

Dalkeith and District Community Council (DDCC)

Note of meeting Tuesday 11 September 2018

1	Present and Apologies	Action
	<p>Present Community Councillors: Ann Stewart-Kmicha (Chair); Kit Deans; Evelyn Fleck; Isobel Mulligan; Kate Robertson; Andrew Watt. Resident: Diane Benn Police Scotland: PC Jordan Pow; PC Rob Wallace.</p> <p>Apologies Rae Beatson, Cllr Colin Cassidy; Cllr Margot Russell, Bill Kennedy, PC Dan Clarke, PC Rona Duncan.</p>	
2	Approval of Note of Meeting held on 14 August 2018	
	The note of meeting was approved by Andrew Watt and seconded by Evelyn Fleck. Kate Robertson was to create a PDF and forward to Rona Duncan, Andrew Watt (for DDCC website) and Evelyn Fleck (for Facebook)	AP1 KR
3	Matters Arising/Action Points from 14 August 2018	
	<p>Jarnac Court Homeless Accommodation Proposal: Ann reported that she had received further information from Stephen Clark that 16% (not 30%) of homeless applicants were from Dalkeith. He subsequently revised this to 21%.</p> <p>AP1: Circulation of note of meeting: completed.</p> <p>AP2: Positioning of DDCC noticeboards: placements of 3 noticeboards agreed as close to bus stop in Eskdail Court, next to Cowden Pavilion and next to bus stop on entrance to Easter Langside estate.</p> <p>AP3: Request for playground sign at Easter Langside to be moved: a works order to move the sign had been raised.</p> <p>AP4: Response re parking to Dave Kenny: It was agreed that an email should be sent to Dave Kenny requesting an update on parking statistics, double yellow lines and residents' parking. Community Councillors were requested to send to Kate any other parking/traffic management issues which were to be included in the email. Dave Kenny would be invited to attend the November DDCC meeting.</p> <p>AP5: Christmas Lights: Midlothian Council would fund for 2018 thereafter funding would cease.</p> <p>AP6: Ironmills Park Steps: a participation request by DDCC to be involved in Midlothian Council meeting had been approved. A meeting was planned for late October.</p> <p>AP7: Planning application 18/00436/S42 "Erection of residential care home": further investigation had been carried out by Evelyn. No further action by DDCC was required as matters were in hand by local residents.</p> <p>Public Transport to Easter Langside estate: Evelyn had spoken with Ian Johnson, Midlothian Council. He was to meet with the estate developers and report back to Evelyn.</p>	AP2 All CCs
4	Police Report	
	PCs Pow and Wallace provided a police report for August 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	

	<p>Midlothian Community Action Team. They reported that a Community Contact vehicle has been in use in local areas including supermarket car park to provide mobile police surgeries. They described a retail crime initiative through which local businesspeople were encouraged to share information locally to help prevent, for example, shoplifting. Police had noted an increase in opportunistic house break-ins. They advised always ensuring doors and windows were locked.</p>	
5	Councillors' Reports	
	<p>In the absence of Midlothian Councillors, Ann reported that a short-term working party on Dalkeith town centre was being convened. Membership included three Midlothian Councillors and Douglas Strachan, Chair of One Dalkeith. It was strongly agreed that DDCC should be represented on this group. Ann was to request this.</p>	AP3 AS-K
6	Community Council Priorities for 2018/19	
	<p>It was agreed that DDCC would have four key priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarnac Court/Town Centre Regeneration • Traffic management/parking • Engaging the community • Communications <p>Communications</p> <p>Andrew reported that two new email addresses were available. It was agreed that info@dalkeithcc.org.uk would be for contact by others outwith DDCC and its usual business contacts and would be implemented from 1 October 2018. Kate agreed to monitor this email and respond appropriately to emails received. Andrew had set up an automated response. It was agreed that admin@dalkeithcc.org.uk would be for business use. This address would be shared with current key contacts including MVA, Midlothian Council and the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils. Other key contacts would be identified by Ann by the end of September and notified of the new address and implementation date of 1 October. It was agreed that the old website www.dalkeithanddistrict.org would be shut down by Ann. It was discussed that the new noticeboards would display key information including a map of DDCC boundaries and DDCC contact details. Further discussion was required on this topic. It was agreed that Evelyn Fleck should assume the role of Communications Officer.</p>	<p>AP4 KR</p> <p>AP5 AS-K</p> <p>AP6 AS-K</p>
7	Midlothian Council Winter Service (feedback)	
	<p>Copies of Midlothian Council's Winter Service Policy and Operational Plan 2017-2018 were issued. Comments were to be sent to Kate by 26 September to be collated and submitted by 28 September.</p>	AP7 KR
8	Common Good Fund	
	<p>It was agreed that a request for two defibrillators and outdoor gym equipment would be made by Evelyn by the end of September. Evelyn would investigate further the cost etc of defibrillators and Diane Benn would investigate outdoor gym equipment.</p>	AP8 EF & DB
9	Reports from Community Councillors representing DDCC	
	<p>Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB): Andrew issued a letter which had been sent to the Secretary of State for Transport by North</p>	

	Queensferry Community Council requesting him to call in, for decision by him, the Airspace Change Proposal by Edinburgh Airport Ltd.	
	Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (MFCC): A meeting would be held Wednesday 19 September in Newbattle Learning Centre. Ann and Evelyn would attend.	
	One Dalkeith: Evelyn had been invited to serve on their board. Evelyn was to request that One Dalkeith meeting minutes would be shared with DDCC.	AP9 EF
10	Consultations	
	Midlothian Council Supplementary Resource Extraction (for information only). Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership survey (until 19 October 2018).	
11	Correspondence including Planning Applications, Traffic Orders and Licences	
	One Dalkeith Hydro information was issued. Their proposal was to use part of River North Esk for a hydro project. An environmental impact assessment was to be undertaken. It was noted that a planning application for change of use of property above the Royal British Legion to multiple occupancy had been submitted. Advance notice of a community planning event on 24 November at Edinburgh College Campus had been received.	
11	Any Other Competent Business	
	Diane Benn raised the issue of emissions from the Millerhill Centre. It was noted that a letter had been sent previously to residents and Diane was given a copy of this. Diane raised the issue of the different design of replacement lampposts.	
12	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 7pm in the MVA meeting room. Future meetings - 13 November 2018; 11 December 2018.	