

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

### **Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 17 November 2014**

#### **In Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar at 7 p.m.**

**Present:** S. Bunyan (Chair); J. Bell (Vice-Chair/Secretary); K. Croft (Treasurer); S. Anderson, W. Collin; I. Knox; A. Massimo; P. Swan; G. Wilson

**Others present:** T. Reid, ELC Waste Services; P.C. Gavin Ross

**Councillors in attendance:** Norman Hampshire

**1.Apologies:** H. Coutts; M. Young; Cllr. M. Veitch

#### **2.Presentation/Discussion:**

\_Tom Reid, ELC Waste Services, advised the meeting that he was visiting all Community Councils in East Lothian to explain the waste collection changes which are to be implemented next year. These changes are to enable the Council to achieve the recycling targets set down by the Scottish Government. Changes will include the start of collection of food waste and fortnightly main bin collections. Households will be given new containers and bins for food waste. The changes will commence on Monday 27 April 2015 and all households will be given information prior to that date. Mr Reid was thanked for his attendance and presentation .He agreed to pass information to Jacquie Bell which she would pass on to other Community Council members.

#### **3. Minutes of Meeting of 20 October – approval:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a factual record. Approved by P. Swan and seconded by G. Wilson.

#### **Minutes of Sub-Committees (Civic Week, Christmas Lights):**

a) The Civic Week minute was approved.

b) Sue Anderson expressed concern about the future of the Christmas Lights due to lack of funds and also appropriate manpower. Some concerns were raised about DCC responsibilities for Health and Safety matters. Kilvert Croft reminded DCC members of their responsibilities. A meeting is to be held on Thursday 20 November. Sue will make a detailed list of the problems facing the Christmas Lights Committee for consideration by the Community Council. Stephen Bunyan, on behalf of the meeting, congratulated the Christmas Lights Committee for the success of this year's event.

S. Bunyan intimated that a Memorial Ceremony is to take place in the grounds of St Anne's on the anniversary of the tragic deaths of the 3 teenagers who died on 25 November, 2013. A request to have the Christmas Lights extinguished during this time was turned down on the basis of the technical difficulties which would be involved.

#### 4. Police report:

##### Road Safety

On the evening of 26 October a report was received of youths riding a mini motorcycle at Parsonspool. The group were traced riding it in the playground of Dunbar Primary John Muir Campus. One 16 yr old youth has been charged with no insurance and the bike has been seized.

Just after midnight on 9 November a female was arrested for drunk driving at Countess Rd.

On 12 November a fixed penalty ticket was issued for driving through the prohibition zone at Dunbar Primary School, Countess Road. Anti-social Behaviour - No noteworthy anti-social behaviour calls in the last month. Hallowe'en was extremely busy with hundreds of children guising but no issues at all. Also, no issues related to fireworks.

##### Litter

No litter complaints. Dog fouling patrols are being conducted later this week by Constable Ross and Community Warden Jimmy Wilson.

##### Theft

There have been a number of bicycle thefts of which many of which have been recovered /dumped.

At 15.40 on 17 October an elderly resident of Lammermuir Crescent allowed a male entry to her house to carry out a gas safety check. He left after a short time to get something from his van but did not return. Later she discovered £160 had been stolen from her mantelpiece.

On 3 November police arrested 2 males who had been shoplifting bottles of spirit on consecutive nights from the Co-op Countess Crescent. They appeared at court the following day and one of the males received an 8 month custodial sentence.

There have been two incidents in the last month of thefts of tools from insecure vans.

##### CAPP Priorities –

- Anti-social behaviour in vennels off Dunbar High Street. Patrol High Street and vennels to prevent anti-social behaviour and check for any lighting faults or common stair security issues.
- Cyclist and runner safety - Conduct patrols, visit schools and link in with cycling and running clubs regarding the visibility of cyclists and runners. Get cyclists off pavements.
- Next meeting – Wednesday 26 November 2014 at 7.30p.m. at Dunbar Police Station.

Jacquie Bell noted that a recent ploughing event at West Barns had left considerable mud on the roads which had not been cleared until torrential rain on the following Friday. The organiser had been contacted and any future event will be monitored for repeated problems.

