

## **ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minute of meeting held on Monday 21 March 2016 at 7 p.m.**

#### **In Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar.**

**Present:** S. Bunyan (Chair); J. Bell (Vice-chair/Secretary); S. Anderson; W. Collin; H. Coutts (part); A. Massimo (part); P. Morriss; A. Swan (Treasurer); P. Swan; G. Wilson (part)

**Councillors in attendance:** N. Hampshire; M. Veitch

**Others in attendance:** G. Adams (Christmas Lights); C. Ritchie (Press); M. Brown (Minutes)

**1.Apologies:** G. Robertson; P C Gavin Ross

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on 15 February 2016:** Taken as a true record.

**3. Minutes of Sub-Committees :** **C hristmas lights:** Sue Anderson had circulated a minute from March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016. **Maintenance is progressing** The fundraising Quiz Night had been a success.

**Civic Week:** Sue Anderson will distribute an update to members. She has submitted funding requests for events etc. She will attend the Dunbar Trades meeting in April and will report back to the Community Council in April.

#### **4. Police Report:**

**Road Safety:** There have been a number of reports of inconsiderate parking in the town and as a result of this a parking initiative was carried out on 19 February which resulted in 15 tickets being issued and numerous motorists being spoken to by officers.

**Anti-social Behaviour:** There continue to be reports of youths conducting themselves in an antisocial manner in and around Dunbar High Street. Officers have carried out foot patrols in this area and spoken to a number of youths. PCs Ross & Stewart will continue to patrol these areas on a regular basis.

**Litter:** No issues.

#### **Theft:**

- On 7 February a property was broken into in Viewforth, West Barns. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 16 February milk was stolen from outside Dunbar Medical Centre. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 16 February £5000 worth of tools were stolen from a container at the Persimmons Homes site on Brodie Rd. Enquiries continue.

- On 18 February youths took golf buggies from Winterfield Golf Course and drove them on the golf course. Enquiries are ongoing.
- There have been numerous thefts and attempted thefts from ASDA, mainly of alcohol. Enquiries are ongoing.

Other issues:

- 20/01/16 – Summerfield Road – a vehicle's tyres were slashed. Enquiries ongoing.
- 21/01/16 – Vandalism to McArthur's Stores. Enquiries ongoing.
- 26/01/16 – Bowmont Terrace – vehicle window smashed. Enquiries ongoing.
- 20/01/16 – Co-op, 118 High St. – male being abusive. Subsequently cautioned and charged.
- 07/02/16 – Co-op, 21 High St. – vandalism. One person cautioned and charged.
- 13/02/16 – Back Road. Vandalism to dog bin and sign. Enquiries ongoing.

Constables Gavin Ross and Jenni Stewart took up the role of dedicated Community Ward Officers at the beginning of March for this area. They intend to be much more visible in the community than previous time and previous commitments allowed. If there is any issue you feel they could help with please do not hesitate to contact them at Dunbar Police Station.

CAPP Issues:

1. Illegal parking in town centres – Enforcement of persons on yellow lines, non-badge holders in disabled bays and parking longer than permitted.
2. Dunbar Youth ASB –Leaflet drop to High St. residents encouraging persons to report Anti-social behaviour etc. (unknown if completed)  
Patrols of High St, James Court & McDonalds following recent reports of ASB.
3. Speeding in 20mph zone south of railway line – Speeding enforcement and attendance at multi-agency site meeting on 2 March.

Other issues discussed included:

- Parking on pavement in Floors Terrace (police to follow up)
- Revving motorbikes in Floor Terrace (police to follow up)
- Road safety issue in Rowan St. (Colin Baird from ELC to be made aware)

Will Collin noted general concerns about parking on pavements. Penny Morris noted current legislative processes to tackle this issue.

**Next CAPP meeting 14 April at 7.30 p.m.**

## **5. Treasurer's Report: A. Swan.**

Hippo account – A cheque was signed this evening for the account to be closed. The remaining sum of the account has been spent on pool improvements as per the instruction of the late Molly Keith.

Local Priorities

20 Projects have been funded. A balance of £9993.93 is to be allocated.

The allocation for next year's Budget will be £9350. (See below)

The current bank balance is £1651.34

## **6. Matters arising (Not on Agenda):**

### **a) Planning matters**

- i. SESPLAN – Main issues 2 – no further information
- ii. Development at 52 High Street (Lothian Hotel) – no further information.
- iii. Beveridge Row – Cllr. Hampshire intimated that it is expected that Cala Homes will submit a detailed planning application. The ownership of the land has been subject to change. Members noted that they remain opposed to development on this site.
- iv) 1 Shore Road (Cuckoo Wrasse) – no further information.
- v) Robertson Homes – Cllr. Hampshire reported that this application was still being worked on. A Safe routes to school is still to be agreed. Thus this application may not be ready for the April Planning Committee.
- vi) Proposal for 9 flats and parking at Church St. – no further information.
- vii) Proposal for 9 flats and 1 house at High St (former Smiths bakery) – no further information.

