

Dalkeith and District Community Council (DDCC)

Note of meeting Tuesday 14 August 2018

1	Present and Apologies	Action
	<p>Present Community Councillors: Ann Stewart-Kmicha (Chair); Evelyn Fleck; Chris Hampton; Kate Robertson; Andrew Watt. Midlothian Council (MC): Cllr Colin Cassidy; Cllr Margot Russell. Police Scotland (representing MC Communities Team): PC Rona Duncan. Bernard Harkins (Office Manager, Danielle Rowley MP's office).</p> <p>Apologies Rae Beatson, Bill Kennedy, Isobel Mulligan and PC Dan Clarke.</p> <p>It was noted with great sadness that Kitty Wright had died on 25th July 2018. Kitty had been active in community service for many years including the Community Council, community safety and Dalkeith Festivals. She would be sadly missed by all.</p>	
2	<p>Presentation by Stephen Clark: Proposal to convert Jarnac Court into temporary accommodation for homeless households</p> <p>A report had been made to MC on 28 March proposing change of use of town centre office premises to temporary homeless accommodation from 2019 for a period of around 5 years. Stephen Clark issued information in support of this consultation outlining the reasons for the proposal and how the accommodation would be managed. A drop-in information session was to be held Thursday 16 August 2.30 to 6 pm in the Dalkeith Arts Centre. Concerns had already been expressed by local business people and residents regarding possible anti-social behaviour. Stephen was asked to provide a breakdown of the 30% of homeless applications within the Dalkeith and Mayfield areas. He was also requested to keep the DDCC informed regarding the proposed support structures which would be in place.</p> <p>Stephen Clark, Bernard Harkins and Cllr Russell left after this item.</p>	
3	<p>Approval of Minute of Meeting held on 12 June 2018</p> <p>Amendments were to be made to the draft note of the meeting of 12 June. Following these amendments, the note was approved by Andrew Watt and seconded by Evelyn Fleck. Kate Robertson was to forward to Rona Duncan</p>	AP1 KR
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>AP2: Positioning of DDCC noticeboards: in progress. This would be completed by 31 October 2018.</p> <p>AP3: Request for playground sign at Easter Langside to be moved: in progress</p> <p>AP4: Response re parking to Dave Kenny: Invitation to future meeting had been issued. Monthly statistics shared. Noted that resurfacing work had also resulted in disruption to various services to local residents.</p> <p>AP5: Link on DDCC website to a noise and track monitoring/complaint system: being pursued.</p> <p>AP7: Democracy Matters: This had been raised at the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils. Another Planning Workshop is being organised by them and Democracy Matters could be part of that.</p>	AP2 RD AP3 RD

	<p>Noted that Saturday 24 November 2018 is suggested as the date for the annual Midlothian Community Planning Partnership Development Day.</p> <p>Public Transport to Easter Langside estate: Evelyn had met with Karl Vanters, Principal Officer Public Transport, MC. Both MC and Lothian Buses are keen to provide a transport link. Evelyn would continue to pursue this issue.</p> <p>All other action points had been completed.</p>	AP4 EF
5	Police Report	
	Dan Clarke had provided a police report for July 2018 which included recorded and detected crime statistics and highlights of some individual crimes. His report also described the work of the charity Crimestoppers and the offer of engaging with community groups and outlined some of the work of the Midlothian Community Action Team.	
6	Councillors' Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lights: A meeting had been called on 20 June by Cllr John Hackett. The cost to MC for 2017 for Dalkeith had been £8925. This was deemed to be unsustainable in the longer term. It was to be proposed to MC that they continue funding for 2018 to enable community councillors to explore other sources for future years. • Ironmills Park Steps: This area was suffering badly from erosion. It was reported by Rona Duncan that Eskbank and Newbattle CC had submitted a participation request to be involved in MC meetings about this issue. As the area is on the border between Community Councils, DDCC wished to have equal representation. Rona was to clarify the position on this. • Dalkeith Town Centre cleaning: Cllr Cassidy reported that there had been an increase in cleaning in Dalkeith town centre. He had also started a scheme of lending lawn mowers. • It was noted that there had been improvements to business frontages and flower tubs maintenance in the Woodburn area. • It was noted that Dalkeith Library was starting a children's gardening club in their outside area. • Garden refuse collection charge: The charge by MC from 2019 would be £35 per annum. Some exemptions would apply but arrangements were not clear. 	<p>AP5 AS-K</p> <p>AP6 RD</p>
7	Cascade of Information by Community Councillors	
	CAB AGM: Held on Wednesday 11 th July and attended by Ann highlighted new methods of funding and working with MC. Recognition that demand for CAB services was increasing. New board members welcome.	
	Community Action Plan for Woodburn/Dalkeith: A meeting is to be held Monday 20 August at 6.15 pm in the Miners' Club. Ann is to attend. The Action Plan can be found under "Neighbourhood Plans" on the MC website. Additional printed copies to be sought.	
	Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB): Andrew was at a meeting attended by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on 14 August. "Noise contours" had been mapped around the airport. However, actual noise measurements indicate that this is significantly greater than contours suggest. The proposal to change flight paths to minimise noise pollution is now with the CAA.	
	Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (MFCC): Adam Warner and Bill Elliott from Scottish Water gave a presentation. MC proposals for future funding of Community Councils and voluntary sector grants was discussed.	

	Support was given for system where, once every CC had received running costs, MFCC oversaw the distribution of the remaining dedicated funds with bids coming from CCs.	
	One Dalkeith: investigating possible premises. Visiting local businesses to support BIDS	
8	Consultations	
	Midlothian Active Travel Strategy (Draft) 2018-2021 consultation was current until 18 September. An extract relating to Dalkeith was issued.	
9	Noticeboards and Communication	
	Figures for Facebook activity 17 July – 13 August were given: new page likes 12, with total page likes since opening: 95; post reach (the number of people who had any posts enter their screen) 785; post engagements (comments, shares, likes) 915.	
10	Correspondence including Planning Applications, Traffic Orders and Licences	
	<p>A thank you letter had been received from Dalkeith Festival Committee. Various leaflets were available including Aim High (lifelong learning), Doors Open Day, Walk the Line and the Cyrenians Open Day at Midlothian Community Hospital garden. Attention was drawn to an event about food insecurity on Wednesday 29 August as well as the Sport, Food and Fun Program run in July at Newbattle Community Sports Hub.</p> <p>Planning application 18/00436/S42 “Erection of residential care home” for senior citizens was to be investigated further. Mention was made of the “Save Hopefield” campaign.</p> <p>A traffic order relating to arrangements during the Midstock event had been issued. Additional disabled parking bays were proposed in Clarinda Gardens, Shadebank Drive, Thornybank Square and Whitehill Drive.</p> <p>A licence application had been submitted by Morrisons Supermarket to offer free alcohol tasting sessions. There were objections to this by some community councillors.</p>	AP7 EF
11	Any Other Competent Business	
	<p>Dalkeith Common Good Fund £2000 with MC. This has to be for the Old Burgh of Dalkeith. Ideas to be presented at next meeting. Chair highlighted various other local issues coming up at the next MC meeting on Tuesday 21 August. Information regarding the Community Learning Exchange was shared.</p>	
12	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 7pm in the MVA meeting room. Future meetings - 9 October 2018; 13 November 2018; 11 December 2018.	