

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Monday 20 February 2017 at 7 p.m.

In Community Room, Town House, Dunbar

Present: Stephen Bunyan (Chair); Graham Adams; Jacquie Bell (Secretary); Will Collin; Herbert Coutts; George Robertson (Vice-chair); Alasdair Swan (Treasurer); Pippa Swan; Gill Wilson

Local Councillors present: N. Hampshire; M. Veitch

Others present: M. Shaw; C. Ritchie (Press); M. Brown (Minutes)

Apologies: Sue Anderson

2.Minutes of meeting 16 January 2017: Taken as a true record. (Proposer George Robertson; seconded Gill Wilson)

3. Minutes of Sub-committees:

Christmas Lights: G. Adams

Graham had circulated a written report.

Maintenance has commenced and materials ordered to allow for repairs. Work is in hand for additional power points for the new Winter Lights and materials are in hand for them. Graham and Pippa Swan showed pictures of the proposed Winter Lights display. Funding has been gained to replace all junction boxes by October.

There will be a Quiz Night at Dunbar Bowling Club on March 31st.

Members again thanked the Christmas Lights Team for all their hard work.

Civic Week: Civic Week will be the week commencing 17 June 2017. The Crowning of the Civic Week Queen will take place as usual with some other events on the day. During the week local organisations will be encouraged to put on their events. The week will conclude with the Harbour service of Thanksgiving.

4.Police Report: PC Gavin Ross

Road safety:

- 2 minor road traffic accidents reported
- 1 driver reported for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.
- 2 reports of issues with temporary lights/mud on the road at building site near to Newtonlees. Both calls passed onto ELC.

Anti-social Behaviour:

There has been a marked rise in youth related anti-social behaviour calls. Police continue to work closely with ELC Anti Social Behaviour team, CCTV and community wardens.

Focused high visibility and plain clothed patrols have been carried out in the Dunbar area and a number of youths identified and parents/guardians made aware of the youths conduct.

Many of these incidents are directly linked to theft of alcohol and we would urge staff in local off sales to be vigilant to youths entering these premises with the intention of stealing alcohol.

Litter: No issues

Theft: There have been numerous thefts of alcohol from local off sales. Some suspects have been positively identified by staff and from CCTV. As previously stated, we urge staff to be vigilant to youths entering these premises.

As always there have been a number of reported thefts from ASDA and a couple reported from the Garden Centre. Enquiries continue.

- On 24 January a Stihl saw was stolen from Spott Road.
- On 2 February power tools were stolen whilst left insecure from a premises in Victoria Street.
- On 10 February a bike was stolen whilst left unsecured at ASDA. Suspect has been identified.

Other issues:

- The Traffic Wardens appear to be doing a sterling job and on the whole their presence has been welcomed.
- We have had a worrying number of reports of persons using the railway line as a short cut. It should be obvious that this is extremely dangerous. British Transport Police have traced and dealt with the individuals concerned.

CAPP Agreed Priorities:

Security of property in Dunbar – In December a Dunpender Community Council representative reported that numerous East Linton residents are complacent with security – open garages, unlocked bikes in front gardens etc. Posters have been displayed on community notice boards and shops encouraging people to lock up their property. The Dunbar representative is now voicing the same concerns and so a crime prevention initiative will be conducted: posters, media, social media etc. – Dunbar Community Policing Team

Vehicle associated anti-social behaviour at Linkfield Car Park, John Muir Country Park – Takeaway food wrappers etc. being thrown from parked cars and same cars reportedly doing “doughnuts” on the grass. Area to be given attention to identify those responsible. – Dunbar Community Policing Team.

Youths crossing railway line – Request that British Transport Police assist by attending, or providing an input to be presented to Dunbar Grammar School assemblies on the dangers of crossing the railway line. - Dunbar Community Policing Team; British Transport Police.

Next meeting: Thursday 2 March at 19.30 hours.

Jacque Bell noted that having Chaired the CAPP since it began she is stepping back from her involvement with the Group. The meetings are public and other Community Councillors are welcome to attend.

