



Royal Burgh of Haddington and District Community Council

Date & Time: Tuesday 10th September 2024 6.30pm

Location: Knox Academy

Present:

Therese Laing (Chair)
John Hamilton (Treasurer)
Morgwn Davies (Correspondence Secretary, Planning Liaison Officer)
Susan Forgie (Minutes Secretary)
Malcolm Vickers
Christine Read
Cristoph Crepaz
Robert Moran
Erica Muirhead
Christine Read
Stuart Baxter (ELC)
Mandy Harrington (VCEL)
Thomas Robertson (Knox)
Ruaridh Morrison (Knox)
Aimee Walker (Knox)
Rosie Graham (Knox)
Verity Sinclair (Knox)
Cameron Richie (Journalist - East Lothian Courier)

Apologies:

George McGuire (Councillor)
John McMillan (Councillor)
Shamin Akhtar (Councillor)
Stuart Baxter
Betsy Fowler
Jack Worden (Vice Chair)
Robert Flood (Knox Academy)
Lucy Darling
Stuart Pe-Win
Erica Muirhead
Mandy Harrington (VCEL)
Tom Trotter (Councillor)



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1	<p>Welcome And Apologies</p> <p>TL welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.</p> <p>TL offered HDCC's congratulations to Blooming Haddington for winning a gold award, and St Mary's Pleasance and Amisfield Walled Garden for their awards.</p> <p>RM told the council the ELC did not win an award even though without their help BH wouldn't be successful. EM suggested that the council send a thank you card to ELC.</p> <p>TL gave the details of Joe Forte's funeral.</p>	TL
2	<p>Adoption of Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 11/06/2024 are not available and will be prepared for the next meeting.</p>	



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3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a. ASB On Buses No more info at present</p> <p>b. Overhead Cables Nothing has been done about them</p> <p>c. AELCC - Complaints Procedure TL updated the group about the ongoing discussions regarding the complaints procedure. TL has suggested adding that complainants should have a supporter/s present.</p>	



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4	<p>COMMUNITY REPORTS</p> <p>a. Knox Academy</p> <p>TL congratulated Knox Academy for the excellent report they received for their childcare work.</p> <p>The Volunteer Fair was very successful. TL apologised for not making it to the event. She said that HDCC needs a pull-up banner for events like these and she will look into that.</p> <p>RB said that alongside Miss Cook they were looking at attendance, assemblies and School Values.</p> <p>On 11/11 the school is hosting a Memorial Evening and wants to extend an invitation to HDCC and the wider community. Could the community council offer support and help with outreach to the community?</p> <p>AW explained that the school is also working on recognising pupil achievements and expanding ideas of what success is.</p> <p>S6 committees have all started up again and are considering what fundraising activities to engage in.</p> <p>b. Events Group</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday - TL explained that HDCC's Events Group is looking for volunteers. In particular on 10.11 and she invited the leadership team to join the parade and get involved with serving refreshments at the church. MH suggested registering any volunteer ops with VCEL. More CC members are needed as Marshalls or to walk in the parade.</p> <p>JH will order the wreaths.</p> <p>Those present at the Events meeting decided that because of the crossroads, it would be too difficult for whole parade to continue to Memorial park.</p>	<p>TL</p> <p>JH</p>



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	<p>MD asked who decides the content of the church service. He feels that the service ought to focus on the futility of war. TL said the the council only organises the parade nad he should contact the minister at the church if he has any suggestions.</p> <p>EM to ask Jim Graham if he can organise marshalls.</p> <p>Fireworks - JH will send MD the email address of the organiser.</p> <p>Christmas Lights -Christmas Lights Switch on - Sunday 24th November. @ 6 pm. Steven Gibson, RM and Chris McEwan to do the lights.</p> <p>TL invited Knox Academy to be elves again</p> <p>AW o share contact for Brass Band with TL</p> <p>Festival Week - Too much going on for the few volunteers involved. The group will start splitting activities to make it easier and recruit more volunteers. There is not enough for teenagers to do during festival week and TL said it would help if a couple of pupils could get involved in the events group as advisors.</p> <p>Knox Academy left the meeting.</p>	<p>EM</p> <p>JH</p> <p>RM/SG/CMc</p> <p>AW / TL</p> <p>KA</p>



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5.	<p>a. Town Centre - Shop Front Improvement Grants</p> <p>CC reported that the last round of information and the meeting at the Victoria Inn had resulted in around 20 applications being submitted for the shop front improvement scheme.</p> <p>b. Policing - There is only one police officer for the area. CC wrote to the Chief Constable who explained that they had no budget for extra policing. A discussion took place around this issue including whether more community wardens would help but CC explained that their powers were very limited.</p> <p>c. Planning Fees</p> <p>EM said that fees for planning permission sought by businesses on the High Street are very high and feels that this needs to be challenged. CC to take to the next TCM.</p> <p>d. HLAP</p> <p>2 applications for funding were approved for the Lammermuir Larder and Athelstaneford.</p> <p>e. TRAs Report</p> <p>HETRA's last AGM was not quorate. They are going to hold another AGM in September.</p> <p>HCTRA held it's AGM in June and elected the following office bearers Chair - Susan Forgie / Treasurer - Anne Traill / Secretary - Cyntia Baxter</p> <p>DONM - Wednesday 23rd October, 7pm Knox Academy</p> <p>f. CAPP</p> <p>The ASB issue at Alderstone House disappeared when the children went back to school.</p> <p>g. Blooming Haddington</p> <p>The wheelbarrow competition is yet to be judged. TL congratulated the group on the yarn decorations and a tremendous effort.</p>	RF RF CC
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<p>5.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8.</p>	<p>Licencing and Planning</p> <p>a. Herdmanflat Hospital Application</p> <p>Passed unanimously by the Planning Committee.</p> <p>b. Country Park @ Athelstaneford</p> <p>There has been an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the East Fortune Family Farm.</p> <p>CC has the right to make further responses by 18th September to the Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division</p> <p>The community council agreed to send a second letter reiterating their position.</p> <p>c. Variation of Off-Licence</p> <p>Premier Store on the High Street has applied for a variation to their licence which will increase the shelfspace allocated to offsales to 17.1 m. No objections MD - email continues to be a nightmare.</p> <p>Minutes are not up on the website. MD to liaise with Amanda Summer on this.</p> <p>6. Correspondence. Everything covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <p>Councillors Corner</p> <p>No ELC councillors present.</p> <p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. Audit - HDCC passed the audit carried out in March 2024. Congratulations given to JH for his hard work. Flowers sent to Ms Farmer.</p> <p>b. Outgoings</p> <p>Blooming Haddington - £1000</p> <p>Haddington Athletic - £1500</p> <p>Web Developer - £470</p> <p>Festival Week - £536</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD /AS</p>
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9.	<p>c. Income</p> <p>Donation - £20 (Lost Haddington)</p> <p>d. TSB Account & SumUp</p> <p>Events Group had an account at TSB. Due to the closure of the TSB Branch in Haddington it was agreed in June to transfer all monies to B of S account. TSB account is now effectively closed as it has a zero balance.</p> <p>SumUp account linked to a previous incumbent Account has been closed</p> <p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Referral form for Lammermuir Larder to be updated on websiteb. Breast Screening - CC explained that people have been complaining about going to Musselburgh for screening because there is no direct bus. Why is there no screening service in Haddington? TL to write to ELC.	TL



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Next meeting: Tuesday 8th October @ 18.30 in Knox Academy