Will Collin noted wiring across North Road. It was confirmed that speed checks were being carried out in the area.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** The accounts had been previously circulated. The working balance stood at £660.93.

Thanks were expressed to Sue Anderson for arranging for flyers to be printed up and distributed and acting as Community Council representative at the "Gathering In" event at the end of October.

It was agreed that her expenses would be met.

**6. Matters Arising (not on Agenda):**

a) Planning matters:

1. East Lothian Development Plan Main Issues Report – 2 December 2014 display and drop in at Masonic Hall, Dunbar in afternoon. Public meeting 6.30 – 8.30. Pippa Swan will ask permission to have a Community Council table with literature in the afternoon. This subject will be the principal issue for discussion at the Community Planning meeting in January 2015. It was agreed that the Community Council should also pay attention to the matter at its December meeting. Jacquie Bell noted that as yet a hard copy of the report has not been received.

**PS**

2. Fences and flagpoles (various) – updates from David Taylor at Planning Enforcement.  
Rose Cottage & Cherrytrees Nursery – planning permission applications for fence painting are awaiting validation.  
4 Seafield Crescent, Belhaven – No planning permission is in place for the fence painting. This is required as the property is a listed building in a conservation area. Planning will be taking action.  
Flagpoles at Rose Cottage and Southfield – ongoing enforcement action.  
It was noted that Fiddler's Green in Westgate has a Flagpole.
3. Station Road – no further information on appeal.
4. Beveridge Row – no further information.

b) Twinning Links:

- i) Lignieres – The French visit/reception had been very successful. Homologation of the grant of £350 was agreed.
- ii) Narni – Stephen noted the Liberation of June 1944 and Dunbar's representation at the anniversary during the brief service at the Dunbar monument to the Lothians & Border Horse on Remembrance Day.
- iii) Haines – The letter agreed at the previous meeting had been sent.

c) High Street Market/Christmas Lights:

The market had been a success.

d) A1 Safety

Jacquie will be attending meeting of the A1 Safety Group in Haddington on 12 December convened by Cllr. Veitch. She has still had no reply to her letter to the Minister of June 2014.

**JB**

e)Flags Policy

The situation has been clarified with ELC. The Saltire & Union flags will now fly together as per the decision of October 2014 unless another flag is to fly for a specific event e.g. Armed Forces Day. A new Saltire flag to be purchased as the current one is very worn.. It was agreed that larger flags would be flown to mark specific Royal and national events. Stephen Bunyan agreed to make a larger Saltire available for the Saltire festival from 24<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**SB**

f) East Beach

Pippa Swan had circulated a report and minutes of a meeting. Cllr. Hampshire referred to a meeting with ELC Engineer & Head of Infrastructure. Loss of sand is a major concern. Agreement had been reached to take the 2002 report to the next stage i.e. to obtain a detailed report of the options available, if any, to hold back the sand with costings.

g)Dementia Friendly Dunbar

A meeting is still to be organised.

h)Community Resilience Planning

Jacquie Bell and Pipp Swana had attended the Council wide workshop. The main object is for each community to be independently resilient. Dunbar's greatest risk would be flooding. The Community Councils of West Barns, Dunbar , Dunspeir and East Lamermuir along with Sustaining Dunbar are involved. Information evenings on Flood Protection are to be held 28 November in West Barns Hall and 9 December in Dunbar Methodist Hall.

i)Portrait of the Earl of Dunbar

Permission has been given to obtain a copy. Herbert Coutts is progressing. **HC**

j)Memorial Garden at Parish Church

Bollards have been erected to prevent illegal parking. It was still hoped to replace the benches and also improve the garden area.

k)St Anne's Viridor Application

A letter of support had been sent.

**7. Local Priorities 2014-15 Budget:**

An updated report had been received from ELC. The remaining balance is currently £8106.

a) Updates:

Information Boards - Parish Church to be proceeded with

Leisure pool to be refurbished

The sub committee was give authority to act.

