



Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Date & Time: Tuesday 12th September 2023 7pm

Location: Knox Academy

Present: Therese Laing (Chair)
John Hamilton (Treasurer)
Jack Worden (Vice Chair)
Erica Muirhead
Jim Graham
Robert Moran
David Barrett
Christine Read
Christoph Crepaz
Craig Douglas
Robert Flood (Knox Academy)
Stuart Baxter (Connected Communities Manager)
Cameron Ritchie (Journalist East Lothian Courier)
George McGuire (Councillor)

Apologies:

Malcolm Vickers
Morgwn Davies (Correspondence Secretary, Planning Liaison Officer)
Falko Burkert
Stuart Pe-Win
Betsy Fowler
John McMillan (Councillor)
Tom Trotter (Councillor)
Shamin Akhtar (Councillor)



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1	<p>Welcome And Apologies</p> <p>TL welcomed attendees to meeting and hoped that everyone had had a wonderful summer break. It was agreed that Agenda should change slightly. Meeting would begin with guest speaker and then the Leadership Team from Knox Academy would introduce themselves and share their thoughts for the coming year.</p> <p>Laura Kerr (Speaker from Health and Social Care Partnership. Laura sent presentation in advance of meeting for perusal. She used the powerpoint to explain the plans for provisioning care for older people in East Lothian. These included Care in your own home, Palliative Care. Q and A session followed the presentation. Laura asked HDCC members to complete the online survey. The link to the survey is in the presentation.</p> <p>This is being further discussed at AELCC meeting which is being held on Teams (Wednesday 13th September).</p>	
2	<p>Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting June 2023</p> <p>Adopted with one change – Craig Douglas to be added to attendance.</p>	TL



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3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Future Meetings As many of the meetings run over TL suggested that areas in “Community Reports’ could be sent in as a summary/minute of meetings and questions could be asked at HDCC meetings. Group agreed to try this.</p> <p>Noticeboard Thanks to Community Payback Team for cleaning, painting, and fitting new Perspex to Noticeboard. All panels have points of interest. Events panel is proving popular and is being used to highlight various events e.g. Haddington History Tours and concerts etc. which will take place in the Corn Exchange. TL has been in touch with Rachel Menzies from Brunton Theatre to share ways which HDCC can support advertising of upcoming Events at Corn Exchange. CD feeling less excited about relocation of some Events to Haddington because Brunton would be using an inhouse bar to serve drinks. CD felt that this would lessen the sales for Haddington businesses.</p> <p>Voice DB explained that Voice was for recording meetings and holding a data base of information but would not transcribe the meetings.</p> <p>Charging Points – JH had received an email re increase in charging. John still has outstanding queries and JMCM is going to look into it. JH will keep us updated.</p> <p>AELCC Next meeting to be held as a Teams meeting on Wednesday 13th September. TL sent details to Community Councillors who can attend if they wish. Agenda includes Health and Social Care Partnership, Parking charges in East Lothian and the challenges faced by ELC budgets.</p>	<p>TL</p> <p>JMc JH</p>



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4	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>a. Knox Academy – Four senior pupils and two members of staff (Robert Flood and Hannah McBride) attended the meeting. Pupils were clear that they wanted to build on the work they were already doing in the Community eg volunteering at OCK/litter picking and they were keen to support the Community in any ways that they could. Knox will be holding a “Big Help Out Day” in the Community on Friday 17th May 2024 from 9.30am – 11.30am. 150 Pupils will be involved and the students asked HDCC for suggestions on whom they could help. RM suggested Blooming Haddington and JH suggested contacting the Rotary as they were going to be needing help to clear the Curling Pond. JW suggested that they could support Tours around Haddington. Amisfield Walled Garden, Library and Haddstock were also suggested. TL suggested that we all have a think about it and bring ideas to next meeting.</p> <p>Hannah McBride (staff member) discussed Essential Hub If anyone has suits/dresses /shirts which could be used for Prom, please hand in to school. Books which could be used for further study would be welcomed. Poster re Essential Hub sent around members.</p> <p>Breakfast Club – looking for financial support and food support. This could be difficult for HDCC in terms of sustainability. TL asked Hannah to email her to arrange a meeting to discuss.</p> <p>Knox Academy will continue with Poppy appeal and RF will update at next meeting</p> <p>b. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 26th October in the Bridge Centre. Funding has been given to Dementia singing group. Health and well being meeting has been arranged for Thursday 5th October.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>TL/HMCB</p>



