

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Monday 18 April 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; P. Morriss, G. Robertson; A. Swan (Treasurer); P. Swan; G. Wilson

Councillors Present: M. Veitch

Others Present: Sgt. C. Brown, Sgt. J. O'Brien, PI T. Malecki, Mr J Brophy all of Dunbar Army Cadet Force; G. Adams (Christmas Lights); C. Ritchie (Press); M. Brown (Minutes).

1.Apologies: A. Massimo; PC G. Ross (Police)

2.Presentation of Army Cadet Colours: Dunbar Community Council & Dunbar Rotary had funded the purchase of the Colours. Stephen. Bunyan, on behalf of Dunbar Community Council and Will Collin, representing Dunbar Rotary, formally handed over the Colours to the Cadets for use in their detachment.

3.Minutes of Meeting held on 21 March 2016: These were approved.

4.Minutes of Sub-Committees: Christmas Lights –

G. Adams reported that there will be a full display this year. Some new members had come forward. The maintenance for this year has been completed. The wires across the High Street will be erected during the week commencing 29 August. Fund raising was going well and, as the next fund raising event, Graham himself will be taking part in the "Ride to the Sun" cycle race. Donations will be very welcome.

It was agreed to approach Lilian Pryde to ascertain if invoicing could be done through East Lothian Council to enable VAT to be reclaimed.

Civic Week –

Sue Anderson reported that the the Civic Week programme will be available from 16th May, the copy is being sent to designer/printer at the end of this week.

Thanks are due to Shelley Lockhart (not Shirley) for her work as Civic Week Treasurer.

Tracey Brown continues as Xmas Lights Treasurer for which the committee are very grateful.

The programme was shorter than in previous years. The Civic Week Queen and her Court were currently being elected.

Sue proposed that the views/opinions of the community should be sought via the website and elsewhere with the question "What is the future of Civic Week?" There was some discussion on the past and future of Civic Week. Stephen Bunyan noted that historically there have been issues in finding people to support the event. After some discussion on how this could best be done, it was agreed to defer the subject until after the School holidays.

5. Police Report:

- **Road Safety:** No related incidents although speeding discussed at CAPP>
- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** Few related calls. High Street area quieter in terms of youth calls. However, during the Easter holidays a large party occurred at Bullet Hill in John Muir Country Park with the associated litter problem.
- **Litter:** No issues.
- **Theft:**
 - Between 1700 on 23 March and 1000 on 24th a small black and white boat worth £2000 was stolen from the Harbour.
 - Between 1700 on 29 March and 0700 on 30 March a large quantity of tools, machinery and building materials were stolen from the building site at the west end of Brodie Road.
 - Between 1400 on 3 April and 0900 on 4 April the Tennis Club was broken into. Items were moved but nothing stolen.
 - Between 7 and 9 April a red and black Muddy Fox Mountainbike was stolen from Muirfield Road.
 - At 1600 on 11 April twelve bottles of spirits were stolen from ASDA.
 - Between 1750 and 2300 on 11 April a house was broken into at Cromwell Court. Jewellery, electrical devices and money were stolen.
- **Other issues:** On the evening of 31 March a serious assault occurred at Lochend Road. One male was arrested and charged.

CAPP Priorities:

- Youth Vulnerabilities – Following reports of children as young as 12 involved in late night parties at Bullet Hill and partaking in associated behaviour it was agreed to send a message to all, especially parents, to keep young people safe and report issues to appropriate bodies.

The Community Council expressed their grave concern and alarm at this situation and hoped that those trying to sort these issues out were successful. It was pointed out that parents had a legal responsibility not to encourage their children in such actions e.g. underage consumption of alcohol.

- Youth ASB at Summerfield Road – Patrols of area surrounding Grammar School before and after school, during breaks and evenings.
- Speeding in 20mph zone South of railway line – Speeding enforcement.

The next CAPP meeting is on **Tuesday 31 May 2016.**

6.Treasurer's Report: A. Swan –

The Hippo account had been closed.

The general fund was healthy - £900 balance.

Civic Week – Thanks were expressed to Tracy and also Shirley Lockhart for their work on the Committee. Alasdair Swan is the new Treasurer.

Local Priorities – SciFest will receive the balance of this year's fund and a further sum to match the £1500 of previous years (£1006).

Next year's Budget will be £9350.

RAGES Membership in hand. The Treasurer will pay the 2016-17 membership a sum of £10

7.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 – Possible application to be submitted in 2016 by CALA Homes. No further information.

iv) 1 Shore Road (Cuckoo Wrasse) – Still awaiting planning consent but Pippa advised that the applicant is hopeful of success. Pippa noted that proposals are still to come to Scottish Ministers.

v) Robertson Homes – Still to come to Planning Committee.

vi) Proposal for 9 flats and parking at Church St. – Keith Dingwall advises still no Planning Committee date.

vii) Proposal for 9 flats and 1 house at High St. (former Smith Bakery) – no further information.

b. Twinning Links –

Lignieres – new members are welcome. There will be a possible visit to Lignieres in October.

c. A1 Safety – Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 April.

d) East Beach – Pippa Swann advised that there has been some momentum in the campaign to improve the beach. There has been authority to employ Consultants. Monthly meetings will be held and there will be regular updates.

e) 20s Plenty – Herbert Coutts gave a report on the progress of the Questionnaire.

Generally the speed limit trial has been supported.

A Public meeting will be arranged for 21 June in Dunbar Grammar School. ELC officials, Police and an official from Edinburgh City Council will be invited.

