

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Monday 20 March 2017 in Council Chambers, Town House, Dunbar at 7 p.m.

1.Sederunt/Apologies Stephen Bunyan (Chair); Graham Adams; S. Anderson; Jacquie Bell (Secretary); Will Collin; Herbert Coutts; George Robertson (Vice-Chair); Alasdair Swan (Treasurer); Pippa Swan; Gill Wilson

Councillors in attendance: Cllr. Norman Hampshire

Others present: From Scottish Water: -Bill Elliot, Regional Community Team Manager; Craig Murray, Development Manager; Kirsty Thin, Asset Manager. Ian Hamilton; Sarah Beattie-Smith; Sue Mitchell; Mike Shaw; Isobel Knox; J. Daescher; J. Adams; N. Adams; Kenny Maule; Elisabeth Wilson; P.C. Jennifer Stewart; C. Ritchie (Press); M. Brown (Minutes)

Apologies: Cllr. Michael Veitch

2. Minutes of meeting held on 20 February 2017: Approved Herbert Coutts; Seconded Gill Wilson

3) Works at East Beach

Stephen Bunyan welcomed the representatives from Scottish Water. Members of the public from Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group and the East Beach Regeneration Group were also in attendance.

Concerns had arisen as it had been found that there are proposals to upgrade a sewer pipe at the eastern end of the beach. This is to take foul water from the new Robertson/Avant Homes development near Newtonlees as the existing system has been found to lack the required capacity to serve the new houses. The only route for this is via the beach. Fears were expressed that work here might further degrade the beach where the western part has already suffered from coastal erosion related to the exposed sewer pipe.

Pippa Swan said she was concerned that the survey of the potential impact on the beach had lacked rigour. It had only been by chance that the need for the work had come to light when contractors were seen on the beach.

Bill Elliot and Kirsty Thin noted that the work had to be funded by the developer. The new sewer would need to be approved and adopted by Scottish Water. Jacquie Bell noted issues in other areas e.g. at Andrew Meikle Grove in East Linton where Scottish Water are still to take over management of a SUDS pond from a developer after a number of years.

Jacquie asked if the building work would be halted until the new sewer is in place. Kirsty Thin noted that the building can continue but there might be a delay in properties being occupied. Jacquie also noted the potential need for further upgrade work if the Gladman development for 115 houses at Newtonlees is given the go ahead despite being out with the new Local Development Plan.

A general concern was raised about housing developments being agreed without sufficient infrastructure to support them including sewage disposal. The issue of capacity at Beltonford Water Treatment Works was raised. Bill Elliot said that consideration is being given to changing the technology at the works to improve its efficiency.

A map produced by the developer was displayed. Jacquie and others noted that this was inaccurate. It referred to sand and shingle at the rear of Lammermuir House and East Links Road when in fact there is an extensive area of rock pools. There was concern that this habitat could be damaged by the proposed works. Bill Elliot advised that any work would need a Marine Licence. He also gave assurance that the crown of the new pipe would be no higher than that of the current one.

It was noted by Scottish Water that the Scottish Government is seeking a strategic plan for protecting the coastline from erosion which will include areas in East Lothian.

It was agreed that Scottish Water will keep the Community Council, ELC and other groups informed of further development of this work given the high level of community concern.

4. Minutes of Sub-committees

Christmas Lights: Graham Adams

Graham had circulated a report.

- Permission has been granted for a new string to be erected between old Smith Bakers & the Chinese Restaurant. Brackets have been made and it will be put in place in April.
- Orders are in progress for the distribution panels and the curtain of lights.
- Repairs & upgrades are on plan, The Committee are targeting to be 70% LED by end of year with all distribution boxes upgraded.
- An application has been made to Be Green for a further grant towards LED upgrades.
- Banners & bunting with permission from ELC Lighting department will go up in early April.
- Switch On – 26 November 2017.
- The Committee are considering holding a Christmas Street Market again. Limiting factors are volunteers and the cost of a licence from ELC. A street ceildh is being

considered.

- The Committee are trying to meet with Bill Laird of ELC to arrange all the licenses required for the year.

