

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Monday 19 September 2016 in Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar, at 7 p.m.

Present: S. Bunyan (Chair); S. Anderson; G. Robertson; P. Swan; A. Swan (Treasurer);
A. Massimo (from 8 p.m).

Councillors present: N. Hampshire; M. Veitch

Others present: P.Cs Gavin Ross and Jenny Stewart; Andrew Brown, Dunbar Rotary; G
Adams (Christmas Lights)

C.Ritchie (Press); M. Brown (Minutes)

1.Apologies: J. Bell (Vice-chair); W. Collin; H. Coutts; G. Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS were extended to Maria Lyle for her amazing achievements in winning 2 Bronze (T35 100 & 200 metres) and 1 silver (T35 4 x 100 relay) medals at the Paralympics in Rio.

2. Presentation:

Andrew Brown, President Elect of Dunbar Rotary, introduced himself and explained his proposal that Dunbar Rotary wished to provide bunting and banners for Civic Week. He also said that Rotary would arrange for their erection. Pippa Swan said that the Local Area Partnership (LAP) was positively supporting the idea of year round displays in the High Street and this offer was most welcome. Pippa will pass on to Andrew the LAP concept for the High Street and work with him on this project. **PS**

Stephen Bunyan mooted the idea of a large, drop banner hanging from the Town House announcing Civic Week and this was agreed.

On behalf of the Community Council Stephen thanked Andrew and Rotary for their kind offer.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 15 August 2016: These were taken as read.

4. Minutes of Sub-committees: G. Adams, Christmas Lights.

Graham reported that all the steel wires had been replaced and work is progressing in readiness to erect the lights.

Cllr. Hampshire explained that the task which had been undertaken by the Christmas Lights volunteers was huge as well as involving tremendous savings in costs. On behalf of the town the Community Council expressed sincere thanks to the following:- Graham Adams, Alister Virtue, Craig Rapson, EDF Energy, Workplace Solutions, Scorpo Safety Systems and Applied Engineering Design.

Civic Week: Sue Anderson had nothing to report.

5. Police Report:

The following report is based on incidents reported to the Police between 11 August and 19 September 2016 in the Dunbar Community Council area. During the period since the last police report there have been a few incidents of note. There are more incidents but, due to the nature of these, or ongoing investigations, full details cannot be given.

Road Safety –

- On 31 August and 1 September speed checks were conducted on Brodie Road. A number of fixed penalty tickets were issued, one driver reported to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding, one driver reported for dangerous driving due to being over double the speed limit and one vehicle seized due to no insurance.
- On 3 September one vehicle was seized and the owner charge with no insurance.

Anti-Social Behaviour –

- On 11 August reports were received regarding youths drinking at the play park at Newhouse Terrace and by the Bridge to Nowhere.
- On a number of dates in August reports were received regarding youths jumping into the harbour at dangerous locations.
- On 16 September a report was received of youths buzzing gas on a grass area off Spott Road. The youths were not traced but empty gas tins were recovered.
- On 18 September reports were received of underage persons drinking. One 13 year old was taken to hospital by ambulance due to her level of intoxication.

Litter – No issues.

Theft – There have been a number of thefts of pedal cycles from insecure garages or front gardens.

Other issues –

- Between 15 & 16 August panes of glass were smashed at the Parish Church.
- A number of cars on Queens Rd and East Links Rd. have been vandalised either by being hit with stones thrown from Queens Road or scratched with a sharp implement.

CAPP Agreed Priorities:

- Speeding in Brodie Road – Conduct hand held Speed Gun enforcement following reports of increases in speeding traffic.
- Parking on double yellow lines, Countess Rd. – New double yellow lines will be painted on Countess Rd in the very near future. Conduct enforcement once they are done.
- Anti Social Behaviour – Patrol and identify youths.
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Next CAPP Meeting – 28 September 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Jacque had found information on Speed Gun costings from the sole UK supplier and passed it to PC Ross and DELAP. Investigations were being made into acquiring a second hand gun.

6. Treasurer's Report: Alasdair Swan.

This had been circulated previously. There were no issues to discuss.

