Date: 27.01.2026

Present: AM, MS, KS, GR, JI, MD, LP, PQ and CC

Guests: Jane from Haddington Bloom group.

1. Peter Quinn is voted into BRTA by LP and seconded by KS.

2. Blindwells in Bloom
   - Funding
     - Common good fund in East Lothian
     - Tesco blue tokens (apply online/customer services)
     - Coop in Tranent
     - Companies/people could sponsor planters
   - Angus Campbell at ELC supplied baskets and chains in Haddington
   - Option to enter Keep Scotland Beautiful competition for sustainability
   - Would require a bank account for funds (non-profit?) – RBS free for third sector
   - Would require public liability insurance for sessions and high vis vests.
   - Would require a storage space for equipment.
   - Ideas; Low level planters that last longer. Could use tattie planters. Soil. Wheelbarrow trail; acquire from builders - give them a theme

3. PSG – MD
   - Neil from Hargreaves spoke at the last PSG meeting and the frustrations of the BRTA and residents was mirrored by neighbouring towns.
     - Submission of application to Royal Mail for a post box on Princes Way by Hargeaves.
   - PSG funding - £45000, put in an application as a community group. Complete application i.e. Blindwells and Bloom. This is reviewed

and scored and decided finally by votes in person. Projects must fit into the AP document. - use specific aims/themes to hit the application.

- MSP Paul McLennan, Bruce, Neil & Gabe (Hargreaves's) confirmed ~2 years to town centre with reluctance to put start date.

4. Edinburgh Marathon parking – meeting on February 16th. AM and MS to attend.

5. Community Council
    - Stuart Baxter would be aware of the process required – JI to email.
    - Next meeting on 23rd of February 2026; LP and KS to attend.

6. Potential of Summer fete with PTA of BPS.

7. Ross and Liddel

- Still ongoing disputes.
- Bellway have had letters stating if people don't pay, the rest of the residents will have to pay.
- Bin emptying of P1 wasn't fulfilled.
- FOI for all the dates, times and money spent for Keane & Ross and Liddell.
- AM to invite Wallyford RTA chair along to future BRTA meeting.

8. AOB

- New bus stop coming.
- What's going into the centre - community space. Could enquire with Aemon John, Tom Reid at ELC.
- Is there an option to get a defibrillator- a public one outside the building of the school.