It was noted in general discussion that some areas in the statement were not correct e.g. money had not been spent on a 2014 newsletter and that the Brownie Garden is still not completed.

Stephen Bunyan will contact Lilian Pryde at ELC to discuss the correct figures.

b) New Applications:

Fairtrade Dunbar - £168.14 for banners – approved.

Dunbar in Bloom - £210 to have wording included on signage at entry points to town. Pippa Swan commended the sterling work done by this organisation but felt that having such wording would be of little benefit to the town and perhaps an alternative recognition could be explored. It was agreed to defer this matter until it can be discussed with Mary Young (Dunbar in Bloom Convenor) at a future meeting.

Scifest - £1500 approved.

Memorial Garden – M. O'Donnell has requested an application form.

## **8. Community Planning**

Minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November had been circulated. The next meeting will be held on 1 December in West Barns Hall when the topic will be Health & Social Care Integration.

The 28 January meeting will have the Main Issues Report as the topic.

It was agreed that a representative of the East Lothian Community Rail Partnership to be invited to a future Community Council meeting.

## **9. Local Councillors' Reports:**

### **N. Hampshire –**

a). Main Issues Report – Cllr. Hampshire emphasised the importance of this and the need for as many interested parties to attend. Registration for attendance at the evening public meeting was necessary. Alberto Massimo & Pippa Swan will attend in the afternoon. Gill. Wilson will attend in the evening. **AM/PS/GW**

b). Housing Sites – i) work has started on the Inverleith Garage site ii) New phases at Halhill will include 71 Local Authority houses and 50 affordable units to be developed under “Places for People”.

c). Street Market – A licence had been refused on the basis that it would not be safe operating on street whilst traffic flowing and deliveries were being made to businesses. Operator prepared to consider alternative location.

d). Hughes Garage Site – work is underway on a new car park. Issues with parking in the town following the loss of the Traffic Warden were noted.

e.) A street name is required for the 16 affordable houses being built at Kellie Road. The idea of commemorating Rotary was considered but as it was the twentieth anniversary of the twinning link with Lignieres It was agreed to propose Lignieres Court.

**M Veitch** – no report

**P McLennan** – no report

#### **10. Reports from Committees/Meetings attended:**

##### **Day Centre**

The Day Centre had taken the High Street “Pop-up Shop” with Lynton Day Centre and had raised funds of £500.

##### **Association of Community Councils**

There had been discussion of the progress of Community Planning and a presentation about the proposed Energy Park at the site of the former Cockenzie Power Station. The organisation is still looking for a Secretary and also a representative for various committees of the wider East Lothian Planning Partnership. It has been suggested that minute taking might rotate between the constituent community councils but it is not certain if this will work as the majority do not attend Association meetings.

##### **Viridor Credits**

A range of grants had been given including to Dunbar Bowling Club and Foxlake. The St Anne’s Church Project was amongst a number of higher value projects passed for consideration by the main board in Taunton.

#### **11. Correspondence :**

Kenny Black – Anti-social Behaviour Strategy

ELC Estates – unauthorised parking at Castellau, chain will be repaired to prevent this.

ELC – Community Training Programme

BBC Radio Scotland via Lilian Pryde – invitation to Big Debate 11.15 – 1 p.m. on 21 November at St Andrew Blackadder Church, North Berwick.

Scottish Government via Lilian Pryde – new Scottish community council website.

ELC (Gordon Norrie) – change to street naming practice in East Lothian.

SNH, Marion Mulholland – information on John Muir Working Group meeting on 30 October. A DCC member is welcome to attend the next meeting at Falkirk in December. Jacquie is unable to attend.

Via Website - “Skiwiffery” – re fracking. Jacquie had requested more information on who they are and if they wish to attend a future Community Council meeting.

“Tell me Scotland” Scottish Government portal.

Invitation to Provost's Reception on Tuesday 16 December at 7 pm in the Saltire Room, John Muir House – Stephen Bunyan and Jacquie Bell will attend.

**SB/JB**

**12. Date of next meeting:** This will take place on **Monday 15 December 2014 at 7p.m. in Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar.**

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.