



Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Date & Time: Tuesday 13th September, 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), Kirsty
Dee (Knox Academy), Lauren Clark (Knox Academy),
Falko Burkert, Morgwyn Davies

In Attendance:

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

Item	Topic	Action
1	A minutes silence was held for the passing of the Queen. Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Theresa Lain, Karen Garrott, Graham Samuel, Malcolm Vickers, Steven Spence, Pat Lemmon (Vice-Chair),	
2	Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting Tuesday 10th May 2022 JG proposed the minutes from June, RM seconded the minutes.	
3	Matters Arising a. Request for funding from events group (3k) CM to circulate the funding requests from Lammermuir Larder and the Events Group. b. Allotments at the back of the Walled Garden TL raised a concern over the allotments over the Walled Garden. JW communicated with someone and the person involved said he thought it would be useful for this to be used as allotments, he was asking the council to make a note of this and discuss it. JW added that ELC are in the process of going into a pre-tender for a caravan/camping provision there, no detail is known at present. JW said he would be in favour of both. JMc added that it is a public interest notice and there has been interest expressed in this land, and there has been some scoping on the land that has taken place. JMc will circulate any information as it becomes available. CC agreed they'd be happy for the caravan park and allotment to be considered for this area. c. Tyne River – Risk Assessment from Council to be requested	CM

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	<p>TL requested East Lothian Council's risk assessment with regards to the river and potential flooding in Haddington. SA advised a new senior engineer for flooding has been appointed and SA will report back at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>a. Knox Academy</p> <p>RF Introduced the new pupils representing the school this evening. LC thanked the community council for inviting them along.</p> <p>Knox Academy is looking to strengthen the bonds with the community inside and outside the school. On Friday a volunteer fayre took place to try and request volunteers for various organisations which were present.</p> <p>A new eco-committee has been created.</p> <p>The pupils have chosen to support 2 charities (one nationwide TBC) and Our Community Kitchen with fundraising. There is a plan to get S2's to compete to see who can raise the most money and this will go towards the Community Kitchen.</p> <p>The pupils are writing a section on Mental Health support on the school website and this will be shared with the community, this has been fact checked by Michael the Mental Health Advisor within the school.</p> <p>RF added the preparations for Poppy Scotland will be starting tomorrow, there are 26 volunteers so far. The meeting will discuss which activities will take place to raise funds for Poppy Scotland.</p> <p>The school are going to support World Polio day this year.</p> <p>JMc advised The Rotary would be very keen to speak to the school if they need any support in their activities.</p> <p>SA congratulated the school for the 2 award ceremonies that they had recently in the school.</p> <p>b. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership</p> <p>SA advised there has been a number of organisations that have benefited from the HLAP including Blooming Haddington, Nungate Gala and the Haddington Festivals Week.</p> <p>c. Tenants and Residents Association Updates</p> <p>The AGM will take place on the 17th October at the Trinity Centre, SP will send out the invites. The association will be talking to Haddington East and those who may be interested in starting a Haddington West Tenants and Residents Association.</p> <p>A complaint was made through the Community Council which is now resolved and appears to have been a misunderstanding.</p> <p>JH joined the meeting at 19:22.</p>	