Civic Week: Sue Anderson.

Sue had circulated a report.

Community Councillors commended Sue on some new ideas including a New to Town informal welcome event and a Dunbar Soup gathering (an opportunity for local groups to speak of their work and for crowdfunding).

Some new volunteers have come forward. Local guides will help with bucket rattling at the Fun Day.

Royal Court selection is underway.

Be Green have offered £1500 funding support.

5. Applications for Membership - Ian Hamilton, Sarah Beattie-Smith, Sue Mitchell.

There are 3 candidates for 2 available vacancies.

Each candidate gave a short presentation with their reasons for wishing to join the Community Council. Community Councillors asked each of them a number of questions.

A decision will be taken at the next meeting of the Community Council which will be held on **Monday 15 May 2017** (There will be no meeting on Monday 17 April – Easter Monday).

6. Police Report:

Road Safety - No incidents of note.

Anti-social Behaviour - There has been a marked rise in youth related anti-social behaviour calls. Police continue to work closely with East Lothian Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, CCTV and Community Wardens.

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

During the weekend of 17-19 March youth calls dropped significantly.

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 of youth 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.

CAPP Priorities:-

Property security in Dunbar

Youth ASB in Dunbar

Jacquie Bell had stood down from chairing the CAPP. She had been thanked for her many years of doing this since the CAPP began.

Next CAPP – 18 April 2017.

Draft Area Policing Plan. Jacquie had circulated this document. George Robertson had circulated a draft response for comment and submitted it to PC Cameron Tait who is now the ELC Police Liaison Officer.

Concerns were raised that the traffic lights near the building site in Bayswell Road are sometimes turned off. This can cause problems.

Although there have been less incidents bikes thefts are continuing in the town. Found bikes can be handed in at the Police Station.

7. Treasurer's Report – Alasdair Swan:

Alasdair had circulated his report previously. There were no comments.

8. Matters arising (Not on Agenda):

a) Planning matters,

i) Local Development Plan – Cllr Hampshire advised that ELC Officers have worked on over 400 responses to the LDP. A document will be presented to the ELC meeting on 28th March. If the Council officers' recommendations are approved by the Council it will be passed to Scottish Ministers for consideration. There is likely to be a Reporter led inquiry.

ii) SESPLAN 2. Cllr Hampshire advised that this has not yet been approved. Transport Scotland need to provide a report on transport links. Further work on SESPLAN 2 will need to be dealt with by the incoming councils for each partner authority.

iii) Development at 52 High St. (Lothian Hotel) – An altered application is to be submitted.

iv) Proposal for 9 flats at Church St /Assembly Rooms development – Pippa had been in contact with ELC Planning and the owners of the ground at the Assembly rooms.

v) Planning in Conservation areas – Jacquie had further contacted David Taylor, Planning Enforcement Officer, about the Belhaven Bikes sign on the Royal MacIntosh Hotel railings

which does not have advertising consent and which David Taylor had previously advised should be removed. He had responded that it had previously been removed. He will write and ask for it to be removed again and will make a visit.

vi) Application at Newtonlees Farm – Jacquie had submitted an objection on behalf of Dunbar Community Council. Stuart Pryde had noted that the Community Council had been supportive of a cemetery extension at the meeting in April 2014. Jacquie had circulated the minute of that meeting which had not had any discussion about enabling housing out with the Local Plan.

vii) Viridor – Jacquie has still had no direct response from Mark Atkinson, Development Manager. Chris Bruce at East Lammermuir Community Council has now had contact from Katie Colquhoun at Viridor and a joint meeting for local Community Councils is arranged for 7p.m. on 29 March at the Bleachingfield Centre, Dunbar.

