

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 21 September 2015 at 7 p.m.

**(Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting was held in Hallhill Healthy Living Centre,
Countess Road, Dunbar)**

Present: S. Bunyan (Chair); S. Anderson; W. Collin; H. Coutts; I. Knox; A. Massimo;
A. Swan (Treasurer); P. Swan

Others present: Bill Elliot, Regional Community Manager, Raymond O'Brien, Waste Water Manager for South, Ian Jones, Asset Manager & Gary Guthrie, all representatives from Scottish Water; George Robertson. (M. Brown, Minutes)

Councillors present: Councillors Norman Hampshire and Michael Veitch. Cllr. Veitch was congratulated on the birth of his son Harris.

1.Apologies: Jacquie Bell (Secretary/Vice-chair); Gill Wilson; G. Kerevan MP

2. Presentation – Scottish Water.

Scottish Water representatives attended to give an overview of what happened regarding the discharge of sewage at Beltonford treatment works in July 2015. Raymond O'Brien detailed the sequence of events as they occurred and explained that the pump system had failed due to an alarm signal failure. SEPA was notified, in accordance with the government regulated protocol procedures which were carried out. The incident was deemed to be at the lower end of Category 4 and had no impact on public health. There was no requirement to inform the public. Herbert Coutts suggested that the protocol procedures needed to be reviewed and a summary report of such incidents should be made public. Bill Elliot agreed to take this suggestion back to his Board.

Sue Anderson spoke about the smell which frequently emanated from the Beltonford plant Bill Elliot said that Scottish Water had received no such reports over the past 3 years but suggested that should she or anyone else experience this they should contact Scottish Water, **at the time of the incident**, on a Freephone number which is manned 24 hrs per day. (0800 0778 778).

Stephen Bunyan thanked the Scottish Water representatives for their attendance.

3. Casual Vacancies: Currently the Community Council had 9 full members and 1 Co-opted member – Alasdair Swan as Treasurer. Full capacity is 12 full members. Interest has been expressed by Alasdair Swan, Penny Morriss and George Robertson to become full members. Penny was unable to be present at this meeting due to illness.

Alasdair had submitted his resume previously by e-mail when he was Co-opted at the July meeting. George gave his verbally to the meeting. In accordance with the Constitution of the Community Council, they left the meeting briefly to allow the members to consider their applications. On their return they were both duly invited to join as full members of the CC. Their terms of office will be until October 2017.

4. Minutes of meeting of 17 August 2015: The Minute was approved by I. Knox and seconded by H. Coutts.

5. Minutes of Sub- Committees (Civic Week, Christmas Lights):

Christmas Lights - Sue reported that the “ Switch on” will take place on 29 November. The Committee was looking to have another string reinstated - attached to the Town House as had previously been the case before the refurbishment of the Town House. It was agreed to write to ELC with this request. **JB**

6. Police Report: No report available.

CAPP Priorities

Parking – Issue parking tickets for parking issues in Dunbar and East Linton town centres – Dunbar Community Policing Team

Dunbar Harbour and High Street Anti Social Behaviour – Deal with issues of anti-social behaviour. Complaints received regarding evening youth disorder and noise and damage when pubs disperse. At harbour encourage harbour users to contact police to report incidents of anti social or dangerous behaviour. – Dunbar Community Policing Team

Speeding- Conduct speed checks throughout ward area on main arterial routes into towns and in vicinity of schools – Dunbar Community Policing Team

Three shop premises had been broken into earlier this month. Cllr. Hampshire said that a high speed police chase had taken place within East Lothian but had been abandoned due to possible danger to the public. However, it was his understanding that the culprits had been apprehended in Edinburgh. The next CAPP meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 October 2015.

7. Treasurer’s Report: A. Swan

There had been no transactions since last month. The Bank of Scotland Mandate was finally in place and now effective.