### **b) Twinning Links:**

Lignieres: The AGM was held on 23 February. Office bearers remain. New members are welcome. There will be a possible October visit to Lignieres.

Belhaven, North Carolina – Jacquie said there had been no response to her messages. It was agreed no further action will be taken at this time.

John Muir Birthplace: Will Collin had circulated a report on the visit from George Turnbull and other board members from Martinez. Friends of John Muir's Birthplace are intending mounting an exhibition honouring the centenary of the founding of the US National Park Service (NPS) in August and September, with John Muir being a key figure in its formation. George has offered to provide introductions to a number of National parks with which Muir

was involved, along with Muir Woods National Monument and the John Muir National Historic site in Martinez. All pledged to assist Friends with the NPS Centenary Exhibition. Although NPS was “born” on 25 August 1916 the exhibition will be designed so that it is not tied to any particular date. It will then be available to the John Muir trust, Scotland’s 2 National Parks, sites on the John Muir Way, schools, museums etc.

It was suggested and agreed that East Lothian Council might produce a leaflet/poster.

**c) A1 Safety:** Cllr. Veitch reported that an Action Group meeting will take place on 20 April. He will update the Community Council on Broxburn Junction improvements at the next meeting. Jacquie Bell commented on the positive improvements at Beveridge Row/Hospital Road junction.

**d) East Beach:** A Petition about the condition of the beach had appeared on 38 Degrees and Heart of Dunbar. Pippa Swan was endeavouring to arrange a meeting to capture the next steps. She was in discussion with 2 contractors who could offer a complete design and implementation service. There was discussion about the costings of stone and other kinds of groins. Cllr. Hampshire said that the Council was committed to doing something and agreed to arrange a meeting with Pippa and others. It was noted that the funding of this project would be very extensive.

**e) Street Names:** The names suggested by the Community Council in 2012 [the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Christmas lights] and which were not used then; Laing commemorating Norman Laing for his contribution to Christmas lights, Tweedie commemorating the Tweedie family which farmed Hallhill for many years and Crow commemorating Bill Crow who was the driving force behind the Christmas lights for many years and a fourth suggestion Simpson to commemorate Provost Alexander Simpson, provost from 1913-19 had been confirmed.

**f) High Street Issues:**

An Area Partnership meeting was held on 10 March. Pippa Swann thanked all Community Council members who attended as well as a good representation from ELC officials and councillors. Attendance had been around 100. The responses and comments are currently being collated. Pippa will report back with defining recommendations at a later meeting. The “Wandering Map” had been well received and copies have been delivered to all hotels in the town.

**g) 20’s Plenty:** Herbert Coutts reported that Peter Forsyth, ELC Officer, had suggested that the area on the Questionnaire map should be extended to include Belhaven and the Tree scheme. Jacquie Bell noted that she had previously requested this extension to the survey area. It was agreed that the revised map should be used for the extensive testing of local opinion. S. Anderson suggested sample telephoning as another alternative to reaching the public and she will cost this for consideration.

It was agreed to hold the Public Meeting during Civic Week perhaps Tuesday 21 June 2016 in Dunbar Grammar School.

HC

**h) Winterfield Pavilion:** It is agreed that the Pavilion will be demolished. A long discussion took place with regard to the siting of the Bear statue as discussed at the February 2016 meeting. It was felt to be inappropriate to place such a structure on Spott Road roundabout or close to McDonalds/ASDA. Winterfield Park was felt to be more appropriate. It was agreed to invite the developer and the artist to a future Community Council meeting so that views can be expressed.

PS

Sue Anderson raised the question of a building health check with regard to the Corn Exchange. Cllr. Hampshire will follow this up.

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**i) Station Car Park:** no further information

**j) Council Chamber Table :** New tables have been purchased via the Common Good Fund. These met with the approval of the Community Council.

## **7. Local Priorities: 2015-16 Budget:**

### **a) Updates –**

Information Boards – Parish Church – ongoing. Any balance left over from the final cost will be earmarked for maintenance.

Rugby Club – £500 had been awarded and has now been processed.

Benches at Yeomanry Memorial – bases have been completed and the seats were now completed. They were installed on the date following the meeting.

North Light Arts – £400 agreed and awarded by the previous meeting.

### **New Applications –**

Sea Cadets - £500 agreed to complete the funding of a dinghy. The meeting had noted funding for a minibus but correspondence confirmed that a dinghy had been the subject of the application. This was agreed.

Traditional Music Festival –Jacquie will ask about 2016 events for discussion at the next meeting. **JB**

Scifest – It was agreed to match last year's figure i.e. Balance of £493 from 2015-16 Budget and difference carried forward to next year's Budget for agreement.