Jacquie had further contacted Sarah Mietzitis of SEPA regarding the Community Council's concerns about the lack of a realistic Heat Plan and had circulated a response from her. Jacquie had sent the Heat Plan document to Iain Gray, MSP and Rachael Hamilton, MSP for information. They have both written to the Energy Minister, Paul Wheelhouse and to the Planning Minister, Kevin Stewart, regarding community concerns. After discussion with Iain Gray, Jacquie had also written to the 2 Ministers and the Chief Planner. She had circulated a response from the Chief Planner which suggested that the responsibility for enforcement of the planning conditions including the need for a viable Heat Plan lies with ELC Planning. The next Viridor Liaison meeting is on 29 March at 11.30a.m. at Oxwellmains. Jacquie and Stephen will attend.

viii) Dunbar Grammar School – Jacquie had advised the Planning Dept. that the Community Council had no objections to the plans.

A copy of a letter sent to ELC Planning had since been received via the website from residents of Gala Green in relation to the use of floodlights and the need for noise reduction measures at the proposed all weather pitch. It seems that a noise report had been produced after the closing date for submissions to Planning. They also wished tree planting between them and the new extension.

It was agreed that Jacquie Bell would write to ELC Planning to ask that the concerns of the residents are taken into account when the application is considered. She also agreed to advise the residents that the Community Council had noted the need to take their concerns into account to ELC Planning. **JB**

ix) Robertson Homes. Gavin Wilson of Beachmont Place had made contact expressing concerns that some of the new homes are being sited closer to the Walker Homes than had been agreed at the Planning Committee. There had also been some flooding due to the run

off surface water of Walker Homes gardens. Jacquie had passed this to David Taylor and Ian McFarlane at Planning as well as local Councillors. ELC Planning and Enforcement followed up and felt the distances between the properties were OK.

x) Laird's House, North Road – There are proposals to demolish the existing house and replace it with 4 detached properties. Jacquie had spoken to a neighbour and passed some concerns about the number of properties for the plot, drainage and traffic safety to ELC Planning on this proposal which is out with the Local Plan.

xi) Dunbar Golf Course – George Robertson had circulated an update. The Golf Club intend to submit an updated Planning Application for the new Clubhouse and housing later in 2017. An Educational Contribution will be required from the development. It was agreed to invite representatives of Dunbar Golf Club to a future Community Council meeting for an update.

xii) Beveridge Row. Kirsty Thin of Scottish Water had advised during the discussion on the East Beach that a halt had been put on the start of housebuilding as there are concerns about the capacity of the sewer in Edinburgh Road. This had been one of the grounds for objection by the Community Council. Cala must upgrade the sewer to a standard approved by Scottish Water before they can start to build the houses. Scottish Water will require to approve and adopt the new sewer.

b) Twinning Links.

Lignieres- The Twinning Association AGM had taken place on 22 February. Jacquie and Stephen had attended. A new Committee had been elected with Jim Wyllie as Chair. Stephen Bunyan continues as President. Jacquie had stood down from the Committee after a decade as a member. ELC will not be giving the Association a grant this year. Applications will have to be made for funding needed. It is still hoped to send 2 Grammar School pupils to Lignieres on the Annual Scholarship this year.

There had been no further contact from Narni with either the Twinning Association or the Community Council.

c) East Beach – Following on from the earlier discussion with Scottish Water Pippa Swan agreed to write to Marine Scotland with concerns about the proposals for the new sewer pipe and the risk of further coastal erosion. **PS**

d) 20 MPH Zone – Plans for the new zone are going forward. Jacquie had contacted Morag Haddow about Kellie Rd and she would be supportive of it being included. Jacquie had contacted Alan Stubbs and Cllr Veitch with the suggestion of a meeting. Herbert Coutts had attended a meeting of the ELC 20 mph Group. He said that Council officer Marshall

Greenshields is willing to look again at the Kellie Road situation and the level of traffic movements in the area can be monitored. In the meantime, Barbara Allan of Living Streets had asked to meet Community Councillors about the 20mph scheme. This will be at 10 a.m. on 21 March at the Bleachingfield Centre.

e) Winterfield Park

Demolition of the Pavilion is underway.

