoun is unable to be the parade marshal, Gillian Leslie will take on this role. TL thanked Callum for his role in arranging this. For marching it would be TL, EM, KG and FB. Thanks to JG for organising his friends to do the marshalling alongside the events group. The barriers will be at Court street, Tesco, Ideal garage, Church Street and Langriggs. TL will inform the marshals where to be on Sunday. JG will check that the barriers are in place. Fiona McEwen is organising the marshals and will meet them at 9.50am at the Corn Exchange. The flag rehearsal will take place at 11.45 on Saturday. JH will give FB a wreath which will be laid at the Ferguson Memorial. The HT, Mr Flood and 5 pupils will attend from Knox Academy. |        |

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|      | <p>b. HDCC Vacancies – there are 3 vacancies available. SS had tried to attend the last meeting but couldn't get onto the zoom. TL is going to meet with DG to discuss the vacancies 9/11 at 10am. CR will include the vacancies in the next Courier, SA requested that the achievements are also included in the advert.</p> <p>c. Community Council Notice Board – there is a notice board in front of the Vic. TL has been in touch with Chris to get the key for the notice board. Once the key is received a further discussion will be arranged to agree what should be on the board.</p> <p>d. Survey – TL wondered if we should create a survey to ask what the community would like from the community council. MV was in support of this. MV suggested Haddington could be broken up into areas, this was done in Athelstaneford and proved positive with a number of new groups being introduced. The HDCC discussed ways of getting the survey out to people. MV to share the survey his village created for HDCC to review.</p>   | MV     |
| 4    | <p><b>Community Reports</b></p> <p><b>a. Knox Academy</b></p> <p>HP provided an update of the last month. Polio awareness day took place, pupils raised £147.82. This Monday the eco committee had an assembly laying out their plans for the carbon day of action on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. The eco committee will also collaborate with Lil a shop on the High street. YPI final is tomorrow 9<sup>th</sup> November, JM will be attending to judge. There are 6 finalists group this year, charities are, Our Community Kitchen, beach wheelchairs, Simpsons sick kids, Keep the Heid Mental Health Café. This Thursday the pupil leadership team are helping out at the Our Community Kitchen team fundraising event.</p> <p>Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, the Children in Need dress down day will take place to raise money. Pupils will also attend the primary school and there will be opportunity to pie various teachers. Knox's pupil learning team has recently had its first meeting, and thought about how we want learning and teaching to look in the future and also supporting the P7 transition. Next week Knox is going to examine bullying and how to recognise and manage this. The material for these will be provided by the LDBT equality network.</p> <p>Dyslexia Awareness week – a number of parents and carers attended which was great for answering questions that they had and gave fantastic advice for supporting pupils with dyslexia. Over the last 2 weeks S6 pupils have been collecting for Poppy Scotland. CD played his bag pipes on the high street and raised over £400. The whole schools total will be counted next week. On the 10<sup>th</sup> November there will be a veterans coffee morning.</p> <p>Knox will take part in the tree planting ceremony on the 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm and will be accompanied by a piper and members of the community.</p> <p>On the 10<sup>th</sup> December Knox will be having its very first festive fair at 10am which S1 pupils will be selling their items. Members of the public are welcome.</p> <p>Christmas lights switch on, Amber Washington-McKay will be singing at this, and Knox pupils will also be providing music at the Farmers Market.</p> |        |

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|      | <p>Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December the Christmas Concert will take place, RF will send an invite to CC members for this.</p> <p>MV offered his help and support to the school on the Dyslexia Awareness work, MV daughter is an actress who is dyslexic and he would be happy to arrange a chat with her.</p> <p>Knox's Diversity evening are really keen for local businesses to come along to sell their products at the event. HP to contact DA to send a communication out to the business.</p> <p>SA thanked HP and CD for their contributions to the school and the local community.</p> <p><b>b. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership</b></p> <p>A meeting took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> October which KG attended. The next meeting of the full partnership is the 1<sup>st</sup> December at Haddington Bridge Centre. The health and wellbeing network will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> December in the morning.</p> <p>DG is meeting KG on Thursday for a catch up. KG will also take part in a short working group to develop the area plan.</p> <p><b>c. Tenants and Residents Association Updates</b></p> <p>SP sent an update to MD from the AGM. He was persuaded to stay on as chair. They discussed the usual things, ASB, driving and parking issues, and a recent survey they issues. There has been an increase in underage drinking.</p> <p>TL and SA attended the TRA Haddington East. Estate inspections are continuing, they are still looking for a Chair and their AGM is in February.</p> <p><b>d. Police, CAPP and PSP</b></p> <p>FB advised he could not attend the meeting however added that cameras have been removed in Cross Lane and Ross Close. These have been removed by the council. EM said these cameras should be reinstated as there is a number of incidents taking place in these areas. TL asked for FB to bring this up at the next CAPP meeting. SA said she would follow this up. Issues have been raised around parking and speeding and a lot of these are being committed by people who live in the town. Emma Stewart who is the new police officer is happy for people to contact her with any issues. TL suggested inviting Emma to the next meeting. Next CAPP meeting is on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 630-730. JW asked if the councillors would support HDCC in the request to get the cameras reinstated. SA added that the cameras are moved based on where the anti-social behaviour is highest. JM thanked Emma Stewart for attending the CAPP last night. Carol Grandison who has been volunteering to take the minute for the meeting last night was unable to therefore JM will circulate something. JM advised the meetings are proving to be beneficial.</p> <p><b>e. Youth Network</b></p> | <p>HP</p> |

