



# Dalkeith and District Community Council Meeting, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, 7.00pm online via Zoom

## Note of Meeting

		Action
1	<p><b>Present</b> Ann Stewart-Kmicha(Chair), Andrew Watt, Kate Robertson, Cllr Russell, Cllr Cassidy</p>	
2	<p><b>Approval of note of last meeting</b> With the creation of a new paragraph 4g) with the final sentence of 4f), and subsequent re-lettering of the following paragraphs, the note was approved. Prop. KR, Sec AW</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters arising/action points from last meeting</b> A S-K gave an update on how supplying the two food banks was progressing, ensuring equanimity between them both.</p>	
4	<p>Update on Covid-19 response. A S-K began her report by highlighting the difficulties that not having a designated CLL worker created. It left a big gap, in particular as a source of regular information about Council matters in general. The two officers currently liaising with DDCC are both part-time and also deal with other CCs. So DDCC only gets part of a part-time officers time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers' week had just happened and it was unfortunate that the Council's Communications officer dealing with publicity for this had forgotten to contact the Volunteer with the hot food delivery who had been approached to do an interview.</li> <li>• The Volunteer team continue to do an exemplary job.</li> <li>• Prescriptions. These are now generally being handled by MC Officers, except in emergencies.</li> <li>• Newsletter. The newsletter being produced by the Volunteer Midlothian worker is now at edition 3.</li> <li>• Leaflet. This had been successfully distributed in Woodburn. Further distribution to a wider area was being considered.</li> <li>• Fire in Woodburn. There had been a magnificent response from local residents supporting the residents of a house that had been damaged by fire.</li> <li>• Hot food deliveries. Thought was now being given as to how and/or if the hot food deliveries can be maintained.</li> <li>• Food bank. The Saturday donations day had been well supported.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens next? Some services introduced at the start of the lockdown will be stopping as it is unlikely there will be funding. Following the completion of the latest financial form, it was looking likely that there wouldn't be much left over.</li> <li>• Fresh. This source of food had only just been discovered.</li> <li>• Virgin Media support. Virgin Media had contact the CC, but only after previously having emailed others. This previous email had resulted in an arranged visit to which VM did not turn up. A further visit was arranged and this time did happen and donations were received from VM, who were also keen to get some publicity as well. There was some disappointment at the way all this had been conducted, though a firm seeking to gain some publicity was to be expected.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Although there was no Police report, at the Community Planning Partnership meeting, Chief Superintendent Aaron Clinkscales had reported on a number of issues. Firstly that the force was currently very stretched because of the impact of Covid-19 and were unable to carry out some of the tasks they might do in less busy times. There had been some impersonation of officers and a serious assault incident. There had been a few fines for breach of Covid-19 regulations, but most instances had been dealt with by a warning.</p>	
6	<p><b>Councillors' Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Russell. A Planning meeting had been held online via Zoom. It had been successful. It was seen as a dry run for a full Council meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. This was an attempt to try and maintain democracy in the current situation. Work was going on to create a "Road map" for the way forward, but there were a number of uncertainties, in particular what might happen with regard to the period of time for those who were officially being Shielded. Cllr. Russell was concerned to learn of the difficulties with CLL support, but Aim High had been a useful sounding board. Cllr. Cassidy also expressed his concern over the lack of CLL support and the fact that one officer was also supporting Eskbank and Newbattle CC. After some discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Russell would raise the matter with the Chief executive. Cllr. Russell concluded her report saying that there were preliminary investigations going on about turning the Arts Centre into a Community Hub.</p> <p>Cllr. Cassidy reported on the regular meetings with the Chief Exec and how the focus now is on ways of moving forward. One issue is how bus services are to be maintained as there have been rumblings from the bus companies because many services will not be able to carry viable numbers of passengers while ensuring social distancing. Although it was attractive to move everything online, not all residents, especially older ones, are able to use such systems so "Digital by Design" must always have a non-digital alternative.</p> <p>A S-K pointed out that the diary of the MC website did not show all</p>	MR

	<p>meetings and she requested that this omission was corrected.</p> <p>Another item from the CPP meeting was the creation of the post of “Employability Champion”. When considering transport provision, the railway and cycle paths should not be overlooked.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting. There will be no announcement imminently as there is one issue still to be resolved. The length of the One Dalkeith lease on their building has to be clarified.</p> <p>There was some concern that Leisure and recreation staff taking over the Summer Holiday programme in schools might lead to some vulnerable families not receiving the support they get at present.</p> <p>As part of the commitment to environmental issues, MC were looking to see if there were and bits of land that could be used for allotments. Possibly in Ironmills Park and/or Kings Park. It was pointed out that there are already groups in the community considering issues such as this.</p>	
7	<p><b>Community Council Priorities for 2019/20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jarnac Court/Town Centre regeneration Currently on hold, including the renovation of accommodation for homeless. One Dalkeith had received the necessary Planning Permission for their premises.</li> <li>• Traffic management/parking There had been correspondence with L. Haddow regarding changes to the parking lay-by’s in the High St. to make it easier for pedestrians to maintain social distancing. While this might make pavements wider, the closes through to the car-park were narrow and would not allow social distancing if two people wished to pass at the same time. This was also impacted by the queues for the RBS. Speeding remained a problem with empty roads making it more attractive to break the law. However, a definite increase in traffic volumes had been noted.</li> <li>• Engaging the community – nothing to report</li> <li>• Communications – nothing to report</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Common Good Fund.</b> No change.</p>	
9	<p><b>Reports from meetings</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board. The June meeting had received an update from the airport as to how they were preparing for the resumption of flights, while keeping passengers and staff safe.</li> <li>b) Midlothian Federation of Community Councils This is now meeting fortnightly. Derek Oliver had attended ahead of the reopening of the recycling centre at Stobhill and had been given some helpful suggestions. At the next meeting, Fiona Robertson will be present to update the federation on the measures to open up the schools again in August. There are regular updates on how the various CCs are</li> </ol>	

	<p>meeting the needs raised by lockdown. There are concerns over how the planning procedures are operating during the lockdown and concerns that developers might choose to manipulate them to their own advantage. There had been considerable frustration over the delay in submitting the application to Sustrans. This was now in, and there were proposals for temporary changes for up to 15 months, but some, if successful might well become permanent.</p> <p>c) One Dalkeith. An announcement on their Facebook page says they have been awarded a substantial grant as an “Anchor organisation”. They currently are hoping to run 21 different projects, in conjunction with other groups such as the Arts Club, Men’s Shed etc.</p>	
10	<p><b>Consultations</b>  There is a consultation to get a response as to how well Midlothian has dealt with the Corona virus situation. A further one will shortly try to ascertain how people feel after the lockdown</p>	
11	<p><b>Correspondence</b> (e.g. planning applications, traffic orders and licences)  <i>Licences.</i> – nothing new, but a visit to the close beside the Cavaliere had shown how unpleasant it was to walk through, especially at the High St. end where it is very narrow and enclosed. The various vents and fan outlets add to this and frequently vans are parked right up as far as they can get.  <i>Planning applications.</i>  The only one of note was a resubmission of the original one for advertising at King’s gates. It was agreed that DDCC should respond as before.</p>	
12	<p>Any other competent business</p> <p>a) Emails. It was agreed to discuss the housekeeping of these at another time.</p> <p>b) The Cllrs informed the meeting that MC will be in recess in July.</p>	
13	Date of next meeting. Tuesday July 14 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, probably on Zoom.	