

Dalkeith and District Community Council (DDCC)

Note of meeting Tuesday 13 November 2018

1	Present and Apologies	Action
1	<p>Present Community Councillors: Andrew Watt (AW) (Chair in the absence of Ann Stewart-Kmicha); Evelyn Fleck (EF); Isobel Mulligan (IM); Kate Robertson (KR). Midlothian Council (MC): Cllr Margot Russell (MR) Police Scotland: PC Dan Clarke; PC Rona Duncan (representing MC Communities Team) Residents: Diane Benn (DB); Mags Pryde (MP) Apologies: Rae Beatson; Cllr Colin Cassidy; Kit Deans; Bill Kennedy. Present for part of the meeting: Lindsay Haddow; Gerry Goldwyre; Ann Stewart-Kmicha</p>	
2	Parking in Dalkeith	
	<p>Lindsay Haddow, Policy and Road Safety Manager, Midlothian Council described Dalkeith as having the busiest town centre of all Midlothian towns. Yellow lines, parking spaces, signage, car parks and on-street parking across Midlothian had been reviewed. She reported that the new ticket machines which included new technology appeared to be working well. However, a total of 75 revisions had been identified and these would be advertised and subject to public consultation. This process would likely be lengthy.</p> <p>Lindsay reported that parking attendants had been operational since April 2018. However, there was a need to balance finances as income from tickets and parking fines had been decreasing. A cross-party group was being set up to address finance. Lindsay referred to the issue of residents' parking. It was clear that any process to restrict parking other than by residents could be complex i.e. a street could not simply be closed off. Marking of parking bays would have a cost attached and there would have to be agreement of residents to this. She suggested that Midlothian Council might seek an interim solution for residential "hot spots". Lindsay felt that in some residential areas, where off-street parking was available, some residents were not necessarily using these, preferring to park on-street outside their homes. The "Parking Standard" had last been revised in 2012 or 2013 and this was to be updated with a report going to Council.</p> <p>On behalf of DDCC Andrew offered our support. Lindsay suggested that when the issue of residents' parking was further detailed, the DDCC may be able to help. Lindsay was thanked for her time and input.</p>	
3	Approval of Note of Meeting held on 9 October 2018	
	<p>With a few minor amendments to be made, the note of meeting was approved by Isobel Mulligan and seconded by Andrew Watt. Kate Robertson was to create a PDF and forward to Rona Duncan, Andrew Watt (for DDCC website) and Evelyn Fleck (for Facebook)</p>	AP1 KR
4	Matters Arising/Action Points from 9 October 2018	
	<p>AP1: Circulation of note of meeting: completed. AP2: Old DDCC website to be closed down: ongoing. AP3: Police report for September to be circulated: completed. AP4: Bikes chained to lampposts: actioned. AP5: Hate crime statistics: PC Clarke to follow up.</p>	AP2 AS-K AP3 DC