George advised that delivery of the Orientation Plinth information board from Osprey had been delayed. It is hoped that it will arrive soon.

f) Corn Exchange – There had been a further meeting of Council Officers, ELC Councillors and local reps. Graham reported that investigations were being made for funding to upgrade the premises for use as a working warehouse for the Christmas Lights.

g) Belhaven Hospital - Jacquie had written further to Shona Robison, Health Minister, regarding the future of Ward 2. She had also written to Iain Gray MSP and Rachael Hamilton MSP. A further Belhaven Forum meeting will be held after the election.

h) Condition of Parish Churchyard - nothing further to report.

i) War Memorial

Herbert and Stephen had met with Bob Heath the Conservation Architect. David Anderson of the Museum Service had sent interesting information on the unveiling of the memorial. The Town Provost had taken responsibility for the monument on behalf of the Burgh council which confirms that it is in the ownership of ELC. Investigations were being made into the structure of the monument. Efforts were also being made to identify people involved when the monument was moved to its present site.

j) Dunbar High Street –

Work is still outstanding at the one-way system near Abbey Church – Pippa is chasing this up.

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Pippa has had contact with Glen Kane at ELC regarding lighting renewal. It is hoped that the Local Area Partnership and Dunbar Community Council 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.

Dunbar Trades Association are planning to erect hanging baskets on the properties of members who wish to participate. These will be erected by ELC. Arrangements are to be made for them to be watered.

k) Town Maintenance -

i) Tobies – Scottish Water had repaired the toby near the Co-op after further chasing by Jacquie. She had now reported dangerous Tobies near Lethendrey in North Road.

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

iii) Wall between Hillside Hotel and Newhouse Terrace – ongoing. **JB**

iv) Jacquie had reported a number of pot holes around the town to ELC. There is a delay in getting them repaired although some deep ones are a potential danger to cyclists. She had also reported the poor state of the pavement near Lethendrey in North Road as a result of flooding damage.

v) Victoria Street Well benches – ongoing. **AS**

Alasdair reported that thanks to a grant from Viridor Credits and Civic Pride the paving at the former Victoria Street toilets had been improved. New information boards designed by local artist Heather Christie had been erected at the harbour.

vi) Town House doors – have been repaired

vii) Building above Pound Shop. Jacquie had spoken to Shona Grant at Environmental Health who had visited but had found no smell. She needs to be alerted by the owner/shop staff when it occurs again. Staff have said it is worse in summer. Shona had advised Jacquie that the upstairs property had reverted to The Crown. The family member in Dunbar does not seem to have a direct link to its ownership. However, Jacquie has since heard from a local resident leasing nearby property of the possible identity of the owner. She will look into this and inform Shona Grant of any further information gained.

viii) Overgrown hedge in Lammermuir Crescent. Following further contact by Jacquie with Jimmy Wilson the Community Warden this had been cut back.

ix) Overgrown hedge at Belhaven Road (near junction with Knockenhair Rd) – Jacquie had reported this to Jimmy Wilson at ELC and it had been cut back.

x) Condition of gardens/property at Fairfield, Beveridge Row. This property is in poor condition. The gardens are overgrown and full of rubbish. Neighbours had concerns about rat sightings. Jacquie had contacted Jimmy Wilson the Community Warden and Environmental Health. Colin Clark at Environmental Health has had long involvement. He was not aware of neighbour complaints. He had informed Jacquie that there is no statutory nuisance requiring ELC action although the building is in a dilapidated state. Jacquie has since passed concerns about the property to Cllr. Veitch.

xi) Condition of Hospital Road. This had been raised by resident Jared Knox. Jacquie had advised him of past requests to get the poor surface repaired. She had noted proposals to reduce the speed limit but that there are no firm plans as yet to widen the road. She had passed the concerns to ELC Transportation and Cllr. Veitch.

xii) Contractors for BT had installed new telephone cables in Belhaven on 8 March. They had erected temporary traffic lights without warning which had caused some traffic problems which Jacquie had reported to ELC. Phones and Broadband had also been cut off without warning for several hours.

xiii) Retaining wall at The Sycamores. Residents wish this to be repaired. Dundas Estates had advised them that it is the property of ELC. Jacquie had checked this and Dave Northcott at ELC had confirmed that it is the responsibility of Dundas Estates. Jacquie had passed this information to the residents so that they can pursue the matter further with Dundas Estates.

