



Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Date & Time: Tuesday 11th October 7pm

Location: Zoom

Present:

Chris McEwen (Chair), John Hamilton (Treasurer),
Jack Worden, Jim Graham, Shamin Akhtar, Erica
Muirhead, Robert Moran, Stuart Pe-Win, Tom Trotter,
John McMillian, Robert Flood (Knox Academy), Falko

Burkert, Morgwyn Davies, Therese Laing, Karen
Garrott, Callum Donohoe (Knox Academy pupil rep),
Hannah Pathirana (Knox Academy pupil rep)

In Attendance:

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

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1	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Steven Spence, Malcolm Vickers.	
2	Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting September 13th 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Point 3 an Officer had inspected the River Tyne and had produced a detailed report which had been sent to Dawn. The Tyne was found to be in good condition and there was no immediate work required. There would now be an annual inspection of the River Tyne.JH proposed the minutes, JM seconded.	
3	Matters Arising <p>a. Appointment of Office Bearers</p> <p>CM welcomed everyone to the AGM and then read the Chairperson's statement which he had sent out in advance of the meeting. TT thanked CM for his service to the community over the previous years. Thanks was extended to all other community council members for their participation.</p> <p>CM left the meeting.</p> <p>Treasurer – John Hamilton was nominated by Rab and seconded by Therese</p> <p>Vice Chair – Jack Worden was nominated by Erica Muirhead and second by Jim Graham (Jack indicated he would not be a long term appointment)</p> <p>Chair – Therese was nominated by Jim Graham, Rab seconded, Therese indicated she would not be a long term appointment – 6months)</p> <p>Secretary – Morgwn Davies was nominated by John Hamilton and seconded by Jim Graham</p> <p>a. JH Armistice. John H has arranged the wreaths, but he requested that someone take over the reins of organising it. TL said she would</p>	

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	<p>coordinate it and would liaise with Fiona McEwan. Erica, Jim offered to help with marshalling etc.</p> <p>b. John McMillan offered to help in anyway e.g. road closures, Pipe Band, Parade Major, protocols on day. TL to meet with John McMillan to discuss arrangements.</p>	
4	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>a. Knox Academy</p> <p>TL welcomed Hannah and Callum the new Knox Academy pupils. Knox Academy has a newly formed Knox Gospel Choir which is made up for pupils, teaching assistants, cleaners, P7 pupils and their parents.</p> <p>The Poppy Scotland Team are distributing boxes to businesses within the town. RF and pupils will be attending Holyrood for the launch of Poppy Scotland. There will also be a veterans coffee morning in Knox Academy on the 10th November.</p> <p>31st October to the 6th November is Dyslexia Awareness Week. A meeting will take place on the 2nd November to discuss strategies for supporting pupils, parents and carers with dyslexia.</p> <p>YPI (Youth Philanthropy Initiative) final taking place on 9th October</p> <p>HP advised that house captains have just started organising the S2 Charity events. Pupils are working closely with Our Community Kitchen and some pupils will be helping out at a fundraising event.</p> <p>An assembly is planned in the school to raise awareness of polio. The Eco Committee are planning a Carbon Day of Action and on the 9th February 2023 Knox is planning to hold a Diversity Evening.</p> <p>b. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership</p> <p>No update. KG nominated herself to represent at the Local Area Partnership.</p> <p>c. Tenants and Residents Association Updates</p> <p>The AGM is on the 17th October.</p> <p>Haddington East meets on the first Monday of each month, they have recently done estate inspections. They have also been on a trip to Loch Lomond for afternoon tea and a sail.</p> <p>d. Police, CAPP and PSP</p> <p>The next CAPP meeting is on 7th November from 6.30pm-7pm</p> <p>PSP has been suspended however they would be reinstated if there was a need. SA added that there were no incidents recorded for this month. SA also asked for confirmation that there would be a presence during the school holidays, this was confirmed. The Youth Outreach work will also continue on a Friday and Saturday night. JM added that feedback should go through the CAPP meeting rather than an additional PSP as it takes time away from the police, community councillors etc. JM added we should keep</p>	