7. Matters Arising (Not on Agenda):

a) Planning matters –

- i) SESPLAN Main Issues 2 – Discussed at Council on 23 August.
- ii) Local Development Plan – Discussed at Council on 6 September. Jacquie has circulated proposals by e-mail and has a hard copy. Dunbar Community Council's response to proposals should be submitted by 31st October. Stephen Bunyan and Jacquie Bell had suggested, in an e mail to members, a special meeting to discuss the proposals as they affect Dunbar. It was agreed that a Special meeting should be held.
- iii) Development at 52 High Street (Lothian Hotel) – DCC views were submitted by Jacquie Bell. Keith Dingwall advises that the application is still awaiting consideration.
- iv) Beveridge Row – Cala Homes have submitted their application. Jacquie had circulated a draft DCC submission regarding DCC concerns. Members were happy with it and it has been submitted to ELC. Jacquie has noted that DCC would wish to be represented at any future Planning Committee meeting.
It was strongly felt that Hospital Road & Beveridge Row were totally inadequate for further pressure of traffic and assurance must be given for a relief road to circumvent any difficulties created by the development if it is given planning consent.
- v) Proposal for 9 flats and parking at Church Street – Keith Dingwall advises that this application is still to be considered.
- vi) Planning in Conservation Area – Multiple adverts on railings outside Pick 'N Choose. David Taylor (Enforcement) involved. The Belhaven Bikes advert is back on the Royal Macintosh Hotel and it has been reported. Manor House, Belhaven has planning application granted for repainting. The colour used will be checked.
- vii) Newtonlees Farm – Jacquie & Stephen had attended the exhibition on 6 September. Jacquie had circulated information. This development for 100 homes and a cemetery is outwith the new Local Plan. Jacquie has seen Stuart Pryde who wishes DCC to be reminded that they had previously been supportive of a new cemetery across the road from Deer Park.
Cllr. Veitch said that this application was not being supported by ELC at present.
- viii) Viridor. No Heat Plan or end use for heat generated is yet identified. This is a condition of Planning Permission for the Energy from Waste Plant. Jacquie is in contact with SEPA and ELC. Updates from Sarah and Keith Dingwall had been circulated.

b) Twinning Links.

Lignieres – 17 people will visit Lignieres from 15-22 October. Jacquie will visit from DCC Twinning/Community Council.

John Muir Connections – 100th Anniversary event had been held for the US National Park Service at the Birthplace on 25/8. Jacquie, Stephen and Will had attended.

c) East Beach – nothing to report.

d) 20MPH Zone- Jacquie had attended a meeting on 31 August and a note from Alan Stubbs from ELC had been circulated. Jacquie, Herbert, Stephen & George had attended a further meeting with Alan Stubbs on 14 September. ELC will draw up a paper for ELC Councillors to consider and work towards a TRO for an experimental 20 mph zone.

e) Winterfield Park/Bear- Pavilion demolition is still to take place. The contract was to be tendered.

George has been investigating the cost of restoring the compass/information site. It was agreed to replace the orientation panel on top and George will obtain estimates for this in a suitable material. Paul Zochowski at ELC is aware of the project. **GR**

f) Corn Exchange – Building health survey. Pippa had circulated a report. She proposed that a paper be submitted to ELC requesting their endorsement for a plan and funding. Jacquie had circulated the ELC Options paper and the minute of the DCC special meeting from 2013.

g) East Lothian Community Hospital – Consultation update events had been held in Haddington on 9 and 15 September. Jacquie had attended on 9/9 and circulated information. East Lothian delayed discharges/Step Down patients will go to Wards 9 & 10 at Liberton from October 2016 for a year. After that they will go to a private care home in Haddington until the new hospital is ready. This will allow for long term NHS patients to move from Roodlands and Midlothian Community Hospital to Crookston Court in Tranent. Jacquie has spoken to ELC and NHS with concerns about Dunbar residents being cared for so far away.