8. Matters arising (Not on Agenda):

a) Planning matters.

i) SESPLAN – Main Issues 2: Pippa had completed the responses and submitted them online.

ii) Development in Conservation Areas –

Adverts on Royal Macintosh railings – ELC investigating. David Taylor is on holiday.

iii) Development at 52 High Street (Lothian Hotel). An extension has been given until 25 September to allow for DCC views. Several concerns were raised including aesthetic look of windows and doors, parking and neighbour issues. Pippa Swan agreed to write a letter outlining concerns. **PS**

iv) Beveridge Row – no further information.

v) 1 Shore Road (Cuckoo Wrasse) – Applicant still awaiting Scottish Flood Forum report.

vi) Robertson Homes Application for 240 homes now submitted. Significant concerns raised - particularly the safety of school children travelling to/from Primary School. Pippa will submit a letter. **PS**

vii) Planning at Lawson Place – DCC views submitted to ELC. Application has been withdrawn.

vii) Proposal for 9 flats and parking at Church Street. Considerable local objection. DCC objection was submitted by Jacquie. Pippa has objected on behalf of Dunbar Shore & Harbour Group. Application is linked to development of the Assembly Rooms. Waiting for Planning Committee date. Keith Dingwall advises that his report is still in preparation.

b) Twinning Links:

Lignieres -A Quiz Night was held at the Legion on 27 August. Small attendance but people enjoyed it.

Correspondence from Belhaven, North Carolina – interested in forming Sister City links. Jacquie Bell had advised that we will consider this.

Narni have been in contact with Richard Smeed at Dunbar Twinning Association.

Martinez - Will Collin had circulated a copy of responses. A presentation is to be made to the City Council in October. The John Muir Association had sent a message of encouragement for the ongoing process to continue.

German Students' Visit – Isobel has agreed to welcome the students and give them a brief tour of the Town House on Monday 5 October at 9 a.m. Stephen will try to attend. **IK/SB**

c) A1 Safety: CAPP members had discussed concerns about a recent accident at Skateraw where a French tourist became confused and drove the wrong way on the single carriageway. Jacquie has written to Transport Scotland, Minister and Cllr Veitch re issues on safety at the change to single carriageway and junction lighting. The sign near Thistley Cross remains broken. Next A1 Forum is on 4 December.

d) Flags Policy: ELC document had been circulated and agreed as per the 2 flags at Brunton Hall. Some coverage in Courier. An e mail had been received from Iain Campbell.

e) East Beach: Nothing to report.

f) Community Resilience Planning – Pippa circulated a suggested poster. Arrangements are developing well. The event is seen as a DCC event and members are invited to attend on 24 October at the Bleachingfield Centre from 1 – 4 p.m. **ALL**

g) Portrait of the Earl of Dunbar: In hand

h) Street names: These will be required soon. **ALL**

i) Toilets: Cllr. Veitch has advised that the toilets at Lauderdale Park are to be available to the public when the café is open. The tenant is to consider an external door.

j) Waterloo Anniversary DCC Shield: Stephen has sent a Community Council Shield to the Artillery Unit who attended as agreed.

k) High Street Issues: Nothing to report.

l) 20s Plenty: Herbert has e-mail interested parties regarding a starter meeting to begin discussion.

m) Community Windpower: Anouska Woods has been invited to the November meeting – she could not make October.

n) Sewage at Belhaven Bay: Jacquie had contacted Iain Gray MSP and the Environment Minister, Richard Lohead.

o) Station Car Park: Jacquie had contacted Scotrail. Chris Hassall had responded. He has contacted East Coast about the car park expansion plans. Jacquie had noted that past negotiations were with Network Rail. There are no current plans to reduce/remove the parking charge. Cllr Veitch is meeting with relevant rail and ELC officials.

p) Bird Pests: Isobel had contacted the Councillors. Cllr Veitch had contacted Stuart Hood at ELC who is willing to come along to a Community Council meeting.

q) Broken Tobys: Jacquie had contacted Scottish Water.

9. Local Priorities: 2014-15 Budget.

a) Updates: Information Boards – Parish Church – in hand.

Kilbungo Partnership – visit had not taken place

Benches at Yeomanry Memorial – Civic Pride application had been submitted.

b) New Applications: Application received from Dunbar Rugby Club to assist with their project. £500 agreed.

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10. Local Area Partnership:

Meetings had been held on 20 and 31 August. Jacquie and Alison Cosgrove have been appointed as Vice-chairs.

Dunbar Community Council vision in relation to LAP – Pippa has circulated a draft LAP plan.

