

## Dalkeith and District Community Council (DDCC)

### Minute of meeting Tuesday 12 June 2018

1	Present and Apologies	Action
	<p><b>Present</b> Community Councillors: Ann Stewart-Kmicha (Chair); Kit Deans: Evelyn Fleck; Isobel Mulligan: Kate Robertson; Andrew Watt; Kitty Wright Midlothian Council: Cllr Margot Russell Seven residents of Mitchell Street, Dalkeith and Cllr Colin Cassidy for Item 4.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Rae Beatson; PC Dan Clarke; PC Rona Duncan; Bill Kennedy</p>	
2	<b>Notes from Meeting 15 May 2018</b>	
	Amendments were to be made to the draft note of the meeting of 15 May. Following these amendments, the note was approved by Andrew Watt and seconded by Kitty Wright. Kate Robertson was to forward to Rona Duncan	AP1 KR
3	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	<p><b>AP3: Buccleuch Estates Licensing application:</b> Ann Stewart-Kmicha had attended the meeting of the licensing board and had present objections on behalf of DDCC. The application had been granted.</p> <p><b>AP7: Medical practices:</b> This was to be discussed at the meeting of the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils in September 2018.</p> <p><b>AP8: Positioning of DDCC noticeboards:</b> in progress</p> <p><b>AP9: Request for playground sign at Easter Langside to be moved:</b> in progress</p> <p><b>All other action points had been completed.</b></p>	AP2 RD AP3 RD
4	<b>Parking</b>	
	<p>Mitchell Street residents expressed concern about parking by non-residents causing congestion, difficulty in parking near their own homes and potential impact on safety on pedestrians and other road users. It was felt that this had been exacerbated by changes to parking in central Dalkeith including centralisation of Midlothian Council staff, decriminalisation of parking and changes to parking charges. It appeared that, increasingly, drivers were using on-street parking rather than car parks. It was noted earlier on 12 June that St Andrew Street and North Wynd car parks had a total of 70 spaces.</p> <p>A number of suggestions were discussed including residents' parking permits with temporary permits for visitors to residents and/or restriction to the hours of parking. It was pointed out that some solutions may carry a cost to residents as in City of Edinburgh. It was suggested to residents that they obtain the support of as many other residents as possible to make representation to Midlothian Council. DDCC would also make a response to Dave Kenny, Midlothian Council, following this discussion.</p> <p>It was pointed out that insufficient parking was also an issue in new housing developments. It was suggested that consultation with developers should take place at the planning stage.</p>	AP4 AS-K

	<p>It was reported that Dave Kenny was preparing a consultation on the decriminalisation of parking. Parking penalty charges issued across Midlothian had been 266 for April and 736 for May. The location and type of yellow lines restrictions would also be reviewed. Cllr Colin Cassidy reported that a cross-party working group was to meet Thursday 14 June to discuss transport.</p> <p>Resurfacing work on Old Edinburgh Road and Mitchell Street was planned. A temporary solution for residents was being sought.</p> <p>The Mitchell Street residents were thanked for their attendance. They and Cllr Cassidy left the meeting after this item.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Police Report</b>	
	In Dan Clarke's absence, a police report was not available.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Councillors' Reports</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Margot Russell reported that the former Newbattle High site was being considered for c90 council houses, a council care home and a possible community facility. Another site for new Dalkeith primary school was being sought. There was to be a school catchment area meeting on 13 June.</li> <li>• Cllr Russell reported there had been no petitions submitted to the Cross-Party Petitions Committee in the past year.</li> <li>• A Scottish Regeneration Fund application was to be made in 2019 in respect of the MARC building. In response to the issues raised by Evelyn Fleck in relation to the maintenance of the frontage and planters outside the MARC building, Cllr Russell reported that there was no maintenance budget.</li> <li>• Buccleuch Street workshop, shops and residences would possibly be redeveloped for council housing.</li> <li>• The Chief Executive Kenneth Laurie had been appointed to Falkirk Council. A cross-party appointment of a new Chief Executive would be made.</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Cascade of Information by Community Councillors</b>	
	<b>Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB):</b> Andrew Watt reported Gordon Robertson, Head of Communications at Edinburgh Airport had responded that changes could not be made to flight paths. Andrew planned to contact him again. Andrew was to put a link on the DDCC website to a noise and track monitoring/complaint system.	AP5 AW
	<b>Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (MFCC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann Stewart-Kmicha raised the issue of funding of community councils by Midlothian Council (currently c£300 each). The option favoured by MFCC was that they receive a bulk grant and then allocate funding to each community council for regular running costs with some reserve for priority funding by application. While there were some reservations, this arrangement would be subject to annual review and it was agreed to support this.</li> <li>• It was proposed that Midlothian Council webcast their planning meetings instead of their cabinet meetings.</li> <li>• Cost of Christmas lights, installation, removal and running was under review. Ann recalled that £2000 had been promised from the Dalkeith Common Good Fund.</li> </ul>	AP6 AS-K

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ann was to share minutes of the MFCC. Their meetings were the third Wednesday of each month (not July/August) in the Newbattle Community Learning Centre.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Dalkeith/Woodburn Community Action Plan</b> This was moving forward again after a review meeting held on 11 June.</p>	
	<p><b>Newbattle Community Sports Hub</b> A July programme was planned with breakfast, lunch, sport and social activities for children plus parent/carer who had experienced adversity. An August event with coaching sessions was also being planned.</p>	
	<p><b>Borders Railway Community Partnership</b> Ann Stewart-Kmicha reported that the Esk Valley Trust planned a walkway from Ironmills Road to Elginhaugh Gardens.</p>	
	<p><b>Midlothian Older People's Assembly</b> A transport guide for disabled people had been published.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Consultations</b>	
	<p><b>Midlothian Green Network and Special Landscape Areas:</b> There had been poor response to date. Community Councillors were encouraged to respond. <b>Land Value Capture:</b> Carried forward. <b>Democracy Matters:</b> Highlighted by Evelyn Fleck. To be raised with MFCC by Ann.</p>	AP7 AS-K
<b>9</b>	<b>Planning Applications, Traffic Orders and Licences</b>	
	<p>55 acres of land for sale at Fordel falls within the Tynewater CC catchment. Traffic orders included: Old Edinburgh Road and Mitchell Street resurfacing; 23/24 June event at Dalkeith Country Park; taxi ranks.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Midlothian Council request for feedback re winter services (e.g. grit bins; priorities). Carried forward to the August meeting.</li> <li>Dalkeith Festival first Saturday in August. Woodburn Family Fun Day 30 July. Agreed donations to both events of £100 each.</li> <li>Red Cross open hour 09.30-10.30 19 June.</li> <li>Possibility of being joined by two young people from secondary sector from September.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Any Other Competent Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facebook activity 15 May to 11 June: 23 posts; new page likes 78; post reach (the number of people who had any posts enter their screen) 838; post engagements (comments, shares, likes) 465. Twitter activity same dates: 26 following; 12 followers.</li> <li>A "walkabout" had been carried out by Evelyn Fleck and Kate Robertson around proposed development sites at Wester Cowden Farm and Cowdenfoot Loan. There were significant concerns regarding impact on current residents if through traffic is increased through already busy estates.</li> </ul>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Tuesday 14 August 2018 at 7pm in the MVA meeting room. Future meetings would be held 11 September and 9 October 2018.	