



Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Date & Time: Tuesday 13th June 2023 7.30pm

Location: Village Hall Athelstaneford

Present: Therese Laing (Chair)
John Hamilton (Treasurer)
Morgwn Davies (Correspondence Secretary)(Planning Liaison Officer)
Erica Muirhead
Jim Graham
Stuart Pe-Win
Robert Moran
David Barrett
David Miller
Christine Read
Betsy Fowler
Christoph Crepaz
Falko Burkert
Craig Douglas

Stuart Baxter (Connected Communities Manager)
Cameron Richie (Press Officer)
Shamin Akhtar (Copuncillor)
George McGuire (Councillor)

Apologies:

Jack Worden (Vice Chair)
Malcolm Vickers
John McMillan (Councillor)
Tom Trotter (Councillor)

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1	<p>Welcome And Apologies</p> <p>TL welcomed everyone to meeting in Athelstaneford. Special welcome to members of the Public.</p> <p>Speaker from ELC presented key facts on Herdmanflat Redevelopment. Key facts presentation with slides to be shared after the meeting.</p> <p>The focus of the development is for people over 55, with 60% of the site remaining green space. They acknowledged that there have been some significant adjustments in response to the consultations which had already taken place.</p> <p>This was followed by a 15 minute Q&A session. For further information contact is: HSD@Eastlothias.gov.uk</p>	Neil Gibbs to send slides



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2	<p>Adoption of Minutes from CC meeting May 2023</p> <p>Adopted with one change – East Lothian County Councillors to be listed separately.</p> <p>MV to be removed from attendance in last set of minutes.</p>	TL
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Parking JW and TL attended meeting with Peter Forsyth (East Lothian Council). We reiterated the points we had agreed in letter.</p> <p>Points to note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Musselburgh and Tranent would be consulted upon before Haddington 2. Each town would be looked at as a separate entity and it wouldn't be a "one size fits all" 3. Peter agreed that HDCC should be consulted on the wording of the survey 4. PF to keep HDCC fully informed and consulted <p>Minute taking DB suggested we use VOICE which is used by other community groups – to be explored further. DB to report back.</p> <p>Noticeboard Community Payback Team has agreed to clean/paint and put new Perspex on board.</p> <p>Planning Planning during holidays - just incase we miss plans which are submitted during our summer recess, TL would ideally like:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. volunteers to form a subgroup to look at the planning applications 2. Group to be led by our Planning Liaison Officer 3. Group would comment on plans and pass the comments around the members of HDCC before they were formally submitted to planning 4. Individual objections could be sent in but NOT under the umbrella of HDCC <p>DB, CC, FB, MD, Stuart Pe Win. offered to be on group. MD (PLO) to lead the group and to set up a sub committee, initially via email. All decisions to go through the Chair.</p> <p>LPPs to be picked up by new sub-committee?</p>	<p>DB – September agenda</p> <p>TL – by August.</p> <p>MD during summer recess.</p> <p>MD</p>



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	<p>AELCC Minutes of meeting and presentations already sent to HDCC members. 3 main items on agenda:</p> <p>Policing/Climate Emergency/Local Place Plans Police recognised that the free travel pass had led to young people being able to move around the county and from Edinburgh into East Lothian, often in search of opportunities to create trouble. <i>The Police Service was praised for a recent swift intervention when young people set fire to containers at North Berwick Tesco. Several young people left the scene on the local bus which was stopped quickly by police and young people arrested. There was a feeling that more reported incidents of swift police interventions could be important in reducing youth ASB.</i></p> <p><i>Climate Emergency</i> <i>Hanna Lundstrom is ELC Sustainability and Climate Change Officer</i></p> <p><i>Local Place Plans</i> Dunbar and West Barns CC more than happy to help us if we want to move forward with LPPs North Berwick - North Berwick CC reported that North Berwick is looking to fund a professionally generated Local Place Plan which may cost in the region of £30k to produce. North Berwick are fortunate to have Trust funds that may cover this.</p>	