**8. Casual Vacancy:** The interested party was unable to attend tonight due to hospital surgery They will attend the April meeting.

**9. Local Area Partnership:**

High Street meeting held on 10 March. (See above)

Next meeting 11 April.

**10. Licensing:** Application from Kings Palace Chinese Restaurant to change personal licence holder – There were no concerns. Jacque Bell will advise ELC Licensing Board.

**11. Parking at Hughes Garage Car Park:**

Will Collin was concerned that this car park was being used principally by commuters. A suggestion was made for limited parking. Cllr. Veitch will get an official response but felt that concentration should be focussed on changes to parking at the station which will require action by the landowner at the station.

Parking on High Street – it was understood that extending parking time from 60 mins to 90 mins is being actively worked on. Cllr Veitch noted that the longstanding objection to the TRO had been removed and that this would allow many changes to local parking etc to proceed.

**12. Condition of Parish Churchyard:** Will Collin had raised concerns about the current ELC graveyard policy of applying weed-killer around the bases of headstones. He had circulated correspondence between himself and ELC and asked CC members to consider this for discussion at a later meeting. Members expressed concerns about the implementation of ELC policy on the safety of family monuments.

**ALL**

**13. Mobile phone coverage:** Concerns had been raised by Kilvert Croft. It was noted that the Area Partnership is seeking to improve broadband/mobile coverage. However, it was agreed that service provision is a matter for service providers and not for community councils and East Lothian Council.

**14. Local Councillors' Reports:**

**N. Hampshire:**

a. A review is currently underway to find an alternative system to getting financial contributions from planning developers for infrastructure, particularly for extensions to educational establishments.

b. Network Rail intends to create a new platform and a bridge over the railway line. This will have an impact on adjacent housing. The Station Ticket office etc. is a Listed Building and this impacts on the way forward for service improvements.

**M. Veitch:**

- a. Brodie Road – A package has been agreed for greater enforcement of the 20mph limit following a site meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Graham Parkes noted his concerns about road safety in the area.
2. Beltonford Roundabout - This is being considered as a “Gateway Roundabout”.
3. Back Road pavement– being costed.
4. The “Closes” leaflets is now ready for distribution.
5. There is new colour coded information at bus stops in the town.

**P McLennan** – no report

**15. Reports from Committees/Meetings attended:**

Day Centre – Gill reported that more Committee members were needed. A fundraising Coffee Morning will be held on 28 May. The AGM will be on 22 June.

It was noted that bed numbers for older people are being cut across Lothian with resultant pressures on delayed discharges, Also services for children and young people are being cut. (See below). There is poor consultation with the wider public on these matters.

Sustaining Dunbar – Implementing Zero Waste initiative. There is a positive response across the ward.

Viridor Credits – The present local panel responsibility is coming to an end. Meetings of the continuing panel are to be held at Eurocentral, near Glasgow, which is not convenient for this side of the Country. However, requests are still being made via Iain Gray MSP and others to maintain a local link and a closer meeting place. Stephen commented on the enhancement of the Museum of Flight which had been partly funded by Viridor Credits and said that the opening of new hangars will be on Wednesday 23 March. He and Jacquie had been invited to attend to represent Viridor Credits.

Education Committee – Stephen has attended. East Lothian is felt to offer a positive service.

New Community Hospital Update meeting – Gill Wilson had attended. There will be no Minor Injuries Unit within the new hospital. Jacquie will write to Lothian Health to advise that the Community Council wishes the continuation of this service.

**JB**

John Muir Advisory Committee – (a) Issues of the dangerous state of the John Muir Walkway were discussed. Pippa Swann intimated that it was hoped to use a large proportion of Local Area Partnership money in this area. Members felt that spending in this area should be a priority.

(b) An increase in dog fouling had been noted at the parking meters within the country park. It was agreed that this area should be monitored.

**16. Correspondence: previously circulated.**

Brake newsletter

RAGES Rag

Annouska Woods – update on Aikengall construction.

Rebecca Spillane – East Lothian Poverty Commission. Call for evidence.

Kilvert Croft – concerns re mobile phone coverage.

Hilary Smith – DigiCC workshop in Glasgow 22 March.

Scottish Government – Feedback on Health Consultation The Big Conversation event in December.

Lilian Pryde- RELBUS meeting in Haddington on 11 April.

Lilian Pryde -Community Council elections – 6 October.

**17. AOCB:**

1. Jacquie has continued to report broken lights and signs. Some have now been broken for over 6 months.

2. Stephen had been sent a specimen Commemorative Medal for HM Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday from a private company. The Community Council agreed not to purchase any

3. Methodist Church – Stephen to write to Leader of Circuit. Building should be retained as heritage building. Suggested Open Weekend during Civic Week. **JB**

**18. Date of next meeting:** This will take place in the Council Chamber, Town House on Monday 18 April 2016 at 7 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.