There is space for minor injuries care to be provided. However, local GPs would need to give up providing the current minor injuries service during surgery hours so that budgeting can be moved. It is vital that local groups are kept up-to-date with plans. It was agreed to invite David Small to a DCC meeting. **SB**

h) Belhaven Hospital – Plans to close Ward 2 are separate from the Community Hospital arrangements. Jacquie has noted concern that people from Dunbar might be boarded at Liberton whilst Ward 2 lies empty. The Belhaven Forum is to be reformed. Jacquie and Stephen will resume their representation on behalf of DCC.

i) Condition of Parish Churchyard- Experiment is in hand.

j) War Memorial – Jacquie, Stephen, Herbert & George had met with Paul Zochowski of ELC on 14 September to discuss possible works. An additional panel may be required for missing names. Herbert & George will arrange to obtain quoted for refurbishment. **HC/GR**

k) Condition of Dunbar High Street – The Area Partnership have given funding for repairs and other improvements.

l) Heritage Angels – The nomination had not been successful.

m) Town Maintenance –

Road repairs – Hospital Road is in the programme of works but delayed as Alan Stubbs is wishing to discuss implications of the Beveridge Row development. Pot holes have been jet patched following action by Jacquie.

Tobys – Scottish Water are still to repair. Jacquie is pressing for these repairs.

Coastal erosion and pot holes at Shore Road – reported by Jacquie. Neil Clark of ELC has visited. Repairs are urgent.

Pot holes at Westgate near Day Centre – reported by Jacquie and jet patched.

n) Membership – Lillian Pryde had advised that although Alberto had missed 3 meetings without apology which would constitutionally have led to his losing his place on DCC no action should be taken as elections are imminent.

o) Street names – Jacquie had submitted Provost names for 4 streets at the Robertson Homes development to ELC following the August meeting.

8. Local Priorities:

a) Updates- Members had agreed £500 for the Scottish Battlefield Trust Re-enactment application since the August meeting. Responding members had been concerned about the lateness and lack of detail on the application.

b) New Applications 2016-17 Budget:

The Ridge – Black Bull Close improvements: This related to the regeneration of a lost area of life in Dunbar before the War. Historic Environment Scotland and ELC were keen. The lack of a comprehensive plan made it difficult to discuss but DCC generally supported the idea.

9. Local Area Partnership –

Educational Attainment Grant. Meetings will be held on 24 & 31 October from 2 – 6p.m. to discuss Summer School provision. Pippa and Jacquie will attend as Chair and Vice-Chair of LAP. A further DCC member can attend.

10 Community Engagement by DCC : Nothing to report.

11, Local Councillors' Reports:

Michael Veitch – Transportation officials at ELC were looking at the possibility of relocating the Railway Station bus stop.

Norman Hampshire – nothing to report

Paul McLennan – no report

12. Reports from Committee/Meetings attended:

Viridor Credits – Jacquie had attended. A grant had been given for interpretation panels in Victoria Street by Dunbar Shore & Harbour Neighbourhood Group.

Day Centre – Upgrade work continues. Staff will be undergoing dementia training.

A 40th Anniversary Reception will be held on 12 October to which all DCC members are invited.

RELBUS – Jacquie had attended the AGM. Harry Barker has replaced Barry Turner as Chair. The new services were discussed. There have been some teething problems e.g. late running.

RAGES- Jacquie had attended the AGM. Local people and community groups are urged to contact South of Scotland MSPs and the Transport Minister to press for the urgent need for improvements to the Dunbar services and for the re-opening of East Linton Station.

13. Correspondence – previously circulated –

Miriam Anderson, NHS Lothian – Consultation events for Haddington Community Hospital.

Visit Scotland – New self- guided touring option on the John Muir Way.

RAGES – AGM calling notice.

Via website – Complaint that Saltire has been replaced by Union Flag.

Lillian Pryde – Community Council nomination forms.

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Lillian Pryde – Diversity in East Lothian Community Councils.

Buckingham Palace – Royal response to DCC Birthday greetings.

Brake – Newsletter.

Julia White ELC – Big Conversation 2 on Health and Social Care at Brunton Hall 3 October.

Jacquie is going.

14. AOCB

Alberto Massimo raised the serious condition of the wall between the Hillside Hotel and Newhouse Terrace. This had been previously raised with ELC. It was thought that the area in question was privately owned.

This being the last meeting of the current DCC, Stephen expressed thanks for everyone's diligence and looked forward to the October meeting following the elections.

15.Next meeting: This will take place on Monday 17 October 2016 at 7 p.m. in Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar.

(Apologies from Jacquie who will be in Lignieres.)

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.