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5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Resilience Workshop 2nd November – Morgwn has details</p> <p>Letter To HDCC re railings at Aberlady Road. SB suggested that Roads dept deals with this. MD to inform resident that his concerns were discussed at meeting. SB suggested that MD forward email to roadservices@eastlothian.gov.uk</p> <p>ELC Resilience workshop on 2nd November. Morgwn sent details out.</p> <p>Newlands Hill Wind Energy Hub is about to submit documentation for a Section 36 application for consent from the Energy Consent Units. They emailed asking how we wanted to receive the information, I said a web link would be sufficient and declined a printed copy that we would most likely have to pay for.</p>	MD



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6	<p>Councillors' Corner</p> <p>George McGuire discussed Anti-Social Behaviour. He had reported the drinking in public on the steps of the doorway to flats at the bottom of the High Street.</p> <p>JW was concerned about the empty Procurator Fiscal Office – CD had said that although jobs had been advertised eg Chef there were no applicants.</p> <p>What's happening with Council properties at Brown Street? GMcG to enquire.</p> <p>John McMillan sent in report prior to meeting.</p> <p>ST Mary's This year sees the 50th Anniversary of the restoration of the Kirk which will be open during 'Open Doors Weekend' at end of September and a special commemorative service is to be held at the end of October.</p> <p>Tourism and Lammermuir Festival I have noted an increase in foreign visitors- Bahamas, Los Angeles (link with the Cadell family), Dutch (John Knox links) and French visitors exploring the Auld Alliance. Lammermuir Festival has reached high sales figures and feedback for its concerts reflect its now global reputation and success.</p> <p>Knox I attended a recent Parent Council meeting and was pleased to hear of good results and much sporting activity around rugby, golf, football, and hockey as well as a visit to a Book Festival.</p> <p>Planning The East Fortune application has been lodged with the Council but may not yet be validated and registered.</p> <p>Rotary Rotary has taken a lease over the ground around the curling pond area and is developing plans to engage locals in preserving and enhancing the area.</p> <p>Blooming Haddington JMc was delighted to be present at the awards ceremony on Friday when Haddington in Bloom received a Gold Award and also the Haddington 700 Trophy. East Lothian Council was awarded the Caley (Royal</p>	G Mc



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7	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>JH presented the treasurers report to the committee. In agreement with Events Group, fencing of their original £3000 will be returned to HDCC main fund, noting that Events group can request new amounts as they arise.</p>	
8	<p>Licensing & Planning Planning</p> <p>The short-term Planning Group established to cover July and August has not met as the two applications that it was primarily set up to discuss have still not been posted. The East Fortune planning application has been submitted but has not been validated and registered. The Herdmanflat Development planning application has still to be submitted.</p> <p>Apart from a planning application for solar panels on a property roof which was circulated with no negative comments received nothing else warranted being circulated.</p> <p>A glitch in the search function showing weekly updates contain some historical planning applications, unable to determine if this was an ongoing issue or just a blip. MD to check with Planning Department.</p> <p>DB, CC, FB and SPW are still keen to be on planning sub group. MD to arrange meeting if planning applications are submitted before next meeting.</p> <p>Licensing Committee Report</p> <p>Two notifications of changes to licensed premises, the Railway Inn and Victoria Inn circulated to HDCC members, no negative comments submitted. One pending, circulated in the last 2 or 3 days, an application to sell alcohol from the Premier Store at 90 High Street.</p> <p>Comments to be sent to MD.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>



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9	<p>Community Council subgroups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVENTS TL had contacted Events for an update and a date for their next meeting but was awaiting response. • Town Centre 8 members of HDCC, accompanied by Fiona Lambert (MADE) travelled to Dumfries to discuss the regeneration of Dumfries Town Centre. All those who took part in the visit agreed the visit been very worthwhile and it had given everyone food for thought. Christoph Crepaz will lead the Town Centre group. • Inclusion and Accessibility – TL, CR and BF had met with representatives from various organisations to reestablish the Inclusion and Accessibility group. BF and CR plan to compile a questionnaire which will be shared and completed with the organisations. Feedback from the questionnaires will inform the way forward for the group. 	<p>CC</p> <p>BF CR</p>
10	<p>Any other business</p> <p>TL asked for volunteers to walk or Marshall during Remembrance Day Parade. HDCC members to inform TL at next meeting of their availability.</p>	<p>HDCC members</p>



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