George spoke about the adverse comments which have been made on local social media with regard to lack of/slow response by the Police and other agencies in connection with youth behaviour in the town. He, along with the rest of the Community Council, felt that these comments were unfair and fully supported and commended the work the Police and others were doing to address any problems. The public were encouraged to report matters to the police as soon as possible rather than just make postings on social media. The Police and others can only follow up issues if they are reported to them.

Will Collin reported concerns from members of the Dunbar Primary School Parent Council at the speed of vehicles, particularly on routes used by young folk to get to and from school. Especially mentioned was Brodie Road. This is an area that has seen Police speed checks. The question was asked why Kellie Road had a 30mph limit when arguably it was the road most used by youngsters on route to and from school. Jacque noted that it had previously been left out of the 20 mph zone as it is a main distributor road. She had circulated a note from Alan Stubbs at ELC this week to confirm this. However, the volume of traffic and the number of children using the route has increased with the large expansion of housing in the area. The majority view of the Community Council was that Kellie Road should also have a 20 mph limit. The Community Council will write formally to ELC expressing the view that Kellie Road be designated as 20 mph. (Proposer Will Collin; seconded by Herbert Coutts). Jacque also agreed to contact Morag Haddow, who had instigated the original 20 mph zone for her views. **JB**

Comments were also raised about the lack of cycle paths in each new development.

Concern had also been expressed by the Parent Council regarding the lack of progress on providing a safe underpass for pedestrians linking the two sides of the railway, particularly for young folk attending school on the other side. Cllr. Hampshire said that plans were in hand for a new underpass at the Ash Grove area. This will need financial contributions from developers due to the high costs involved. Jacque had circulated a feasibility study from 2011 when routes across the line had previously been considered which indicated the expense of putting infrastructure into place. However, given the concerns about people crossing the railway line a route is needed to safeguard lives.

Will also expressed concerns that some people from the west end of the Hallhill development are using a farm underpass to access the westward carriageway of the A1 at the Bowerhouse/Bourhouse off slip road. This was near the scene of the recent fatal

accident. Jacquie had contacted the Police, Alan Stubbs at ELC and Amey who manage the road about the matter. Alan Stubbs had also contacted Police Scotland and Amey. Safety in this area can be discussed at the next A1 Action Group meeting on March 22nd.

Jacquie also noted the sharp turnoff to access the southbound A1 from Belhaven. Cllr Hampshire noted that funding had been available to improve both the off slip and the on junction at this point. However, although the off slip had been improved Transport Scotland had not been agreeable to the on junction being upgraded. Safety here is on increased concern now given the number of extra cars entering the A1 from new housing. Again this can be discussed at the A1 Action Group meeting.

5.Treasurer's Report: A. Swan.

Alasdair had circulated the report previously.

General Fund –

- Bank account balance £720.68 (last month £807.18)
- The cheque for wreath had been fortunately been discovered and presented by the British Legion.
- Only other expense – Minute secretary's services.

Christmas Lights Account –

- Bank balance currently £20,857.44 (last month £21,962)
- Income for month £40.70
- Expenditure amounted to £1,145.69 mainly attributable to costs required to take down the Christmas lights.
- Cheque payable to EL Council for £8,068 still outstanding.
- The result of the application made to the Civic Pride Fund for support for the ongoing capital project has been successful.

Civic Week Account –

- The bank balance stands at £5407.40 (last month £5407.40)
- Sue Anderson has prepared a budget for the 2027 Civic Week.

