



Dalkeith and District Community Council Meeting, Tuesday 11th May, 2021,

	ACTION
<p>1. Present and Apologies. Ann Stewart-Kmicha (Chair), Andrew Watt, Shona Haggie, Cllr. Margot Russell, Cllr. Colin Cassidy</p>	
<p>2. Welcome and Introductions. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Note of last meeting The draft Note of the Meeting had been pre-circulated. With some minor amendments and re-ordering, this was accepted.</p>	
<p>4. Community Council Priorities for 2021/22. There was a discussion about the priorities for the coming year. A draft template had been prepared. One area where it was felt work was required was in the field of social media. Since E. Fleck had stepped down from DDCC the Facebook page and Twitter feed had not been updated. While it was agreed that this was very important, the question of who would do it was crucial. It was felt this might be an opportunity for a young person to contribute, perhaps as part of the D of E. It was agreed AW would follow this up. The state of the notice boards was raised. Further problems had arisen with water ingress. It was agreed that ASK and CC would liaise over this. The possibility of a leaflet drop was raised. Other CCs had tried this in the past and had reported some success. It was agreed to explore the possibility of doing a leaflet drop. It was agreed that SH would look at examples of leaflets that had been used. ASK said she had some that had been circulated through MFCC and would pass these to SH. As a follow up once the installation of the defibrillators was complete it was agreed to re-assess the coverage to see where there were any gaps. Also, it was important to keep the community aware of the defibrillators so that their appearance was not quite the surprise that the e-bike stands had been. AW expressed his disappointment that no one from DDCC had been involved in the discussions around the improvements to Jarnac Court. CC said there had been other instances where Elected Members had also been kept in the dark, but he would ensure that DDCC was represented at similar situations in the future. The list of improvements met with general approval; the decision to replace 8 fairly new lamp-posts was explained as necessary to allow colour changes to be made.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>ASK/CC</p> <p>SH ASK</p>
<p>5. Planning, TTRO (Cllrs. Russell and Cassidy absented themselves for this item.) SH had checked through the planning portal and highlighted a couple of applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Dalkeith Palace. An application had been submitted to change this from a learning establishment to a location for displays, events and meetings.b) Ironmills Park. The application for a cafe was going through the planning	

application process.

TTRO's had been received to implement diversions while resurfacing work was being carried out on South St. and then on Newmills Rd. It was hoped that diversions would not be necessary once the work on South St. was completed and a traffic flow could be maintained on Newmills Rd. through the use of temporary traffic lights.

There was also one to cover work on water supply. In Whitehill village.

It was also noted that the flow of traffic on Salters Rd. had increased considerably.

6. Councillors Reports.

a) Cllr. Russell.

- a. *Resurfacing.* Resurfacing work on both roads and pavements is being carried out in residential areas. There might be some temporary inconvenience but the end result will be a notable improvement.
- b. *House building.* Work is starting on the old High Schools site. The proximity of other houses is presenting some issues.
- c. *Drains.* The abundant wet weather had highlighted problems with drains. The Council has one "super-soaker" but were trying to tackle the problem systematically.
- d. *Site of Lugton Inn.* The Council were looking at taking enforcement action to improve the appearance of this empty site. Cllr. Cassidy said he had been contacted by the owner of the site who had drawn up plans for one and two bedroom flats on it. He said that it was difficult to do much because of the inherent dangers in the site required it to be fenced off.
- e. *Projecting in Jarnac Court.* A suggestion from young people to the High St. Tweak project that the wall of Soutra Point be used for projected images was being explored.

b) Cllr. Cassidy.

- a. *Jarnac Court developments.* Although Covid has caused some delays, all work will be completed by the end of the summer.
- b. *Parking charges.* These had now been abolished as it was hoped this would attract more shoppers to the town. The situation would be monitored to ensure they car park wasn't being used for all day parking or by garages. AW expressed concern that the removal of charges might take things back to what they had been with no spaces available because of all day parking. ASK asked if the CCTV camera at the exit from the North Wynd car park was working. MR said she would check on this.

7. Police report

A report had been submitted, along with two posters which could be displayed. The Chair summarised the report. She also expressed disappointment that Police Officers were not allowed to take part in Zoom meetings, which had become apparent at the MFCC meeting. MR said there is a new Sergeant in charge of the Community Team who will probably be able to get things done.

8. Reports from meetings

- a) *High St. Tweak.* These meetings had happened. The turnout had been disappointing. Various potential projects were considered and the most promising was "Tactical Urbanisation" which comprises a collection of items that could be

used for a pop-up exhibition, cafe etc. It was felt that the idea of projecting on the wall of Soutra Point was more promising.

- b) *One Dalkeith*. Their AGM is on 26th May
- c) *MFCC*. The next meeting was in one week. The previous one had had a presentation from Police Scotland regarding the current state of community services. It had also amended the constitution to cover electronic payments and online meetings.
- d) *MTRaP*. Alan Heatly had attended the last meeting to give an update on the roads plans. Various members had raised concerns over Active Travel and how it was being co-ordinated. This seemed to be down mainly to lack of communication.
- e) *EANAB*. There was nothing new to report. AW said he planned to present this as a written report in the future.

9. Consultations

- a) The current consultation is on DPS13 but ASK was not sure exactly what was being asked. It seemed that it was the beginning of the process to create the next Local Development Plan and that this was the opportunity to register interest.
- b) LLLE are also consulting on how they can make their services more useful to residents.
- c) Also a survey on how funding could support mental health and wellbeing.
- d) And that morning at the Full Council meeting groups interested in how the Levelling Up funding could be spent had been encouraged to contact their elected member with their proposals so that these could be put forward to be included in the bid submitted by Midlothian.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes and not already dealt with.

- a) AW confirmed he had sent the emails in the action against his name.
- b) ASK had responded to Santander and was following up the Buck's Head.
- c) Suggestions for spending the remaining money were made.

11. A.O.C.B.

- a) *Contact*. MR asked who was the contact at Midlothian Council for the High Street Tweak project.
- b) *Christmas Lights*. It was hoped that it would be possible to have the Christmas Lights switch-on ceremony this year and it was agreed to give the Festival Committee a donation for this.
- c) *Coalfields sunflower competition*. Sunflower Seeds donated by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust had been distributed to local primary schools and prizes were to be awarded for biggest, tallest widest etc. etc.
- d) *Kings Park Primary*. A timescale for the redevelopment had been published and it was anticipated work would begin shortly...

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 8th, 2021, at 7.00pm on Zoom.