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4	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>a. Knox Academy – Hannah updated the council on student leadership and the Annual Award ceremony taking place next week. The Academy will continue to be the local organizer for Poppy Scotland. The school held a successful activities week. Pupils and some staff took part in the 10K marathon which raised £4575 for the Teenage Cancer Trust. New Timetable started on the 5th June. End of term is 28th June 2023. Transition groups have been into the Academy. Youth and Philanthropy group won £3k last year and new charities agreed for this year. The annual 6th form volunteering will continue to support in school and local organisations in the town.</p> <p>b. Businesses – still concerns about vacant shops and involve HDCC in the Economic Development strategy. Discussion about rent and rates being a barrier to new business. Need to celebrate the strengths of the town and advertise as widely as possible through all medias.</p> <p>c. Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership a) Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership meeting to be held on 15/6/23 in the Bridge Centre Haddington between 7.00 and 9.00pm. The next Health and Wellbeing network meeting is on the 29th June in person between 10am – 11.30am in the Granary Room, Poldrate Arts and Crafts Centre.</p> <p>The next Children and Youth network is on Thursday 31st August between 3.30pm and 5pm and is likely to be face to face. Diann Govenlock has asked members of the network to send her details of their summer programme so this information can be collated into a leaflet.</p> <p>SB congratulated SPW on election to Vice Chair of the Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership. SB also reminded Community Councillors of the upcoming public consultations on the Local Development Plan 2, Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategy, Poverty Plan, Local Economy Strategy and the Forestry & Woodland draft Strategy.</p> <p>There were a number of dates throughout June but the one in Haddington would take place on Monday 19th June between 2.00-7.15pm at the John Gray Centre (Library) Star Room.</p> <p>d.</p> <p>e. Tenants and Residents Association Updates Haddington East –</p>	<p>TL to follow up with Jmcm</p> <p>SA to follow up with ELC</p> <p>SB to advise of further dates</p> <p>SM to work with CD to look at and report back</p>



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	<p>estate inspections continuing. John Knox tree to have plaque put up at bottom of steps. One of the members thinks Historic Society have QR codes to support advertising Haddington East. Haddington Central -discussion was focused on concerns around the Hermandflat Development.</p> <p>f. Police, CAPP Speed checks and ASB are being followed up with 252 calls made, 50 crimes reported and as a result people being charged.</p> <p>g. Youth Network CD will attend next meeting and feedback to the group. CD mentioned that Breakfast clubs in schools are struggling. Next YN meeting 31/8/23 3.30-5pm</p> <p>h. Blooming Haddington – HDCC thanked volunteers from Blooming Haddington for the baskets/planters etc in the town which were enhancing the look of the town. Judging will take place in August.</p>	



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5	<p>Correspondence All relevant emails have been circulated to all Community Members and anything needed to be discussed was being addresses in the appropriate place on the agenda.</p>	
6	<p>Councillors' Corner Councillors thanked everyone involved in the Haddington Festival, GOATFEST and HADDSTOCK. All of these vents were very successful for the town and community. The 15 Lithuanian table tennis players spent a weekend in Haddington, partially funded by HDCC. Concern was raised regarding the 40% rise in Electric charge – will ask John McMillan to follow up Town Hall Clock still incorrect.</p>	<p>JmcM SA to follow up.</p>
7	<p>Treasurers report JH presented the treasurers report to the committee. Stuart Pen Win left the meeting. John Hamilton left the meeting.</p>	
8	<p>Licensing & Planning MD as PLO updated on the Brown Street/Market Street development of flats and 2 retail units. DB proposed that HDCC write to the CELC Planning Department to object on the grounds that the Council's application was flawed, incompetent, lacking i9n proper searches of ownership of the site and the demolition process was incorrectly applied for. CC seconded the proposal. DB then stood and said, I'm not being allowed to speak and left the meeting. Therefore, the proposed action fell. After further discussion on the merits of the new flats and retail units and the impact on parking a vote was taken which was 4-4 before the chair could cast a deciding vote, two community councillors who voted not to object, said we don't agree there should be new retail units. Following further discussion, it was agreed that HDCC would object to the development on the grounds of over provision of retail units in the town centre and the detrimental impact on the number of spaces for car parling.</p>	<p>MD as PLO wo write to ELC Planning Department</p>



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9	<p>Community Council subgroups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events group – thank you to all volunteers for making the Haddington Festival week so enjoyable and successful. Festival made a small profit.• Inclusion & Accessibility – no update at present• Haddington Heritage Project – Haddington Heritage Project - wreath laying/storytelling to commemorate Siege of Haddington. 28th June 10am pupils will arrive for storytelling session, followed by wreath laying around 10.30am all welcome to attend and hear a bit about our history. This has been another opportunity for us to work with other community groups in the Town. Blooming Haddington organised the wreath and plaque. HDCC organised pupils/storytelling/library services etc HDCC and Blooming Haddington to share costs.• Town Centre Meeting – those who are interested in hearing about the regeneration of Dumfries with a view to doing something similar in Haddington, please come to Falkos 15/6/23 at 4pm. Graham Lebeter who was involved in Dumfries will be the speaker.	
10	<p>Any other business</p> <p>CC asked who was responsible for Christmas lights – Events.</p>	

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th September Knox Academy



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