Local Priorities – see separate Agenda item

6.Matters arising (Not on agenda):

a)Planning matters:

- i)Local Plan – ELC are working on responses and objections to the document.
- ii) SESPLAN – Stage 2 Document – no further information.
- iii) Development at 52 High Street (Lothian Hotel) – An altered design application is to be submitted.

iv) Beveridge Row – Jacquie had represented Dunbar and West Barns Community Councils at the Planning Committee on 7 February. The application had been passed, with abstentions from Cllrs. Day and Berry. As the Reporter, Dan Jackman, had given outline permission that the site was suitable for development the Committee had to have very clear reasons to reject the proposal by Cala. If the application had been rejected it was likely that Cala would have appealed and there was potential for ELC to have to pay Cala’s costs if Cala won the appeal. A number of conditions have been made. Cllr. Hampshire had added a further condition that the proposed emergency access on to Beveridge Row should become a second permanent access point. He had suggested making Beveridge Row one-way but had been advised that this would need a TRO.

v) Proposal for 9 flats and parking at Church Street/Assembly Rooms development – Pippa had circulated a paper previously regarding an alternative option for the area. This could see the historic Assembly Rooms building safeguarded without including the Coastguard site. It was agreed that Pippa should take forward support for the proposal for development in the garden area of the Assembly Rooms. However, the Community Council opposed the disposal of the Coastguard site for car parking and would seek to have this site included in the Local Plan. Cllr Hampshire said that the Coastguard land belongs to ELC and could only be disposed of on the open market. (Proposed by Pippa Swan; seconded by Stephen Bunyan). **PS**

vi) Planning in Conservation areas: Jacquie had further contacted David Taylor, Planning Enforcement Officer, about the Belhaven Bikes and Border Roofing ads. He has advised that as Border Roofing are doing contracted work at the Bowling Club the sign is legitimate. She is waiting on a response about the Belhaven Bikes sign which does not have advertising consent and which David Taylor had previously advised should be removed from the hotel railings.

vii) Application at Newtonlees Farm: Jacquie had submitted an objection on behalf of Dunbar Community Council.

viii) Viridor: Jacquie had further chased Mark Atkinson, Development Manager (Energy) at Viridor but still had no response. East Lammermuir Community Council has also had no response to their requests to Viridor for a joint meeting with local Community Councils. Jacquie had further contacted Sarah Mietzitis of SEPA who on 14 February sent an updated Heat and Power Plan which Jacquie had circulated. The use of the Heat remains speculative. It looks as though Viridor intend to start operation and hope that users will be forthcoming at a later date. Jacquie has sent the document to Ian Gray MSP and Rachael Hamilton MSP for information. Iain Gray has written to the Planning and Energy Ministers.

Community Councillors expressed concerns about the lack of a realistic Heat Plan. Will Collin

said that the new plan was the same ideas as before but dressed up in a different way. The Plant is in the wrong place to be of realistic use due to the costs of transporting the heat with the costs of the piping having to be met by anyone taking the heat from the periphery of the site. Jacquie also noted the concern that, following a change in Scottish Government policy, the Proximity Principle which had been a condition of the application being granted by the Reporter, had been dropped. There are plans for 260,000 tons of waste per year to come by road from the Clyde Valley and Lanarkshire. This will involve many slow lorries moving across the dangerous cement works junction onto the A1. Given the increased vehicle movements that will come from the new Robertson Homes onto that junction there are further concerns for road safety which, along with the lack of a Heat Plan, had been a reason why the Planning Committee had refused the application in 2009. Safety at this junction can also be discussed at the next A1 Action Group meeting.

The next Viridor Liaison meeting is 11.30 a.m. on 29 March at Oxwellmains.

ix) Jacquie had raised concerns about changes to Standing Orders in the Planning process after being denied information on the timing of the Beveridge Row site visit. Members of the public, including Community Councils who are statutory consultees, are no longer given information on the timing of site visits. The number of people who can speak at Planning Committee meetings is now restricted to 3. This follows a change to Standing Orders of ELC in August 2013. The explanation from Jim Lamond of ELC in response to a query from Jacquie about the change was that it was to prevent Planning Committee members from being subject to lobbying by objectors.

x) Dunbar Grammar School – Jacquie had circulated a link to plans for a school extension and other works, including a floodlit Sports pitch. Comments were needed to Planning by 21 February. There will be an exhibition at the school from 6 – 7.30 p.m. on 28 February. Community Councillors accepted that the extension is needed and that it is within the footprint of the existing site. The all weather pitch replaces an existing grass pitch. Jacquie will advise the ELC Planning Officer that the Community Council has no concerns about the application. **JB**

b)Twinning Links

Lignieres – The Twinning AGM will be on 22 February. New Committee members are urgently needed. The Chair and Treasurer (Richard & Joy Smeed) are both retiring,

John Muir - Will had circulated an update. Links between the Sierra Club and Dunbar will be further strengthened this year with an exhibition being prepared by the Birthplace to mark the Sierra Club's 125th anniversary. John Muir had been its first President.