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|      | <p>Next meeting is in January. The outreach workers were out at the weekend and it would seem the attraction with the bus stops is that they're well lit. DG is looking into costings for the basketball area and if improvements to the lighting in these areas could be made.</p> <p><b>f. Blooming Haddington</b></p> <p>Meeting held on 16th October and the following awards were awarded;<br/>Prizes – Dunbar<br/>Aberlady in Bloom silver award<br/>Blue an Belters – certificate<br/><b>Rab to PROVIDE A NOTE OF THE OTHER AWARDS?</b></p> <p>The HDCC thanked RM for his commitment and work.</p>   |        |
| 5    | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home-Start EL are looking for £237 funding to support families to take them to soft play during the winter months and to support families and parents to combat isolation. The HDCC voted in support of this. DG added the HLAP also has a general fund available which is open for applications.</li> </ul>   |        |
| 6    | <p><b>Councillors Corner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EM asked to discuss the proposed parking charges for the town centre. EM thinks this will be detrimental to the town centre, the retail centre is already reducing income for the town centre shops. GM advised that the parking being talked about at the moment was only for NB. JW is going to write a letter to be put to the council making suggesting and requesting clarification around the whole issue on parking. HDCC were in agreement. JM responded to EM, there is a parking management strategy, where consultation is taking place in North Berwick. JM said that some of the points JW were valid as council workers start to come back and the spaces reduce, we need to look at the positives of people being back to work including the increased business for the high street. The financial times published a report showing the local spend in EL had gone up by 55% by 2019. JW asked if the traffic management strategy is available. JM to send this to JW. EM objected to the fact the businesses at the retail park were going to engage with the local businesses. JM suggested having a wider discussion on these issues. FB suggested having more traffic wardens in the area. JM suggested that at a time where we are looking at huge budget cuts, we can't look at increased parking wardens. EM suggested new bus services from the new developments down onto the High Street. We need to look at other ways of increasing footfall. JW raised the issue of people who cannot walk into town, i.e. elderly and disabled requiring the parking spaces. Agreed JW to draft the letter.</li> </ul> <p>RF, CD, HP and JM left the meeting.</p> | JW     |
| 7    | <p><b>Treasurers report</b></p>  |        |

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|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed the yearly audit which took us up to Council 2022. The auditor likes to do pro-bona work, she kindly done this for free and saves us £350. JW proposed writing a letter to thank her. MD to prepare a letter.</li> <li>£3000 for events group has now been transferred. The events group is buying a sum up card reader and they will manage the money themselves.</li> </ul>   | MD     |
| 8    | <p><b>Licensing &amp; Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MD said that there was nothing of note to report unless HDCC wanted to hear about new windows etc</li> </ul>  |        |
| 9    | <p><b>Community Council subgroups</b></p> <p><b>a. Events group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas lights – TL advised she had asked if any help was needed with this and was assured no help was required. Fiona McEwan had advised her that RM and JH would be helping. JH, RB had not had any requests for this. JH advised Stevie is the person who leads on the Christmas lights. JW asked who was responsible for reporting on the events group? TL to contact the events group to find out who the liaison is for the events group.</li> <li>The Christmas light switch on will be Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. There will be carol singing before this.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Inclusion &amp; Accessibility</b></p> <p><b>No update.</b></p> |        |
| 10   | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharon Boy would like to attend the HDCC meeting to discuss the recycle idea. HDCC agreed to invite Sharon along for 10 minutes. FB to make contact.</li> <li>First in person meeting to be arranged for February 2022.</li> <li>FB raised an issue with the HDCC filling spaces due to the timing of the meetings. EM responded that the timing of the meetings fit in with all the other meetings in Haddington.</li> </ul>   | FB     |

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