

Dalkeith and District Community Council (DDCC)

Note of meeting Tuesday 12 February 2019

1	Present and Apologies	Action
	<p>DDCC: Ann Stewart-Kmicha (Chair); Kit Deans; Evelyn Fleck; Kate Robertson; Andrew Watt</p> <p>Midlothian Council: Cllr Margot Russell; Cllr Colin Cassidy*</p> <p>Police Scotland: PC Dan Clarke*; PC Rona Duncan (representing Midlothian Council Communities Team)</p> <p>Residents: David Chudziah; Margaret Chudziah; Martin Muncer; Patty Watters</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau: Alan Rooney</p> <p>Newbattle Abbey College: Laura Goble*</p> <p>Bill Russell Woodburn Youth Project: Donna Strachan*</p> <p>*Attended for part of the meeting</p> <p>Apologies: DDCC: Rae Beatson; Chris Hampton; Bill Kennedy; Isobel Mulligan</p> <p>Midlothian Council: Cllr Curran</p>	
2	Approval of Note of Meeting held on 11 December 2018	
	<p>The note of the meeting held on 11 December, 2018, was approved.</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	Matters Arising/Action Points from 11 December 2018	
	<p>AP1: Circulation of note of meeting: completed.</p> <p>AP2: Old DDCC website to be closed down as of 24 February 2019</p> <p>AP3: Hate crime statistics: PC Clarke to follow up.</p> <p>AP4: Noticeboards – had been installed.</p> <p>AP5: Generic agenda to be added to our website.</p> <p>AP6: Licensing application – a written submission had been made.</p> <p>AP7: Confirmation of AGM venue – completed.</p> <p>AP8: AGM advertising – completed.</p> <p>AP9: Issue of flooding in parking area in High Street – had been raised.</p>	<p>AP2 AS-K</p> <p>AP3 AS-K</p> <p>AP4 KR/AW</p>
4	Police Report	
	<p>PC Dan Clarke provided a police report for January 2019 which included recorded and detected crime statistics and highlights of some individual crimes.</p> <p>Midlothian Community Action Team had reported activity during January. A summary of this was included in Dan's report.</p> <p>Dan reported that the Friday evening football at the Cowden Pavilion was continuing to attract an average of 20-30 young people.</p> <p>Dan could be contacted by email at: LothianScotBordersCPTDalkeith@Scotland.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Ann Stewart-Kmicha thanked Dan for his report and pointed out that we were fortunate in having his continued attendance at our meetings. She enquired whether it was within the law to cross an unbroken white line (specifically at the right turn into the Country Park travelling towards Sheriffhall Roundabout).</p>	AP5 DC

	Residents David and Margaret Chudziah expressed concern at the danger and nuisance caused by riders of “off-road” motorbikes in the vicinity of Dalkeith Campus. Dan suggested photographs or videos of such riders should be sent to the police.	
5	Councillors’ Reports	
	<p>Cllr Russell reported that the Dalkeith Legacy Fund was contributing £4000 to the publication of information relating to David Smith, former local politician and Dalkeith Provost.</p> <p>She reported that in future, hopefully, developers’ contributions could be used more widely across the community rather than only town centres.</p> <p>Cllr Russell further reported that the status of the Short-life Working Group (SLWG) on Dalkeith town centre regeneration was likely to change to that of a standing committee after a report to Council in March 2019. Ann Stewart-Kmicha again requested the involvement of DDCC in this work.</p> <p>Cllr Russell talked about the briefing which had taken place on 29 January for Midlothian Councillors on Participatory Budgeting (Environmental Fund). There was £90,000 in this budget. A Steering Group was to meet on 12 March 2019. Cllr Russell was hopeful that the Dalkeith/Woodburn Action Plan would meet the criteria for an allocation from this fund.</p> <p>Ann Stewart-Kmicha pointed out the Council Tax would rise by 4.79% from 1 April. Other charges across Midlothian would rise by a similar amount.</p>	
6	Community Council Priorities for 2018/19	
	<p>Jarnac Court/Town Centre Regeneration Ann Stewart-Kmicha reported that there had been an amendment to the planning for part of Jarnac Court (two floors above Subway through to the Continental Café). The number of units for emergency accommodation would be 22.</p> <p>Traffic management/parking Andrew reported that an objection had been lodged regarding the proposal to have a loading bay outside The Cavaliere. It was deemed that this would be too near the traffic lights and would create further obstruction to traffic on the High Street. Parking issues around the Dalkeith Campus and Country Park were raised.</p> <p>Engaging the community&Communications It was agreed that a procedure for displaying suitable notices in the new noticeboards was required along with access. This was carried forward to the March meeting. Community Councillors were to give consideration to this in the meantime.</p>	AP6 All
7	Common Good Fund	
	Evelyn Fleck requested discussion with Ann before proceeding with next steps. Evelyn was to email Ann an update in the meantime.	AP7 AS-K/ EF
8	Reports from meetings	
	Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB): Louise McIntyre, Edinburgh Airport, was to attend the March meeting of DDCC. Andrew Watt highlighted the link on the DDCC website to making a complaint about noisy flights to Edinburgh Airport.	
	Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (MFCC): MFCC had received presentations on Midlothian Council budget and roads and by Louise McIntyre, Edinburgh Airport. Community Councillors had offered to take photos of road surfaces to send to Council Officers to assist with inspection following roadworks.	

	One Dalkeith	
	Evelyn Fleck reported that the post of Development Worker, one day per week, was being advertised. Negotiations were on-going for the lease of the former kitchen showroom at Eskdail Court. There had been some preliminary discussion among various Dalkeith sports organisations about increased collaboration.	
9	Consultations	
	Core paths in and around Dalkeith were being reviewed by Midlothian Council – with a view to increase them. This could be accessed at: https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/news/article/2670/give_us_your_views_on_local_paths	
10	Correspondence including Planning Applications, Traffic Orders and Licences	
	An application for a drive-through by KFC was open for comments. Salter’s Park: Application to build film studio had resulted in some concerns including impact on local residents and part of the national cycleway. Jim O’Donnell, Director, had offered to meet with DDCC. Consideration was to be given to this, perhaps outwith a normal DDCC meeting. Ann Stewart-Kmicha made DDCC aware that we had been asked for support in objecting to the Kippielaw housing application.	AP8 AS-K
11	Any Other Competent Business	
	Donna Strachan of the Bill Russell Woodburn Youth Project attended part of the meeting to request financial support of £235 from DDCC for an Art Club project involving Newbattle Abbey College. While there was much to commend this project, DDCC concluded that it could not offer financial support. Evelyn Fleck was to contact Donna to offer to support an application to the “micro grant” fund Midlothian Council. DDCC could be an “umbrella” organisation for their application. Requests for financial support had also been received from organisers of the Woodburn Family Fun Day and Woodburn Women’s Health and Motivation Group. It was expected that the Dalkeith Festival Committee would submit a request in due course.	AP9 EF
12	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 7pm in the MVA Meeting Room.	