l) Bus stop information - Jacquie is continuing to chase the lack of bus stop information particularly with Perryman's. She attended RELBUS on 15 March. The next Bus Forum is on 5 April and Jacquie will attend.

m) Time limit on parking at Abbeylands Car Park – Jacquie had contacted Cllr Veitch and Peter Forsyth/Alan Stubbs at ELC.

n) Trees at Laird's House, North Road – In contacting ELC Planner, Emma Taylor, about the planning application for houses in the garden, Jacquie had found that the recently felled mature trees had not been subject to any preservation order.

o) Bowe Cup/Community Council Award 2017 - Nominations for the Bowe Cup are to be submitted by school staff before the end of March.

p) Weather Monitor Vacancies – It had been found that Ken Stanton is no longer retiring from his weather duties. Thus there is 1 vacancy.

q) Lafarge Tarmac Liaison – Jacquie had passed George's details to Michelle Chisholm.

r) Information on Provost Middlemas – requested by Simon Critchley of Bolton. George had taken photographs which will be passed on. **GR**

s) Information on activities for lady with disabilities - Jacquie had passed information to the enquirer about exercise classes at the Day Centre.

t) A1

No Entry signage has now appeared at the West Bound sliproad to Bowerhouse/Broomhouse. .

Jacquie had had a call from John Kerr of Amey on 10 March to advise that litter clearance had been taking place. However, concerns remain about the quantity of litter that builds up on the verges.

The next A1 Action Group is on 22 March. Jacquie will attend.

u) Street naming – Stephen suggested that the name King’s Court should be linked to David II who gave the town its Royal Charter. This was unanimously agreed.

v) Surf Performance Centre – Pippa had advised Coast-to-Coast that Dunbar Community Council is supportive of this idea in principle.

9. Local Priorities

a) Updates

History Society – thanks had been received from Pauline Smeed.

Dementia Carers Project – Jacquie had circulated a letter of thanks from Lorna Bunney

Sea Cadet Boat

Christmas Lights

Civic Week – held to 2017/18 Budget.

Jimmy Bain Project – The family had raised funds for a plaque.

b) New applications 2016-17 Budget

Aine Hay Academy of Irish Dance - £500 for dance costumes. 6 pupils from Dunbar town attend the classes held in Innerwick Village Hall. This application was declined. It was suggested that application should be made to East Lammermuir Community Council.

Dunbar Area Christian Youth Project (Wesley Centre) - £600 to upgrade the Methodist Church Hall kitchen for community project use. It was agreed to grant the local priorities balance of £555.

Hallhill Sports Centre - £500 each for Pipe Band contests in May 2016 (retrospective) and May 2017. - The retrospective application was declined. The application for 2017 will be considered at the May 2017 meeting when the 2017/18 budget will be known.

Dunbar Traditional Music Festival. Request for £500. Held over until the May meeting.

The Reaching Out Group (DGS) – £500 requested towards publishing a colouring book to raise funds for Dementia Friendly Dunbar. Held over until the May meeting.

Alasdair Swan will contact applicants. **AS**

10) Local Area Partnership

The Annual Public Meeting on 27 February had been well attended. Arrangements will be made for the information materials used at the evening to be displayed at the Bleachingfield Centre.

Arrangements are being made for a variety of summer activities for children and young people.

Consultants have been engaged to evaluate the operation of the Area Partnerships.

The next meeting will be on 27 March.

11. Local Councillors' Reports:

Cllr N. Hampshire

An extra Planning Committee meeting will be held on 29 March to deal with a number of outstanding major housing applications including the new community at Blindwells.

2,500 affordable houses require to be delivered in East Lothian. However, there are insufficient funds being made available by the Scottish Government. ELC is looking at various options along with partners including housing associations .

Sarah Beattie –Smith asked if Co-Housing organisations had been approached. Jacquie advised that she had attending meetings of a local co-housing group. They are seeking a suitable plot of land/property to adapt but have been told by ELC that it must be within the Local Development Plan. Jacquie had given them advice.

