

Haddington East Tenants and Residents Association

Minutes of the Meeting Scheduled to be held at Nungate and Haddington Community Centre on Monday 8th January 2023 @ 19:00

Apologies noted for Cllr Akhtar, RS, IH, AD (Chair) and GP (Vice Chair)

Cllrs McMillan, Laing, Trotter and McGuire were not in attendance

With no Chair and no Vice Chair in attendance, we did not meet the requirements to constitute the committee and so the call was made to cancel the meeting.

The Secretary alerted all that had e-mail accounts and attended on site to ensure that anyone who turned up got an explanation. The secretary also apologised to Rosina as she had opened the hall and put on the heating.

There had been no meeting in December as that had been replaced by the Christmas meal. The only thing that requires action is to congratulate our Chair who was presented with the Jeanette Boyd Award for "an outstanding individual" by Wendy McGuire, the Head of Housing for East Lothian Council at the ELTRP Sparkle Awards.

Agenda for February's meeting / AGM to be held on Monday 5th February 2024, at 7pm

1. February's meeting should also have incorporated the AGM and the nomination and voting for new committee members; Chair, Treasurer, ELTRP Area Rep, Housing Partnership Rep, CAPP Rep etc.
ELTRP has confirmed that we can postpone this by 4 months to give us an opportunity to raise member numbers before conducting any vote.
 - a. Alan Dunton has, however, stepped down as Chair as of now. He will remain a member, but not hold a committee position. Pending committee approval, Richie Scott has volunteered to act as interim chair until the postponed AGM.
2. Posters to advertise the TRA and our monthly meetings have been created but were not circulated in advance of the January meeting due to ill health. They will be put up in the HETRA area in the coming weeks.
 - a. These posters carry a QR code for the Facebook page, and the details for each meeting will be posted there.
3. Members are asked to think of ways to increase member numbers as we urgently need more community engagement.
4. The CAPP meeting that was delayed from December took place on 8th Jan. PC Scott Foster has taken over as Community Police Constable as PC Craig Purves has moved on.
 - a. The next CAPP meeting will take place on 30th Jan.
 - b. SA or LS to update on matters arising at Feb including specifically details regarding the Traprain Terrace / Dunbar Road Junction issue which was raised yet again.
5. LS has heard nothing from Andrew Gordon regarding the fault audit since reporting the full details of the "dangerous" and "health and safety concern" faults in October. This was chased again in early January, but no response has been forthcoming.
 - a. LS to speak to SA to find out how to escalate this.
6. Identify issues we wish to focus on in 2024
 - a. The Riverside Bridge – chase council for update on plans which had been promised back in the autumn and since they have not updated us as promised, but have published articles in the East Lothian Courier stating that plans are already underway and have had public engagement.
 - i. LS to follow up and find out the Council contact in charge of the project and ask for a meeting.
 - b. Amenities for Haddington East – small local shop for Abbots View/Riverside?
 - c. Community Clean-Up – river clean up / greenspace clean up and planting / litter pick etc
 - d. Fault Audit – chase where this is (see item 3) and find out when the next inspection is so we can put the issues back on the proper system

- e. Space and Activities for the community - young adults, smaller children and the older tenants and residents in the catchment area. What are their interests and what can HETRA do to assist?
- f. How to rectifying the neglect over the past three – five years specifically to improve the local area to make it more inclusive, welcoming and a pleasant place to live?
- g. Traffic issues and parking in Haddington East.

7. Standing Items:-

a. Accounts / Finance Matters

- i. As agreed in November 2023, the Committee contributed £50 to the Christmas meal at the Golf Tavern on Monday 4th December.
- ii. Balance is £100

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