

Dalkeith and District Community Council (DDCC)

Note of meeting Tuesday 11 December 2018

1	Present and Apologies	Action
1	<p>Present Community Councillors: Ann Stewart-Kmicha (AS-K) (Chair); Kit Deans (KD); Chris Hampton (CH); Kate Robertson (KR); Andrew Watt (AW). Midlothian Council (MC): Cllr Margot Russell (MR) Police Scotland: PC Dan Clarke; PC Scott Robertson Residents: Diane Benn; Gerry Goldwyre; Mags Pryde</p> <p>Apologies: Rae Beatson; PC Rona Duncan; Evelyn Fleck; Bill Kennedy.</p>	
2	<p>Approval of Note of Meeting held on 13 November 2018</p> <p>Approved: Andrew Watt; Seconded: Kate Robertson</p> <p>Kate was to create a PDF of the final note and forward to Rona Duncan (archive), Andrew Watt (website) and Evelyn Fleck (Facebook)</p>	AP1 KR
3	<p>Matters Arising/Action Points from 9 October 2018</p> <p>AP1: Circulation of note of meeting: completed. AP2: Old DDCC website to be closed down: ongoing. In the meantime, a message was to be added to the old website redirecting users to the new website. AP3: Hate crime statistics: PC Clarke to follow up. AP4: Xorbars: This project was not being taken forward currently. AP5: Defibrillators project: see item 7. AP6: Louise McIntyre to be invited to attend March DDCC meeting: completed. AP7: AGM arrangements: see item 11. AP8: Royal British Legion donation: completed. AP9: DDCC noticeboards: ongoing</p> <p>Parking: It had been noted that new double yellow lines had been added at the small roundabout on Edinburgh Road. Caledonian Foods outlet had been opened within Grandisons premises on Edinburgh Road. Concern was expressed that this may add to parking/traffic flow difficulties.</p>	AP2 AS-K AP3 DC AP4 RD
4	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PC Dan Clarke provided a police report for November 2018 which included recorded and detected crime statistics and highlights of some individual crimes.</p> <p>Dan was asked whether there might be a link between a vehicle on Glebe Street being found with its fuel cap open and a scorched tissue inserted and a previous vehicle fire on Mitchell Street. He was unable to confirm if there was any link.</p> <p>Dan reported that the Friday evening football at the Cowden Pavilion was proving to be successful so far with up to 25 young people attending.</p> <p>While this was not a police matter, the recent unfortunate traffic accident in which a car mounted the pavement on the High Street, Dalkeith and injured a pedestrian was discussed. CH suggested the installation of crash barriers to prevent a recurrence. However, there was not general support for this within DDCC.</p>	

5	Councillors' Reports	
	<p>Cllr Russell reported that grant applications had been processed and decisions were in the public domain. A number of third sector organisations had been negatively impacted.</p> <p>Investing in Communities: Woodburn and Dalkeith was now at Stage 2 of the process. Vote 100 exhibition by local primary pupils was on at Dalkeith Library.</p> <p>Ian McDougall, author, was drawing together into a publication information relating to David Smith, former local politician and Dalkeith Provost. Mr McDougall had requested £2000 to assist with this work.</p> <p>Discussions with planners were ongoing regarding developers' contributions to enhance community facilities in town centres. Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (MFCC) had suggested that local communities should have more say in relation to this.</p> <p>There would be a full Midlothian Council meeting on 18 December.</p> <p>Cllr Russell further reported that the Short-life Working Group (SLWG) on Dalkeith town centre regeneration had requested continuance for another three meetings to be held by March 2019. She reported that One Dalkeith were no longer involved in the SLWG.</p> <p>King's Park, Dalkeith was being nominated as Midlothian's Centenary Field, a national initiative to protect open spaces in memory of those who had died in World War 1. The three priorities of the Single Midlothian Plan would be continuing for a further three years.</p>	
6	Community Council Priorities for 2018/19	
	<p>Jarnac Court/Town Centre Regeneration See item 5.</p> <p>Traffic management/parking See item 3.</p> <p>Engaging the community It was reported that local head teachers had met recently with community representatives with a view to having closer engagement with the community. It was disappointing that DDCC had not be invited. DDCC continued to seek the involvement of young people. Ann had attended the Christmas lights switch-on.</p> <p>Communications It was agreed that a "generic" DDCC agenda should appear on our website to give users an indication of topics discussed. This would begin after the February AGM/meeting.</p>	AP5 KR & AW
7	Common Good Fund	
	<p>In her absence, Evelyn had provided a written report. She had updated the project plan and had submitted this to Verona MacDonald, Midlothian Council. Positive meetings had been held with Dalkeith Rugby, Football and Tennis Clubs regarding locating a PAD at the King's Park Pavilion.</p>	
8	Reports from meetings	
	<p>Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB): Andrew reported that the Civil Aviation Authority had reviewed the apparent discrepancy in a report by Edinburgh Airport. They agreed that there had been a discrepancy but argued that this was not as large as had been contended. The CAA had rejected Edinburgh Airport's proposals for new flight paths. Edinburgh Airport appeared to be very willing to work with communities. Louise McIntyre, Edinburgh Airport, would be attending a meeting of FMCC. Cramond CC were looking at health implications caused by noise particularly with a view to night flights.</p>	

	Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (MFCC): Four DDCC community councillors had attended the MFCC meeting on 21 November which was attended by Dr Grace Vickers, CEO Midlothian Council.	
	Sports Hub Meeting The Sports Hub meeting held at Newbattle Campus on 4 December had been attended by Ann.	
	Community Planning Annual Development Day This had been held at Edinburgh College on 24 November and had been attended by Ann and Andrew.	
9	Consultations	
	Chris had sent details of a survey being conducted by “The Place Team” in which respondents could comment on their locality and improvements they would like to see. The link was https://www.theplaceteam.com .	
10	Correspondence including Planning Applications, Traffic Orders and Licences	
	A list of three planning applications was tabled by Ann. Brenda Campbell, Licensing Supervisor, had emailed regarding the Licensing Board on 20 December to which DDCC were invited to be represented. Evelyn had indicated that she could attend and Ann was to contact her to brief her about process.	AP6 AS-K
11	AGM Arrangements	
	The venue for the AGM was to be confirmed by Ann. Once Kate was notified of the venue, she would confirm this with Alan Rooney who had agreed to speak on energy saving. Kate would also arrange for the AGM to be advertised through the Midlothian Advertiser and posters to be displayed in the library and MVA. Facebook and DDCC website were also to be used.	AP7 AS-K AP8 KR
12	Any Other Competent Business	
	Ann reported that DDCC had requested £6000 and had been awarded £4200 from small grants/3 year funding. The variations in tennis club charges was raised with Dalkeith being relatively high in comparison to other Midlothian facilities. It was suggested that tennis club officials could feed this information to Ben Glencross, Sports Hub Development Coordinator, Midlothian Council. Recent heavy rain had resulted in the flooding of a parking area of High Street, Dalkeith. Ann suggested this was potentially due to blocked drains and undertook to raise this issue.	AP9 AS-K
13	Date of Next Meeting	
	AGM/Community Council Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 7pm.	