



Dalkeith and District Community Council

Note of Meeting, Tuesday 9th February, 2021,

7.00pm online via Zoom

Agenda

		Action
1	<p>Present and apologies DDCC: Ann Stewart-Kmicha (Chair); Kate Robertson; Andrew Watt Midlothian Council: Cllr Colin Cassidy, Cllr. Margot Russell Residents Shona Haggie, Freddy Hall, Barbara Gubbins MYF representative Kari Calder</p>	
2	<p>Welcome and introductions These had been done at the start of the AGM which preceeded this meeting.</p>	
4	<p>Approval of Note of last meeting The note of the meeting held on 12th January was approved.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising, not on agenda elsewhere/action points from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Defibrillators.</i> AW had written to Verona MacDonald confirming that DDCC were happy with the quote for the installation of the defibrillators. ASK would send the copy of the accounts now that they were ready. b) <i>Grit Bins.</i> The recent bad weather had highlighted the scarcity of these. c) <i>Drain on Old Edinburgh Road .</i> After raising this last month, a drain on N. Wynd that a resident claimed had been blocked for 16 years was attended to and was now flowing again, but this wasn't the one that had been intended ! ASK said she would pass details of the correct one to CC. 	ASK
6	<p>Planning There were no new applications in the planning list that warranted attention from the CC. The CC's comments regarding the change of use of premises in Eskdail St had been submitted. It appears as an objection. It would appear there had been no comments from residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Sheriffhall South.</i> An objection to this application for outline planning approval had been submitted. The site was located within the Green belt and it was felt it was not appropriate for a number of reasons. b) <i>Aldi.</i> Work on the new store had begun and it was hoped it would be open later in the year. c) <i>Crematorium.</i> An application had been made to E. Lothian Council for a private Crematorium just on the border with Midlothian at Newcraighall. The company behind it already ran one in W. Lothian. 	ASK
	TTRO None	
7	<p>Councillors' Reports Cllr. Russell.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Russell began by explaining how developer's contributions were used. She said it went on things such as infrastructure, schools, and the town centre. For example, the Developer Contributions for the old Dalkeith High School site are 	

	<p>going to Woodburn with a view to improving the MARC building.</p> <p>b) Town Centre. With money from the Scottish Government a variety of possible improvements were being looked at with Derek Oliver. Among the possible projects being looked at were repainting the shop fronts and wooden fascias of the flats.</p> <p>c) Access to Full Council meetings. These are currently being held on Microsoft Teams. It was felt that a letter to the Chief Executive requesting that a way for interested parties to attend be set up. Perhaps this was something the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils might take up.</p> <p>Cllr. Cassidy.</p> <p>a) <i>Jarnac Court</i>. It was proposed to provide cover over the seats so they could be used in all weathers. Up-lighters were to be put into the pavements. Bike stands had been installed along with similar at Eskbank Station. But it was conceded these might not be in the best place. It was hoped to start holding a street market in Jarnac Court with old fashioned market stalls.</p> <p>b) <i>High St</i>. The possibility of turning some stretches of the High St. into a pedestrian zone was being looked at.</p> <p>c) <i>Car Parks</i>. The N. Wynd car park and the St. Andrew's St. Car park were now free of charge all the time.</p> <p>d) <i>Slate River</i>. The slate "river" that flows from Buccleuch St. along White Hart St. and into Komaron Court was to be restored to its original state by removing the poor repairs that had been carried out over the years.</p> <p>ASK said that young people had been asking what had happened to the Participatory Budgeting scheme that had been trialed in the town. Cllr. Russell said that the procedure had been pulled because it had been flawed. It was confirmed that instead, each Councillor had been allocated £40,000 to spend on projects in their ward. It was put to the Councillors that one project to benefit from this money might be a project that the Kings Park Primary PTA were engaged on. Cllr. Cassidy said that major developments were in hand for that school and it was possible that the PTA project might be carried out as part of that development. Finally, it was confirmed that Midlothian Councillors had not specially received a Covid-19 inoculation unless they came into one of the categories currently being vaccinated.</p>	ASK
8	<p>Police Report</p> <p>A summary report had been received and members were invited to follow up by email any question that might have arisen from that.. A spate of thefts in Glebe St. and Eskbank had ceased after an individual had been arrested put on bail curfew which meant he had to be at home every night. Gas pipes had been stolen from Pankhurst Loan which was quite worrying. ASK said she felt it was a bit unfair that Police Officers had not been selected for priority vaccination. The closure of Dalkeith Country Park at week-ends had been causing parking problems at the East end of the High St. and on Musselburgh Rd. and Shade Park. Cones had been placed on the road but they had been moved. Cllr. Russell said she had raised it. Cllr. Cassidy said the situation was not helped by car repairs being carried out illegally on the street. It was felt that many of the cars might have come from Edinburgh which is currently illegal. Perhaps a prominent Police presence might deter some. Cllr. Russell agreed to raise it with the Chief Constable. Another solution might be to put double yellow lines along one or both sides of the road in places to make it easier for buses.</p>	MR
9	<p>Reports from meetings</p> <p>a) <i>Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (AS-K)</i></p> <p>a. Bank Transfers. Looking at constitutions to enable direct bank</p>	

	<p>transfers.</p> <p>b. Police sending a representative to the next meeting.</p> <p>b) <i>One Dalkeith</i>. Most activities were currently paused until the Covid restrictions were lifted. It is not an organisation with an aim to alleviate poverty.</p> <p>c) <i>Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board</i></p> <p>a. Review Survey. This has just been sent out. The return is not required until 31st March. AW will copy the survey and send it out to members to look at the next meeting.</p> <p>b. He would also send a copy of a paper produced by NQCC to Cllrs. Russell and Cassidy.</p> <p>d) <i>ERIG</i>.</p> <p>a. There are now “intelligent sewer outlets” which monitor the outflows into the river so that any increases can be dealt with expeditiously.</p> <p>b. <i>Outfalls at Lugton Bridge</i>. A resident had noticed a whitish outflow into the river. This was a known outlet and is an overflow which only functions occasionally. There is an outfall from the road drains at that point as well. More seriously is the overspill from the main sewer during periods of heavy rain, when raw sewage comes out the top of the concrete chambers that are at corners in the sewage pipe. When this has been raised before the reply has been that because the river is also very full at those times, the sewage is quickly diluted down to acceptable levels.</p>	
10	Consultations None	
11	<p>Community Council Priorities for 2019/20</p> <p>a) Jarnac Court</p> <p>b) Traffic management/parking</p> <p>c) Engaging the community</p> <p>d) Communications</p>	
12	<p>Any other competent business</p> <p>a) A Midlothian Councillor had resigned and therefore a by-election would have to be held. This might affect the setting of the Council Budget.</p> <p>b) MVA AGM. This is being held in March and they are looking for further members for the Board.</p> <p>c) CAB Project. Yvonne Cassidy is giving workshops on getting assistance to get better deals with energy.</p>	
13	Date of next meeting Tuesday 9 th March	