



Dalkeith and District Community Council Note of Meeting, Tuesday 8th December, 2020,

7.00pm online via Zoom

		Action
1	<p>Present and apologies Present Ann Stewart-Kmicha (ASK), Chair, Kate Robertson (KR), Andrew Watt (AW), Cllr. Margot Russell (MR), Daniel Baigrie, (DB) CLL team. Apologies. Brian McGuff, CLL team. Some technical issues had delayed the start of the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Approval of note of last meeting The note of the previous meeting was approved. (Prop ASK, Sec KR)</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising, not on agenda elsewhere/action points from last meeting</p> <p>a) <i>Defibrillators</i> It was agreed to purchase 2 defibrillators and 4 cabinets to complete the first phase of the project. Once that was done, it might be possible to identify other sites. It was also agreed to purchase a supply of consumables, and once the Covid restrictions had been eased, look into arranging training courses.</p> <p>b) <i>Fire and Rescue Service</i> The response had been submitted and acknowledged.</p>	
4	<p>Police Report There was no report but it was felt a reminder about locking garden sheds might be helpful. The possibility of a poster for the notice boards was raised and DB agreed to follow this up.</p>	DB
5	<p>Councillors' Reports The Councillors were complemented on the video that had been produced alongside the Christmas Lights switch on.</p> <p>i) <i>Plaque.</i> MR reported that while cleaning up behind the shops in Eskdail Court, a plaque to Agnes Wright Marshall nee Whitehall, a Scottish football internationalist 1946-48 had been found in what was formerly Baker's Land. It had been proposed that it should be moved to the Dalkeith Thistle Ground and preparations for this were in hand. The possibility of some sort of event to mark the erection of the plaque was being considered.</p> <p>ii) <i>New Aldi store.</i> Part of the approval of the planning application for this had been a set of conditions, one of</p>	

	<p>which was to have a path from the store towards Easter Langside. Because several land owners were involved, the negotiations for this were taking longer than anticipated, so a Section 42 application was to be made to allow work to start on the store while discussions went on.</p> <p>iii) <i>Council Meeting.</i> There were still problems for members of the public who wished to hear the audio recordings of meetings. ASK said those recordings that existed had been put on the Council website, but were not easy to find.</p> <p>iv) <i>Members Environmental Fund.</i> At the Council Meeting it had been agreed to allocate the sum of £40,000 to each member. The money previously allocated to Participatory Budgeting was now included in this figure. MR reported that she intended to spend her money on the re-siting of the football plaque, a crossing on the High St. at Crystal Mount and on disabled access and a porch for the MARC building. It was pointed out that these two projects had been included in the Participatory Budgeting exercise but had been unsuccessful in attracting votes from the public. It was further pointed out that the public had been told nothing about the outcome of the voting in Participatory Budgeting. MR hoped this would be rectified by February. She pointed out that the other two elected members also had their allocations as well. Residents should put suggestions for projects to their elected members. MR also said that £25,000 from developer contributions was being put towards buying new Christmas lights for next year. ASK wondered why Dalkeith Festival had not attended a recent meeting regarding funding of Gala Days. MR said she had been unaware of the meeting.</p> <p>v) <i>Meeting with Dr. Conlon regarding Dalkeith Medical Centre.</i> MR said she had had a good meeting with Dr. Conlon. She had been told that DMC had lost 3 doctors so that now there were 3 partners in the practice and 4 salaried sessional doctors. The new staff in reception were becoming more familiar with the procedures. The telephone system was still not working well, partly because most people had been choosing option 4 from the menu. There was an online booking system which patients can now register for online as well. This was just for an appointment with a nurse. There were still some issues with prescriptions. Recruitment was ongoing. The flu clinic had gone really well. The problems had been all to do with patients making the initial contacts, and once that had been established, the treatment received was excellent. The treatment was not the cause of any complaints. MR also pointed out that most of the</p>	
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	surgeries in the area were having similar problems.	
6	<p>Planning Applications, Traffic Orders and Licences</p> <p>a) <i>Planning applications.</i> KR had previously circulated the current planning applications, highlighting one that might not be straightforward. She said it was for a change of use from offices to a fitness club. This was still at an early stage in the process, with errors and omissions on the application still being rectified. It was agreed KR would contact Planning and ask to be kept informed of the progress of this application.</p> <p>b) <i>TTRO.</i> None.</p> <p>c) <i>Licences</i> There had been an application from Aldi for their new store. It was agreed that DDCC did not object to this but ASK said she wished to look into the details more closely. ASK also asked what the outcome of the Buck's Head application for a licence had been, but MR said she was unaware of the outcome.</p>	KR
7	<p>Consultations</p> <p>AW said these were the current ones on the MC website, but some would not necessarily require attention by DDCC.</p> <p>a) <i>Care at home services.</i> This was for carers and those receiving care. It was to close on 18th December.</p> <p>b) <i>Equality outcomes 2021-2025.</i> ASK said she thought this was an important one for individuals to respond to if they wished.</p> <p>c) <i>Mavisbank Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan.</i> Up to individuals to respond if they wish.</p> <p>d) <i>Midlothian Core Paths Plan Review 2020.</i> ASK said this was an important consultation and that there would be another opportunity to make comments later on. She felt that CP115 would be more useful if it were to be extended towards Easter Langside from where stopped at present. She also felt it would be good to establish the link between Eskbank and Waterfall Park as a Core Path.</p> <p>e) <i>Roslin Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan.</i> Up to individuals to respond if they wish.</p> <p>f) <i>Housing Strategy.</i> This concerned the 5 year plan for housing and was an important one. There were to be further online sessions.</p> <p>g) <i>Scottish Government. Survey of Covid-19 impact.</i> ASK referred to this survey.</p> <p>h) <i>Owen Thompson.</i> ASK referred to this survey on lockdown and afterwards.</p>	
8	<p>Reports from meetings</p> <p>a) <i>Midlothian Council.</i> ASK identified some items that were on the agenda for the December meeting. The CC complaints procedure and the boundary change for Bonnyrigg/Poltonhall were to be considered at that meeting. For other items CCs</p>	