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	<p>d. Police, CAPP and PSP</p> <p>At the last PSP meeting the decision was made to disband the PSP as it had achieved its agenda. FB and other members of the CC disagreed with this as FB added that he had witnessed anti-social behaviour taken place last Saturday, EW also reported seeing youths using a doorway as a toilet. FB added that there were incidents reported which could not be found by the PSP and this was concerning and should not have just been brushed off. SA added what was clear at the PSP was that it was decided the Children and Youth Network would keep all the intervention activities in place and would call on members of the PSP if support was required. JMc supported SA statement however expressed concerns that FB believed something was missing, JMc asked for FB to lodge a complaint through the official complaints procedure or write to JMc or one of the other councillors. The consensus amongst the CC was that the PSP should be continued/resurrected. SA will go back and have a conversation with Kenny Black however added that calls/complaints need to be made for the PSP to take place.</p> <p>e. Youth Network</p> <p>No update.</p> <p>f. Blooming Haddington</p> <p>Volunteers are currently going out every other Sunday to do a bit of work, a zoom meeting was planned to announce the awards however this has been cancelled due to the Queens death.</p>	<p>SA</p>
<p>5</p>	<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>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Councillors Corner</p> <p>FB asked if the public toilets in Haddington can be opened in the evening. SA to follow up on this.</p> <p>The three new bus stops that are being implemented raised concerns due to the placing in conservation areas, and also the encouragement of youths using them for the wrong reason. The new bus stops should have been moved to Court Street, the HDCC requested that these were moved to Court Street previously. MD disagreed and did not see an issue with the placing of the bus stops. CM added that ELC had not contacted the CC about the bus stops and noted this was common when the council have done similar things, they have failed to inform the CC. JMc will feedback these concerns.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>JMc</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Treasurers report</p> <p>JH circulated the treasurer's report in advance of the meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Festival Weeks payments are now almost complete, the only outstanding reimbursement is for the Coastline Falcone. CMc advised that FMc is going to get in touch with JH to retrieve the bank details for the Coastline Falcone.</p> <p>STA donated £422 for Festivals Activities, there is £152 left in the events group pot. The sur-plus donation from St Mary's playgroup Is going to be moved into the Community Council main account.</p>	
8	<p>Licensing & Planning</p> <p>There was one notification which was not worth discussing. The only other thing was the conditions of the place of the digestion plant were overturned by the Scottish Government. The EL courier noted we had objected to the digestion plant was incorrect, we did not object to this.</p> <p>Comments via zoom chat from JMc:</p> <p>[That change to mix of housing came before Planning Committee. As did the garden building at Letham Mains. Both Licensing and Planning Committees continue to be broadcast live on-line and are available soon after for replay. Licensing Sub-Committee has also met to look at inter alia, taxi licensing, window cleaners and also new legislation on Self Catering Lets,]</p> <p>A Windfarm meeting was proposed by the Association of East Lothian Councils and was attended by SP and MD to discuss if the windfarm benefits in East Lothian should be shared across the communities. There is only 1 development at the moment which is targeted at Gifford and Garvald and there has been no discussion with Gifford and Garvald as to whether they wish to share the 700k yet. They would not include any current Windfarms that we're currently getting benefits from. Another meeting will take place in November. SA suggested the Community Councils discuss what the priorities are across the towns and use the money strategically across East Lothian. TT added that there is no guarantee the money will be forthcoming, it may go into a central fund to be distributed across the board (i.e. held by the Scottish Government).</p>	
9	<p>Community Council subgroups</p> <p>a. Events group</p> <p>SP is currently on leave and could not join the meeting. New events are going to be planned including a quiz night in October and Christmas events.</p> <p>b. Inclusion & Accessibility</p> <p>KG sent apologies for this meeting so there is no update.</p>	
10	<p>Any other business</p> <p>JG asked what the procedure is for the next Chair of the Community Council. If no one comes forward the CC will cease and the Community Council will have to go out for public voting. The CC can continue with a secretary and treasurer if necessary.</p> <p>JMc noted CMc has done a sterling job through the circumstances. All CC members echoed JMc's comments.</p> <p>JMc asked if CMc would introduce the AGM and introduce TT to chair this.</p>	

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	<p>CMc advised he had enjoyed the Chair role however no longer has the time to give to the position.</p> <p>JMc also acknowledged PL contribution to the committee and the community council.</p> <p>The committee discussed how we elect new members, and what the procedure is for electing a new Chair and Vice Chair. JMc will follow this up with Diann Govennlock who is the Connected Communities Manager.</p> <p>JW received a letter from David Barrett proposing that JW put him forward as Chair of the CC and Morgywn should be Vice-Chair. JW advised he would not consider the Chair role due to his personal circumstances.</p> <p>FB suggested the CC members meet in person to discuss and suggest a Chair and Vice Chair. DA to organise a date and time for the meeting. CMc to try and invite all Community Councillors except David Barratt who is suspended.</p> <p>FB would like to request representative from the Community waste department and the private contractor to the next agenda. SA will pick this up with FB offline. JW added that it would be useful to have council officers at the meetings to discuss decisions that are being made.</p>	<p>JMc</p> <p>DA and CMc</p> <p>FB</p>

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th October 2022 7pm