Community Contacts list – Pippa had circulated for corrections/additions.

East Lothian on the Move - A Dunbar meeting was held on 2 September which Jacquie and others had attended during the drop-in. Jacquie had attended in the evening. Only 4 members of the public there – Jacquie, a man from the new housing and a couple from East Linton. The discussion went over previous ground on transport issues.

11. Dunbar Harbour By-laws: Alasdair, as Chair of Dunbar Harbour Trust, explained that for the security of the Harbour an amendment was required to the current bylaws and he was seeking the support of the Community Council. He gave details of the reason for the amendment and the Community Council agreed in principle. He was asked to submit a copy of the Trust's Minute to the Chair.

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12. Local Councillors' Reports:

N. Hampshire –

1. MIR process is continuing. He spoke again about the difficulties the Council was facing regarding finding suitable land for the erection of 10,000 houses in East Lothian. Suitable infrastructure will require to be in place before any sites can be ear-marked.

The extension to Dunbar Primary School has started and planning permission is in hand for an extension to Dunbar Grammar School.

M. Veitch-

“Dunbar in Bloom” has been awarded a Silver Medal for the Coastal Community category

1. Leaflet on Closes – this is now available.

2. Area Partnership – Investigating an Express bus service from Dunbar to Edinburgh for commuters is seen as an urgent issue.

Sue, on behalf of Friends of Winterfield informed the Councillors of damaged fencing at the Pavilion. Will advised of a path at the entrance to Lauderdale Park which is in a dangerous state of repair.

13. Reports from Committees/Meetings Attended:

Twinning – Quiz held on 27 August. Small attendance but participants had enjoyed it.

Day Centre – Meeting ares being held. Care Inspectorate registration and requirements for this remain an issue.

Viridor Grants Panel – The first meeting dealing with applications to the new fund had been held.

Association of Community Councils – Jacquie and Stephen attended a meeting on September 26th.

The group has a new Chairperson – Hilary Smith from North Berwick Community Council.

Dunbar for Syrians – Jacquie had attended a meeting. Money is being raised for local UNICEF. Some people are offering to host Syrian families but this needs careful handling for matching etc. There are a number of experienced groups in Scotland. There will be a further meeting at The Rocks on 27 September at 7 p.m.

John Muir Birthplace – Re-awarded 5 Star Classification.

14. Correspondence – previously circulated:

Iain Gray MSP – offer to attend a meeting/take up issues.

Brake – newsletters

Rages – Rages Rag AGM Calling notice

Via Website (no name) – concerns about travellers access to Newtonlees. Wants road blocked off.

Passed to Cllr Veitch and Transportation by J. Bell. Also noted at August CAPP. Cllr Veitch has arranged a meeting with residents/Transportation.

Angela Wrapson/George Kerevan – thanks for hosting at last meeting.

ELC – TRO for High Street repairs.

ELC – TRO for Tour of Britain

ELC – Reminders of East Lothian on the Go Consultation.

ELC – Reminder of Fairer Scotland Event in Glasgow on 16 September.

Penny Morriss – via website – interested in DCC.

John Robertson – via website – no longer has availability for DCC.

George Robertson – interest in DCC.

ELC – Draft Gambling Statement – Consultation.

Phone call – anonymous – asking why (a) Website is difficult to submit items to (b) Flag policy is not in the Minutes. E-mail now received from Iain Campbell seeking information on Flag Protocol. Information sent.

Stuart Gibb- Can Do Towns/Vacant to Vibrant.

Stuart Gibb – Story of West Barns Exhibition launch – 4 October.

Lilian Pryde – Scottish Community Council Development Network – Knowledge Hub

Stuart Gibb – Community Training Calendar.

Stuart Gibb – Big Conversation – NHS/Social Care integration workshop 30 October – Jacquie going.

Cathy Acton – equalities aspect of Casual Vacancy process. It was felt that this was being dealt with in a fair manner.

15. Any Other Competent Business:

Pippa asked for approval to elect new member George Robertson to take control of the Website. This was agreed unanimously.

16. Date of next meeting: This will take place on **Monday 19 October 2015 in Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar, at 7 p.m. and will also be the AGM.**

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.