	<p>AP6: See item 6. AP7: Auto response on old email system: completed. AP8: See item 8. AP9: Community Council survey: completed. AP10: Wester Cowden Farm Planning application response: completed. AP11: Planning application 18/00678/MSC response: completed. AP12: Creation of login for DDCC responses to planning: completed. AP13: Small grant application for defibrillators etc: completed.</p>	
5	Police Report	
	<p>PC Dan Clarke provided a police report for October 2018 which included recorded and detected crime statistics and highlights of some individual crimes.</p> <p>Highlights: There had been a rise in youth-related anti-social behaviour calls during the Hallowe'en and Bonfire season. Dedicated police teams had been deployed in relation to this. Despite this, unfortunately, the Waterfall Park pavilion had been subject to fire raising suffering irreparable damage.</p> <p>Dan reported that the Police Community Action Team, Aim High and Dalkeith Football were offering Friday evening football at the Cowden Pavilion beginning 16 November for secondary aged young people. Greggs were to provide snacks.</p> <p>Residents were being reminded to take appropriate steps to secure their property against thieves who were operating in our area.</p> <p>Crime stoppers were willing to engage with groups to provide crime advice.</p>	
6	Councillors' Reports	
	<p>Cllr Russell reported on the Dalkeith Town Centre Short-life Working Group. As there was a lot of sensitive information being discussed within the group and with potential developers, it was not possible for DDCC to be involved at this stage. However, at an appropriate point, DDCC and others would be invited to be involved.</p> <p>There had been a motion to Council regarding modern slavery. Cllr Russell reported that the policy had been accepted and Council officers, particularly in Trading Standards and Environmental Health, would be vigilant.</p> <p>Cllr Russell gave copies of Midlothian Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019/20 – 2023/24 and Capital Investment Strategy 2018-2028 to DDCC.</p> <p>She reported that charges for brown bins would be going ahead with effect from March 2019.</p>	
7	Community Council Priorities for 2018/19	
	<p>Jarnac Court/Town Centre Regeneration See item 6.</p> <p>Traffic management/parking See item 2.</p> <p>Engaging the community EF reported that following representations to the Council, speed bumps had been installed at the entrance to Easter Langside Drive and the playground sign had been moved so that it was more visible. It was suggested that social media might be used to try to encourage young people's participation in DDCC.</p> <p>Communications EF reported that social media continued to attract a good number of responses. AW reported that the "latest updates" section of the DDCC website was proving to be useful. A "Have your Say" section had been added to the website to provide a link to consultations.</p>	

8	Common Good Fund	
	<p>DB reported that approximate costs for Xorbars metal bars would be £650 and supporting wooden posts would be £300. Installation costs had still to be factored in. It was suggested that intumescent paint could be used to help prevent damage/vandalism. DB and RD agreed to investigate further.</p> <p>EF tabled an Initial Project Plan for Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) and a map of suggested locations: Corn Exchange, Social Work Office and Library and Arts Centre (all "24/7" accessible and Morrisons (07.00 – 22.00). These locations would give good "coverage" of Dalkeith centre. The MARC building in Woodburn was suggested as a possible further location. Next steps: a letter from DDCC to Chris Lawson, Midlothian Council; finalise responsibility for power, maintenance, replacement pads and batteries etc.</p>	<p>AP4 DB & RD</p> <p>AP5 EF</p>
9	Reports from meetings	
	Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB): Andrew reported that the Civil Aviation Authority had rejected the flight plan proposals by Edinburgh Airport to increase the number of flight paths over Dalkeith.	
	Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (MFCC): Dr Grace Vickers, CEO Midlothian Council, attending 21 November meeting.	
	One Dalkeith: Nothing to report.	
10	Consultations	
	Midlothian Council were consulting about their British Sign Language Plan 2018-2024. Further information available at: www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/589/bsl_draft_plan_for_midlothian	
11	Correspondence including Planning Applications, Traffic Orders and Licences	
	<p>A list of planning applications for October was tabled.</p> <p>KR had made a response on behalf of DDCC to an off-sales licence application in respect of 114 High Street, Dalkeith, suggesting that sales should be restricted from 10.00 to 18.00.</p>	
12	Any Other Competent Business	
	<p>Louise McIntyre, Community Engagement Manager, Edinburgh Airport had asked to attend a future meeting of DDCC. It was agreed she should be invited to attend the March 2019 meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the AGM in February should be held in the small hall in the Miners' Club and Alan Rooney from CAB should be invited to speak about energy saving. KR to book.</p> <p>Have Your Say engagement events on the Council's spending priorities: 3 & 4 December 2018. This was likely to be raised at the next meeting of the MFCC.</p> <p>It was agreed that a donation of £200 would be made to the Royal British Legion.</p> <p>It was confirmed for Rona that the noticeboards were at the MARC in Bonnyrigg. Rona was to arrange access and installation.</p>	<p>AP6 AW</p> <p>AP7 KR</p> <p>AP8 AS-K</p> <p>AP9 RD</p>
13	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>Tuesday 11 December 2018 at 7pm in the MVA meeting room.</p> <p>Future meeting – AGM/Community Council Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 7pm.</p>	