Various upgrade works are taking place at the Birthplace.

c) East Beach – The path down to the beach has further collapsed. This is being worked on with cement infilling of the eroded hole in place of the previous loose rubble that had been washed away during the recent storm.

Cllr. Hampshire hoped that with the inclusion of monies in the forthcoming Council Budget for coastal erosion and funding support from Scottish Water sufficient funding would be in place to proceed with the plans for the necessary improvements at the beach including the matting of the pipe and a new groyne.

d) 20 MPH zone – The trial north of the railway line had been approved as one of a number of measures agreed at a recent ELC Cabinet meeting.

e) Winterfield Park

Pavilion demolition – a date is still to be set.

Orientation plinth – George reported that the replacement should be delivered by Osprey by the end of the month. ELC will install it.

f) Corn Exchange – A further meeting of Council Officers with ELC Councillors and local representatives including Pippa and Graham has been arranged.

g) Belhaven Hospital – Jacquie, Gill and Stephen had attended a meeting on 7 February. Concerns remain about the capacity of local beds if Ward 2 is closed. Statistics on bed use are still being gathered. There is still concern that ELSIE (e.g. hospital at home) which does not give 24 hour care will not be able to meet the needs of a number of people e.g. those with confusion, particularly in rural areas. There are concerns about sufficient staff being recruited given the general shortage of care workers across the country. More information is being gathered on need for extra care sheltered housing in the area. A further meeting will be held after the election – probably in June. An options paper was suggested with the possibility of a public meeting once things are clearer. The main issue is that the ward needs £500,000 to upgrade it to modern standards which with ongoing efficiency savings the East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership does not have. Jacquie had previously written to the Health Minister, Shona Robison, to ask that this money be made available to safeguard the Ward 2 resource but this had been declined. It was agreed that Jacquie would write again to the Minister with the Community Councils continued concerns about the need to retain Ward 2 to meet the community's health care needs, particularly in the light of the expanding population. Iain Gray MSP should be included in any correspondence. **JB**

h) Condition of Parish Churchyard – nothing further is planned until the Spring.

i) War Memorial –Jacquie had circulated a report of the Working Group. Helen Bowman of the War Memorial Trust has suggested that initially an application should be made to get a Professional Advice Grant on the structure and a programme of works to restore it. Stephen and Herbert will be meeting with Bob Heath of Heath Architects in Haddington for advice. Pippa also suggested contact with Graciella Ainsworth, an Edinburgh Conservation Architect. It was agreed to take this matter forward and Herbert will write to the Chief Executive of ELC as the Memorial is the property of the Authority regarding the plans. **HC**

j) Dunbar High Street –

Work is still outstanding at the one-way system near the Abbey Church. Pippa will chase this up. **PS**

Pippa has had contact with Glen Kane at ELC regarding lighting renewal. It is hoped that LAP and DCC will be able to comment on any proposals to renew High Street lighting. Warm white lighting is preferred if light heads are to be renewed. Pippa and Graham will liaise with Glen Kane. **PS/GA**

Pippa has also received notification of the relocation of the street planters and new seating.

k) Town Maintenance –

i) Tobies – Jacquie had continued to chase Scottish Water about a missing toby top in Bayswell Road which has now been repaired. Jacquie had reported a further missing toby top near the Co-op and is chasing its repair.

ii) Street lights – Jacquie has reported further faulty lights which have been repaired.