Sue Anderson again raised concerns about lorries parking at the far end of Brodie Road. Cllr Hampshire agreed to investigate. **NH**

Cllr M Veitch – no report

Cllr P McLennan – no report

12 . Town Sites at Risk –

Horse mill ongoing **SB**

Former amusement arcade site ongoing. **PS**

13.Consultation on the Scottish Planning System

Jacquie, Stephen, Pippa, George and Gill had attended the Association of East Lothian Community Councils' Special Meeting with Planning Democracy on 28 February. There had been a good turn out and a useful discussion. Iain Gray MSP had been present as had Angela Wrapson (Mrs Kerevan) and Councillor Jim Goodfellow.

The Scottish Government Consultation closes on 4 April. Pippa had circulated a draft response on behalf of the Community Council. Members were asked to make any observations to Pippa as soon as possible. **ALL**

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14.Reports from Committees/Meetings attended.

Day Centre – Stephen, Jacquie and Gill had attended. Further Trustees and volunteers to assist during the day are required. The AGM will be at 7p.m. on 7 June.

The Association of Day Centres is working on standard pay and conditions for staff across centres. Pensions will need to be paid for staff who wish to contract into a scheme from June 2017.

East Lothian IJB has approved enhanced funding at £25 per person per day across all Day Centres. However, centres will now need to pay their transport costs direct rather than ELC doing this on their behalf.

The upgrade work is still needed.

A further Care Inspection is expected at some point in the near future.

The Centre is still considering becoming a SCIO. However, this cannot be done until after the Care Inspectorate visit and report.

Viridor Credits – Jacquie had attended. Local grants had included Belhaven Church for roof repairs.

RELBUS – Jacquie had attended on 15 March. She had raised the continued issue of lack of local timetable information. She had also raised the difficulty for residents of the new housing estates, including the new Council housing at the end of Brodie Road, which have no access to public transport. A taxi to ASDA for those with mobility issues is £5 single. Jacquie had also noted problems after the Festive holiday when bus stops had not had information that the Saturday service was continuing for the rest of the week. Perryman's staff said that information had been on the website, Facebook and in local papers. However, Jacquie noted that not everyone would have seen these and she was aware of a number of people who had been waiting for buses that were not running. Perryman's agreed to look at Jacquie's suggestion of alerting the Community Councils to changes so that they could also give local publicity e.g. on the Dunbar CC Website and social media as well as by word of mouth.

West Coast Motors, who own Perryman's, are due to take over First Bus services in the Borders on 25 March. They will be renaming a Borders Motors. As time passes, Perryman's Buses will be rebranded as Borders Buses and all will move to the red and cream livery of West Coast Motors.

Trans Pennine Rail hopes to start a cross country service from Liverpool to Newcastle from December 2019 which will stop at Dunbar. This would hopefully link in with the 2nd platform at Dunbar.

John Muir Country Park Advisory Committee – Stephen had attended. There had been appreciation of the LAP funding towards improvements.

Dunbar Trades Association AGM – Jacquie had attended on 14 March. Steven Hill continues as Chair and Pauline Jaffray as Secretary.

The Group now has around 90 members.

A number of members have signed up for the High Street hanging basket scheme.

The website is to be updated and an App is being considered. Jacquie suggested a link to the LAP What's On site.

There was discussion about the variable condition of some High Street building and the complication of multi-ownership including absent landlords for some flats/properties in poor condition. It was suggested that there should be a link to LAP for some joint work on improving the High Street and its fabric e.g. gutter cleaning. Jacquie had noted the work that had been done so far by LAP to make improvement.

There was discussion about the condition of the East Beach, Jacquie had noted the work being done in this area.

15. Correspondence – previously circulated.

Sandy Baptie – ELC weather update.

Lorna Bunney – Thanks for the local priorities grant for the Dementia Carers Support Group.

History Society – Thanks for the local priorities grant. They will consider a 1000 copy print run.

Laura Turnbull – Community Hospital update newsletter.

Gavin Wilson – Concerns about the siting of properties at the Robertson Homes development in relation to the existing Walker Homes.