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	<p>in contact with the multi-agencies as this seems to be working. JG agreed to attend the CAPP meeting.</p> <p>e. Youth Network</p> <p>No update.</p> <p>f. Blooming Haddington</p> <p>This Sunday there will be volunteers out doing the planters. The hanging baskets came down today.</p>	

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5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Nothing to note.</p> <p>Alison Brown has asked to come to the next meeting to introduce herself (Volunteer Centre East Lothian)</p>	
6	<p>Councillors Corner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) JG requested an update on the bus shelters that are yet to be removed. JM sent a reply to Chris and Dawn, the reply contained a note of when the bus shelters had been advertised in the courier and also added the two bus shelters were to separate the queuing of buses for buses to Edinburgh and local buses. When they came to remove the old bus shelter, there was an issue with contractor and special equipment is required – this is being scheduled for the next few weeks. b) JW raised an issue with the council car park and it is now only being allowed to be used by employees. JW understood that it had been confirmed in writing that the carpark was allowed to be used by the members of the public (approx. 120 spaces). Can we have a formal written correspondence on this from the council on the situation? JM asked what evidence JW was using that this has happened. JM was not aware of any change. TT noticed it was busier but didn't notice any decision to dedicate it back to council staff only. JW noted there was no clear signage that visitors could park there. JM advised he has been in the office numerous time lately and has not seen any problems in the car park. JM will request clarity on this. JW asked if we can request properly signed spaces assigned for the public. It was agreed to discuss this at another meeting. TL agreed this was important and would be useful in supporting people shopping local. c) RM requested that the rubbish at Mercat Cross is put out on the day of collection instead of having it lying out for days. EM phoned in to the Council to request if someone could speak to the businesses that are regularly putting out their cardboard and paper a week before the collection date. JM advised SP had also reported this and Waste Services will be going out again tomorrow. d) JM added there is a group being formed for Autism awareness, JM suggested Knox Academy could be involved in this. e) There has been success around the times including the Tyneside, Waterside Bistro and The Victoria Inn receiving awards. f) There are new retail units opening up at the retail park, the work that we're doing at Tyne Close may not be going forward. g) The Farmers Market are looking for accommodation for their stands. h) Tomorrow evening Maxine Wilson who is one of the music instructors is running a concert for McMillian Charity in St Mary's from 7-9pm. i) JW had asked CM about the Christmas cabins and what has happened to these – where are they and what is happening? JM advised that the cabins aren't park of the farmers market. The events group decided that the 5 cabins should be built, technically they should be responsible for them. Paul Kinnoch was part of this group, JM spoke to Paul, they are looked after by the council and stored at St Josephs, they could possibly be used and taken ownership of. JM advised Paul Kinnoch may be able to help further. EM added that the moving and erecting of them was an issue due to the cost. <p>RF, HP and CD left the meeting.</p>	JM

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7	<p>Treasurers report</p> <p>JH circulated the treasurer's report in advance of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same about of local priorities received as last year. • All audits passed up to 2021, the audit for this year is in progress • Dawns costs are sitting at £1,478 to date starting in January • Christmas lights 2021 – these cost £8,900 significantly up on the previous year • HDCC Received donations of £1538 • HDCC made donations of £6720 • Events group received approx. £3270 of donations and the festival costs last year were £5400 with an income of £5500 <p>October summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £22,997 net balance which excludes ring-fenced money 	
8	<p>Licensing & Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update. 	
9	<p>Community Council subgroups</p> <p>a. Events group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM will report to the HDCC on the events group. TL would like to attend the next meeting. TL suggested a calender of events would be useful. JH suggested using the SOLE application that Dawn is working on. <p>b. Inclusion & Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KG to send an update via email. 	TL
10	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG and RM requested a face to face meeting for the next HDCC meeting. TL suggested she take advice from the councillors on this however it was agreed to stick with zoom at the moment. • There is still a gap in HDCC membership which will need to be addressed. A conversation with Diann Govennlock should be arranged. A request for this to go out into the courier would also be useful. 	

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th November 7pm