iii) Wall between Hillside Hotel and Newhouse Terrace: - Following further contact from a member of the public Jacquie had spoken to Jessica Milburn, Manager of Lammermuir House who own the wall. She had told Jacquie that the matter was in the hands of the Four Seasons Estates Manager at the Head Office in Glasgow who was dealing with insurers. Jacquie had had further contact with Jessica who had told her that a report is awaited from Structural engineers.

iv) Self-sown bushes in the wall at The Sycamores. Residents at the flats had also complained to Dundas Estates, the developers, about the bushes which are rooted in the retaining wall cement. Jacquie had followed up with Dundas Estates Head Office in Livingston to ask someone from the Station Road site to go and look. Following a lack of action, Jacquie had chased this up further. Sally advised that the shrubs have been cut back. The residents are still asking for repair of the wall which is in poor condition.

v) Vandalised bench – Following action by Jacquie the bench at the corner of Belhaven Rd/ Knockenhair Rd has been replaced.

vi) Jacquie has reported a number of potholes around the town to ELC. Apparently there is up to a 3 month waiting list for smaller holes to be repaired.

vii) Alasdair had reported the poor condition of the benches and surrounding area near the well in Victoria Street to Stuart Pryde at ELC. The area has been tidied and new benches are to be provided.

viii) Jacquie had reported self-sown shrubs (making the road narrow) and an overhanging tree in Beveridge Row. The shrubs have been cut back. Michael Foy the Tree Officer at ELC had advised that the tree overhanging the road is healthy and not a problem.

ix) Town House doors – Cllr. Veitch had contacted ELC and Graham Brotherstone had advised that arrangements for repairs were in hand.

x) Via the website – Mr Higgins, the owner of the Pound Shop, had raised concerns about the condition of the property above, including putrid smells which leak into the shop. Jacquie had contacted ELC (Paul Zochowski and Environmental Health) about this. There are issues about ownership of the property. Also physical access to the upper part of the building is restricted as a past owner removed the stair and blocked it off. Environmental Health have visited and are investigating.

In the meantime, Pippa had also had contact with Mr Higgins regarding his concern for the condition of the property. She had been in contact with Historical Environment Scotland who have the upper floors on record as a building at risk because they are not occupied and not suitable for use. At present the risk is low but they have concerns for the long term future of the property.

xi) Overgrown hedge in Lammermuir Crescent – Jacquie has had further contact that this is blocking the pavement for those with wheelchairs and buggies. She has passed to Jimmy Wilson at ELC.

xii) Overgrown hedge at Belhaven Road (near the junction with Knockenhair Rd) – Jacquie has reported this to Jimmy Wilson at ELC.

l) Bus stop information – Jacquie is continuing to chase the lack of bus stop information, particularly with Perrymans. The next RELBUS meeting is on 15 March and the next Bus Forum on 5 April.

m) 2 Vacancies – These had been advertised. Two people had expressed an interest. Ian Hamilton will be invited to the next meeting by Stephen. As the other candidate is planning to stand for the May ELC elections it was agreed that Jacquie will write to them and advise them to await the outcome of the election. If they are not elected they can come to the May meeting to discuss their application. **SB/JB**

n) Tree felling at Beachmont Court – Jacquie had contacted Stuart Pryde and Michael Foy at ELC. The felling proved to be for thinning work at the back of Newhouse Place. She had fed back to the residents who had raised the concerns.

Tree felling on North Road- Stephen Bunyan noted that some mature trees have been felled in the garden of Laird's House in Belhaven. Cllr Hampshire will follow this up. **NH**

o) Street names – Stephen had sent further correspondence on street names at King's Court and The Sycamores. He had been asked for names for the development near Beveridge Row and suggestions have been made.

p) Bowe Cup/Community Council Award 2017

Will has sent invitations to 4 teaching and 1 ancillary member(s) of staff at Dunbar Grammar School to act as links regarding possible recipients of the Bowe Cup with any nominations to be made by the end of this term, although names could be added up to 8 May.

It was agreed to award the Community Council Cup to Donald Grant BEM in recognition of his many years of weather watching service. A certificate might be awarded to his colleague Ken Stanton. It was also suggested that Betty Main and Isobel Gardiner who have been stalwarts of the Parish Church lunches for 30 years should be given certificates.