Allison Cosgrove – Concerns from a Dunbar resident about HGV parking around ASDA. They are blocking access to the electric car charging point as well as being a safety hazard. Passed on to Police, CAPP and Cllr. Veitch by Jacquie. Information passed back to Alison by Jacquie.

Stuart Gibb – Further new council homes have been handed over at Yosemite Park. Jacquie had noted to him the lack of public transport to them.

Brake – newsletters

Ailsa Wright – Home Energy Scotland – wishing to attend March CC meeting to promote and event “Re-energise your old home” in Portobello on 21 March. Offer declined but an event in Portobello and another in North Berwick placed on website and social media.

Lilian Pryde – asking if Community Councils have had LAP money through their bank accounts. Passed by Jacquie to Alasdair who had advised Lilian that Dunbar CC had not had such monies.

Lilian Pryde – Scottish Community Councils Twitter Hour on 7 March.

Via George Robertson - Dunbar Golf Club – Project update.

Via Website- Andrew Robinson (HADAS) – seeking information on developments proposed/being built out with the Local Development Plan. Jacquie had supplied information.

Highland Council – Insurance renewal – passed to Alasdair and Stephen.

Lilian Pryde – reminder of PAS event on Planning Review in Edinburgh on 14 March.

Via Website – Barbara Allan, Living Streets- wishing to meet about the 20mph zone.

Lilian Pryde, Christine Dora, Area Partnership – information on Training – Introduction to Participatory Budgeting – 6 – 8.30 p.m. on 15 March at Musselburgh Community Learning Centre.

Area Partnership – Draft Area Policing Plan for comment by 17 March.

Rotary (Robin Hamilton) – funding for Wesley Centre Project.

Via Website – Jared Knox - Concerns about the condition of Hospital Road. Passed by Jacquie to ELC Transportation and Cllr Veitch.

Via Website – Margaret Hadden, Little Pinkerton – Concerns about a core path being blocked as part of a planning application at Pinkerton Hill Cottage. Jacquie passed her concerns to East Lammermuir Community Council as it is in their area and advised her to contact Nick Morgan the Paths Officer at ELC. Anne Lyall from ELCC has visited.

Kate Maynard, ELC – costs for restoring the Provost portraits in the Council Chamber.

Via Website – Scott Glynn, Information on the “Walk with Scott foundation” which raises funds by sponsored walks. The next project is to fund pods for those with dementia in East Lothian. George offered to put information on the website and social media.

Susie Goodwin, North Light Arts – Coast. New exhibition opening 2-4 p.m. on 1 April at Dunbar Town House.

Area Partnership – Invitation to be involved in the East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership Engagement Strategy On Line mapping exercise to be completed by 7 April. Jacquie will respond on behalf of the Community Council. **JB**

16. AOCB.

a) Cinema – Gill had had contact with Michael Maple who wished to come to the Community Council to discuss the need for a town cinema. It seemed that he did not wish to instigate such a project himself. It was noted that previous attempts to develop a cinema facility had not been successful. There is a Film Club in Dunbar. Innerwick has monthly film showings. Alasdair agreed to contact him to discuss further. Also, to advise him of the plans for an open air space where films and other productions might take place at the new Battery development at the harbour. **AS**

b) Change of Opening Hours at the refurbished High Street Co-op. Jacquie will advise Maree Winter at ELC Licensing that the Community Council has no concerns about the earlier opening time of 6 am. Off sales of alcohol times are unchanged. **JB**

c) Hustings : It was agreed that the Community Council should arrange a Hustings for the forthcoming local election. Jacquie and Stephen will discuss arrangements for this further

and may involve others in the organisation of the event. Herbert suggested that an advert should be placed in The Courier.

d) Vote of thanks : As this was the last Community Council meeting before the ELC Elections on May 4th Stephen Bunyan expressed thanks to Cllrs Veitch and Hampshire for their regular attendance over the last 5 years. Cllr Veitch was wished well for his new post as a church minister in Wooler, Northumberland.

17. Date of next meeting : There will be no meeting in April (Easter Monday). The next meeting will take place on **Monday 15 May 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar.**

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.