	<p>were encouraged to look at the MC website.</p> <p>b) <i>Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board</i>. AW said there was nothing significant to report. Funding from MFCC will be required for one meeting for a professional minute taker after which the Airport has offered to provide a minute taker.</p> <p>c) <i>Midlothian Federation of Community Councils</i>. The minute of this meeting has been emailed to the DDCC Admin account. Topics considered included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Video Broadcasting of Council meetings ii. Notice boards for Community Councils without them iii. Participatory Budgeting. Details had been circulated. iv. Spaces for people. This had not been viewed well and was going to be raised at the MTRAP meeting. v. Community Planning Day. This had been held on the 27th November, albeit in a shortened form. vi. Mtrap meeting. Keith Slight from lighting had been present and very helpful. CC's have been asked to look at their foot ways to identify those where repair work might be done. <p>d) <i>One Dalkeith</i>. ASK reported they are looking to appoint a premises manager to promote the use of the building once restrictions are lifted. They are also hoping to run Art classes and Woodland Ranger courses. AW referred to an email received from lawyers acting on behalf of individual seeking further information regarding some work that had been carried out earlier in the year. AW said he had replied that this was not something that DDCC had been responsible for nor had any involvement in.</p>	
9	<p>Community Council Priorities for 2019/20</p> <p>a) <i>Jarnac Court/Town Centre regeneration</i>. Nothing to report.</p> <p>b) <i>Traffic management/parking</i>. Nothing to report. It was noted that the wardens are being very active.</p> <p>c) <i>Engaging the community</i>. ASK suggested that in the New Year an information sheet about what a Community Council did was produced to encourage new members, similar to leaflets which had been produced by other CCs in Midlothian. This could be distributed by Royal Mail. That would require some expenditure.</p> <p>d) <i>Communications</i>. Some funding had been identified to enable the production of further newsletters similar to those that had been produced during lockdown. There was an opportunity for the DDCC logo to appear on them. It was agreed to do this provided there was an opportunity to see what was being proposed before it went out.</p>	
10	<p>Any other competent business</p>	

	<p>a) <i>Woolly figures on post box.</i> It was noted that a post box in Woodburn had been decorated by some delightful woolly figures. Whoever was responsible was commended.</p> <p>b) <i>600 yrs of St. Nicholas.</i> It was noted that St Nicholas Buccleuch church had recently celebrated the 600th anniversary of the St. Nicholas building.</p> <p>c) <i>Returned money.</i> All money that had been returned from the funds provided to support relief work during lockdown has gone into the Midlothian Food Fund which will continue to support those needing emergency food provision.</p> <p>d) <i>Blocked drains.</i> The drain at the bridge over the N. Esk had been blocked causing flooding up to 1 foot deep during a prolonged period of heavy rain. It had been reported and cleared the next day.</p> <p>e) <i>Grit Bins.</i> A list has been received and ASK will circulate and all CCs were asked to check the ones in their neighbourhood.</p> <p>f) <i>Christmas Card.</i> A card had been received from Colin Beattie MSP. It was agreed that DDCC should send cards to all those who had assisted during the lockdown relief operation earlier in the year.</p> <p>g) <i>Sherrifhall Roundabout.</i> A Newtongrange Community Councillor is raising the lack of progress on this at Holyrood.</p> <p>h) <i>Art Installation.</i> Aldi have been asked to initiate some sort of local community art installation in connection with their new store.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>ASK</p>
11	<p>Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be 12th January.</p>	