8. Local Priorities: Local Priorities Fund – (Budget for 2016/17 is £9350)

Grants have been awarded to –

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| 1.Dunbar Science Festival balance | £1,060 |
| 2.Battlefield Trust | 500 |
| 3.Dunbar Music Festival | 500 |
| 4.Dunbar Colts | 200 |
| 5.Friends of John Muir Birthplace | 235 |
| 6.Christmas Lights Committee | 2,000 |
| 7.Day Centre | 300 |
| 8.Victoria Street project | 604.81 |
| 9.Unplug & Read – Dunbar Primary | 300 |
| 10. Dementia Friendly Dunbar | 250 |

The uncommitted budget prior to February CC meeting now stands at £4055.15 after some write-backs from previous years.

a) Updates

Jimmy Bain Project – George had met Mark Beattie who had advised him that Jimmy Bain's niece had raised sufficient funds to cover the cost of the plaque.

There is still the consideration of a statue. It is thought that an appropriate site would be on the ELC owned land near the former Foresters Arms where Jimmy Bain's father had been landlord. George thought that Mark Beattie was also thinking that this would be a possibility. It was agreed that if wishing further support for his ideas Mark Beattie should contact the Community Council.

b. New applications 2016-17 Budget –

The following were approved:-

1. Dunbar History Society for new edition of “A Walk Around Historic Dunbar” - £1000
2. Civic Week (from 2017/18 Budget) £2000
3. Christmas Lights £2000
4. Sea Cadet boat £ 500

Balance to be allocated £550. It is possible to carry monies over to the next financial year.

9. Local Area Partnership – P Swan

The next meeting will be the Annual Public meeting at Dunbar Grammar School on 27 February at 7 p.m.

There had been no applications for the post for the Director to manage the Summer School project.

Individual applications had been sought for projects to offer educational activities over the summer period. A programme is being drawn up with a range of activities. There will be some funded “scholarship” places.

East Lothian Council are seeking a Consultant to review the Local Area Partnerships and how they are working across the County.

10. Local Councillors’ Reports:

N. Hampshire:

The ELC Administration has been working on the Budget for the meeting tomorrow. Savings need to be found but it is the intention to protect most services.

M. Veitch:

1. Traffic Wardens are now in place and positive feedback had been received.
2. ELC Cabinet had agreed to start the process on a number of TROs including the 20 mph zone in Dunbar. A time restriction is to be implemented at parking area at the end of Shore Road near the chalets. A 30 mph speed restriction is planned for the area from the A1 by Eweford into West Barns and into Hospital Road/Beveridge Row. The current speed restriction will be extended out to Broxburn.

George raised the matter of the new parking areas on the High Street – 2 new taxi ranks and 2 loading bays which have reduced the availability of parking spaces.

It was agreed to recommend to ELC time restricted parking in the Abbeylands Car Park as soon as possible rather than wait until the station car park is extended. The suggested time limit was 4 hours. Jacquie will write to Alan Stubbs/Peter Forsyth at ELC about this. **JB**

Jacquie noted concerns about litter on the A1. She had reported this to Amey. Cllr Veitch noted that some litter clearing had taken place at the weekend. Litter maintenance will also

be an agenda item for the A1 Action Group.

P McLennan – no report

11. Town Sites at risk:

Horse Mill – Stephen is still to make contacts about this. **SB**

Former amusement arcade site – Pippa is exploring ideas about this area. **PS**

12. Consultation on the Scottish Planning System.

Jacquie had circulated paperwork from the Scottish Government about the consultation which closes on 4 April. This requires an online response.

Jacquie had circulated a letter that Iain Gray MSP had written to all Community Councils urging them to respond to the Scottish Government Review on the Planning System. He had noted his concerns about the number of local applications being overturned on appeal in favour of developers. Jacquie had noted to him that Dunbar Community Council will be responding and our concerns about decisions like those regarding Beveridge Row and Viridor, particularly with regard to communities not having a right of appeal and the role of Reporters.

