

## **Haddington East Tenants and Residents Association**

### **Minutes of the Meeting Held at Nungate and Haddington Community Centre on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 19:00**

Apologies noted for Cllr McMillan

The main business of this meeting was a visit from PC Craig Purves, the Community Police Officer for Haddington. Craig was extremely friendly and enthusiastic and listened to members concerns, namely as follows:-

- The traffic issue at the Church Street junction
- The problems and dangers of trying to pull out from the junction of Traprain Drive and Dunbar Road, made harder due to inconsiderate parking on the main road.
- Anti-social behaviour in general and specifically in Seggarsdean Park
- On pavement parking and the impact this has on pavement users, those with mobility issues who need access to the drop kerbs and the privilege and entitlement felt by those who do this which has led to confrontations in some areas

PC Purves listened to all of our concerns and said he was aware of them all.

With regards to the road issues, he has promised to raise awareness, either through increased police presence, social media posts and will look into better signage. He explained that the road markings are not in his purview, and that improving / replacing that lies with the council. PC Purves suggested we encourage all those affected by these issues to raise calls with the police and the council whenever they occur. The more records they have of incidences in these areas, the more strength to the argument that something needs done. He will also take our concerns back to the Traffic section.

With regards to the anti-social behaviour problems, PC Purves pointed out that he is working with the community and the schools to try to tackle some of the underlying issues. He has had meetings with the Junior Road Safety Officers in the local schools and has received some good feedback from the youths involved as to what they are looking for and it would appear that this is mainly a place where they can gather, have ownership of and take responsibility for. There are plans to try to set up a boxing club which has proved popular. Various locations have been suggested, but all have complications – cost, asbestos, local residents objecting to the idea, so work is ongoing. PC Purves will increase youth patrols in the areas of concern and again, aim to raise awareness through social media and the schools.

Lastly, in regards to on-pavement parking, PC Purves is aware that parking is a problem in Haddington in general and although the pavement parking ban is now law, Haddington Council is not enforcing it fully just yet. He repeated that reporting of these issues to the council and the police is worthwhile, so that there are records of the issues.

The Chair thanked PC Purves for attending.

## 1. Minutes

- a. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

## 2. Matters Arising

### a. **Missing seats are not back in place at Seggarsdean Playpark and wheelchair and buggy access to playpark is difficult:-**

LS noted that this matter had been raised at the LHP, that the outstanding bins and benches were still due to be replaced, but no date was available.

IH confirmed that the issues regarding access to the Seggarsdean playpark, and the possibility of creating a path through the rise was discussed. Cllr A has requested a site visit, date to be confirmed.

**No change**

### b. **Fault Audit:-**

RS confirmed that the audit is ongoing, with Riverside Drive, Dunbar Road and Traprain Terrace now having been covered. He noted that only 3 of the 184 issues raised had been resolved by the Council since being reported.

**Action:** Further areas will be reviewed going forward as and when health and time allow.

**For Note:** These issues should really be reported via the Area Inspection and Escalation process, however LS spoke to Andrew Gordon at the LHP meeting and has arranged to e-mail him the spreadsheets for review of the highest priority issues.

***The relevant information was e-mailed to Cllr Gordon on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Gordon's out of office stated he was on leave until 7<sup>th</sup> November and would be in touch after that. LS will chase if no timely response is received.***

### c. **Footpath / Bridge to Riverside Drive:-**

LS noted that she spoke with the project lead and the ELTRAP Annual Event who confirmed that the project was out for consultation. LS pointed out that HETRA had a vested interest in the project and so we will be consulted once the proposed designs have been submitted so we can have input.

**No update**

### d. **Wider HETRA awareness:-**

We now have final copies of the HETRA poster, flyer and business cards. LS and RS will liaise with ELTRAP to have stocks of these printed and for the first few meetings of the new year, will put posters up on lampposts throughout the HETRA area a week or so in advance of each meeting to try to encourage new attendees. The business cards will be given to all current members to carry and give out whenever they feel a resident raises a topic which HETRA could help with and we will also distribute them in local businesses.

### 3. Standing Items:-

#### a. Accounts / Finance Matters

- i. As agreed, LS withdrew £200 from the account which is now in the cash box. LS will take responsibility for the cash box and the accounts until a new Treasurer can be appointed and at that time, we will look to appointing suitable card holders.
- ii. Bob has been asked to close the account and donate the remaining 21 pence to charity.
- iii. As agreed at the October meeting, £50 of the cash box funds was contributed to the Knox Tree plaque.
- iv. The Committee agreed that £50 of the remaining balance would be used as a contribution to the Christmas meal at the Golf Tavern on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- v. Balance after deductions above is £100

### 4. New Business:-

- a. **Fault Audit:** IH noted that although no railing has yet been erected, the top of the stairs at the Dunbar Road end of the Abbots View path has been tarmacked. No communication had been circulated regarding this so we are unaware as to whether this is the start of further works.
- b. **TL noted that the HCC has had a meeting regarding Resilience Planning.** She explained a little about what had been discussed and asked if anyone knew of anything similar in our local areas. Many members had heard the phrase but were unaware of anything local. All agreed that this made sense and so TL will send LS the documentation electronically for circulation and members can look to potentially setting up local hubs and points of contact in their own areas.

**LAST MEETING of 2023**

**HETRA Christmas Meal, The Golf Tavern, Haddington**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 19:00**

**First Meeting of 2024**

**Nungate and Haddington Community Centre, Haddington**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 19:00**