Herbert will organise a meeting of the sub group re canvassing the public on the street, in the shops etc. after the Scottish election.

f) Winterfield Park/Bear public art– No response has been received from the developer, Ken Ross of Halhill Developments. Herbert Coutts will write to the Sculptor, Andy Scott, on behalf of Dunbar Community Council to note concerns about the siting of an iconic artwork.

HC

Friends of Winterfield AGM – will be held on 3 May.

g) Corn Exchange – building health check - Liz McLean the Council Architect is still to report back.

MV/SA

h) Licensing – Jacquie had written to ELC Licensing Board to advise that DCC had no issues about the change of Personal Licence Holder at the King’s Palace Chinese Restaurant.

i) East Lothian Community Hospital – Jacquie has written to David Small at East Lothian Integrated Joint Board in support of a Minor Injuries facility being provided at the new hospital as well as other facilities. Jacquie had been missed out on consultation information on the new hospital by NHS Lothian due to incorrect recording of her e-mail address. However, she has since passed on matters to the Planning Process for the new hospital. The issues have also been discussed at the Area Partnership and Pippa has also written to Health

j) Condition of Parish Churchyard - Will Collin had circulated a report and photographs. The Community Council were very concerned about the situation and felt it was a matter for the community to address. Herbert Coutts suggested that Historic Environment Scotland should be contacted. Cllr. Veitch agreed to invite Stuart Pryde of ELC to a site visit at the Churchyard.

MV

k) Methodist Church – It was appreciated that the community values the building and several organisations use the hall for meetings. A decision will be made at a later date. Stephen Bunyan advised that he is still to write to the Rev Andrew Letby. **SB**

8. Local Priorities 2015-26 Budget:

a. Updates :

Information Boards Paroch Church – ongoing.

Benches at Yeomanry Memorial – now in place.

North Light Arts – various upcoming activities.

Christmas Lights – paid.

Sea Cadets – to be paid from General Fund at later date.

Traditional Music Festival – Jacquie had written for more information on the programme – nothing further has been received at present.

SciFest – DCC has given £1500 in previous 2 years. Local Priorities balance already agreed. This will be made up to £1500 for the current year.

New Applications 2016-17 Budget:

Battlefield Trust – event at Lauderdale Park - **£500** agreed.

Dunbar Shore & Harbour Group – Letter of Support agreed.

SB

9. Local Area Partnership: The meeting held on 11 April had agreed that the largest sum of funding for 2016-17 will go to upgrading the John Muir pathway.

Next meeting 27 June.

10. Casual Vacancy: Colin Stewart has decided not to join the Community Council at this time. It was decided not to advertise the vacancy meantime. Community Council elections are due on 6th October 2016.

11. Community Engagement by Dunbar Community Council

There was a discussion about how the Community Council should communicate with the community. Penny Morris will look at some options and report back. PM

12 Councillors reports

Councillor **Veitch**

- a) Campaign to improve Beltonford Roundabout – Wild flowers will be sown after the daffodils have died back and conifers will be planted.

- b) Cllr. Veitch circulated the “Closes” leaflets and these are now available to the public. It was noted that a member of the public has raised questions about the accuracy of the leaflet.

- c) A multi-agency meeting will be held on 25 May in Haddington re proposals for Station Car Park improvements. Cllr Veitch will report back.

Cllr Hampshire – no report

Cllr McLennan –no report

13. Reports from Committees/Meetings attended:

Day Centre - The Day Centre is still short of volunteers. No progress is being made with the toilet/slucice facility which is needed for Care Inspectorate registration.

Sustaining Dunbar – The Zero Waste project is progressing. A place at the Amenity Centre to accept recyclable/repairable items is being considered. AGM on 9 May.

Torness Liaison – report not available as Alberto Massimo not present.

Viridor (see correspondence from UNITE) – It was felt that this was not a matter for the Community Council.

14. Correspondence – previously circulated:

Dementia Carers Group – thanks for donation.

Zero Waste Dunbar – update.

Brake Newsletter.

Dunbar Lifeboat – AGM 21 April.

Via Website – Tom Anderson re “Closes” leaflet and Cllr. Veitch response.

RAGES RAG – Stephen had raised issues about Taxi access at Waverley which RAGES are taking up.

ELC Roads services – TTRO in Countess Road for utility works.

ELC Lilian Pryde – 2016 Administration Grant.

15. AOCB:

Jacquie Bell had reported potholes, signage and lighting faults. Cllr. Veitch will investigate. Some have been outstanding for over 6 months. **MV**

TRO – Police blitz on parking. Cllr. Veitch agreed to check if 90 minutes parking on the High Street is now in place but it was thought that changes are not yet in effect **MV**

Stephen Bunyan had raised concerns about the information boards at the Jubilee Fountain. Gordon Whitelaw is working on this.

War Memorial – Herbert Coutts noted erosion on the side facing the sea. Cllr. Veitch will look into this. Jacquie noted that funding may be available from the War Memorial Trust.

21 April John Muir’s Birthday – Will Collin will send congratulations on behalf of Dunbar Community Council. Will also noted the 60th Anniversary of the John Muir Association.

WC

Visit to Yosemite in June of 22 students and 5 staff from Dunbar Grammar School.

One Man Show – Walking the John Muir Way – Event on 22 May.

Names for Community Awards (Bowe Cup and Community Council Award) required for next meeting.

ALL

16. Date of next meeting: This will take place on **Monday 16 May 2016 at 7 p.m. in Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar.**

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.