Jacquie has had contact with Planning Democracy and Hilary Smith of the East Lothian Association of Community Councils following recent planning issues in Dunbar. The Association will be having a meeting to discuss planning and the Review at 7 p.m. on 28 February in Haddington Town House. Planning Democracy will be taking part and Iain Gray MSP will attend. Stephen, George, Pippa, Jacquie and Gill are all interested in attending. The Scottish Government are holding public drop in events. The Edinburgh event will be from 4-7p.m. on 2 March at the Gyle Shopping Centre.

13. Reports from Committees/Meetings attended:

Day Centre – There have been a number of new referrals. Further Management Committee members are needed. Jacquie and Gill had attended the January meeting of the Integrated Joint Board where a proposal for increased funding for Day Centres had been approved.

Bleachingfield Centre Management Committee – The Committee had felt that the Centre was not the best site for a Jimmy Bain statue.

14. Correspondence – previously circulated:

Via Website – Lothian Buses – Information on the takeover by East Coast Buses of First Bus East Lothian.

Via Website – Lothian Buses – safety excellence award for Edinburgh buses.

Edinburgh Airport – Airspace Change consultation – Dunbar does not appear to be affected.

Edinburgh Airport – set up of new Noise Management Board.

Via Website- David Higgins – concerns about the condition of the building above the Pound Shop.

Met Office – request for new weather monitors.

Sandy Baptie, ELC – Weather update.

Via Website – Dee Davidson – There will not be a Scifest event in 2017.

Philip Revell – invoice for website domain renewal, Passed by Jacquie to Alasdair for payment.

Miriam Anderson – Community Hospital Construction update – 23 February at 3 – 5 p.m. in Roodlands Dining Room.

Via Facebook Page – Mrs Romie – concerns about availability of food waste bags. Jacquie had contacted Tom Reid at Waste Services about local pick up points. People are having difficulty getting bags from JMH despite promises of them being posted out. However, Mr Reid is not happy to reinstate local pickup points which were dropped as the system was being abused and bags were going to waste. To have continued the pickup service would have meant having to charge for the bags.

Brake – newsletter

Lilian Pryde – further information from the Scottish Government on the Planning Review Consultation.

Lilian Pryde – information on public drop in events for the Planning Review

Lilian Pryde – information from Pass on a Planning review discussion in Edinburgh on 14 March 6 – 8 p.m. (venue not specified)

RAGES – update on East Linton Station.

Iain Gray MSP – urging Community Councils to respond to the Scottish Government Planning Consultation.

Via Website – Kenny Maule – Update on the Victoria Street History Hub.

Lilian Pryde – Scottish Government Consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas.

Simon Critchley, Bolton – Asking about his ancestor Provost Middlemass. Jacquie had advised him of the picture in the Council Chamber and also that Middlemass Road is named after him. George will try to take a photo of the picture to send to him. It was noted that ELC permission will be needed to reproduce the image as they own the photo. **GR**

Via Website – Blanca-Ramirez-Ruiz (NHS) – seeking information on exercise classes or similar for a 70 year old with chronic health problems. Jacquie had contacted Jo McNamara, Alison Lange at the Day Centre and Gill Wilson for suggestions. She had told her of the exercise class at the Day Centre.

15. AOCB

a) Donald Grant BEM is stepping down from the weather recording role in Dunbar and his colleague, Ken Stanton, was also expected to be standing down. However, after the meeting it was found that Ken had decided to continue. Thanks were given for their many years of service. George had advertised the need for volunteers on the website.

- b) Surfing Performance Centre - Pippa noted early ideas for a centre in Dunbar through the Coast to Coast Surf School. Community Councillors supported this idea, in principle.
- c) Jacquie is stepping down as Community Council Lafarge Representative. George agreed to take over this role although he would be unable to attend the next planned meeting on March 28th. Jacquie will advise Michelle Chisholm at Lafarge of the change **JB/GR**

16. Date of next meeting: This will take place on **Monday 20 March 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar.**

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.