

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017 at 7 p.m.

In the Community Room, Town House, Dunbar

Present: S. Bunyan (Chair); G. Robertson (Vice-chair); J. Bell (Secretary) S. Anderson; S. Beattie-Smith; W. Collin; H. Coutts; P. Swan; A. Swan (Treasurer); G. Wilson

Councillors present: N. Hampshire; S. Kempson

Others present: P.C. Gavin Ross; R. Deighan (Army Cadet Leader); G. McPhillips & D. McGee (Station Road Micropub); M. Shaw; C. Ritchie (Press); M. Brown (Minutes)

Apologies: G. Adams (Christmas Lights); I. Hamilton

1) Welcome

Stephen Bunyan (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming ELC Councillors Norman Hampshire and Sue Kempson following their election on 5 May.

Notes of condolence were expressed for the following:

Michael O'Donnell - Winner of the Community Council Award in 2010. Long-time Treasurer of Probus and a past Trustee and Treasurer of Dunbar Day Centre.

Mrs Ina Symonds - Widow of Provost James the last Provost of Dunbar.

Ken Barberry – Chairman of Lynton Day Centre, Vice Chairman of the Association of East Lothian Day Centres and a member of the Dunbar and East Linton Local Area Partnership.

Ryan Deighan from the Army Cadet Corps introduced himself as the new leader of the Army Cadet Force in Dunbar. He is also to develop groups in North Berwick and Haddington. The Dunbar group currently has around 10 members. They will be actively involved in assisting with Civic Week. He is keen for further local youths between the ages of 12-18 to get involved. He left a number of information flyers for distribution.

2. Membership matters – Election of Community Councillors: There had been 3 applicants for the 2 vacancies. One applicant had withdrawn. Therefore, Sarah Beattie-Smith and Ian Hamilton were duly elected.

3. Presentation – Micropub Proposal for the former Foggo's Office, Station Road

Gerard McPhillips and David McGee attended to give further information about their proposal to convert the former Station Lodge into a small Freehouse selling mainly craft ales, craft spirits and wine. Coffee and cold, locally sourced, snacks will also be available. There will be no food preparation on the premises. Mobile phone use will not be allowed and there will be no television, juke box or gaming machines. Micropubs are becoming

popular elsewhere and it was thought the facility would offer something different to the people of Dunbar as well as attract visitors.

It is proposed that the Micropub will be open from 11 am- 11pm 7 days a week.

There had been extensive discussions with ELC Planning, ELC Licensing and Network Rail who own the building which was built in 1845. All have been supportive of the venture. Planning permission had been granted. This includes permission to restore a blocked-up window and to make internal alterations including provision of a wheelchair accessible WC. Planning permission is not needed for external seating in the garden area as seating will not be left out overnight.

A licence has been applied for. It is hoped that the application will come to the first meeting of the Licensing Board after the recess which will be in August.

Some work is needed on the building and on the garden area which has fallen into disuse. It is hoped that the Micropub will open in the Autumn.

Community Councillors wished Mr McPhillips and Mr McGee well for their venture.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 20 March 2017

Approval was proposed by Herbert Coutts and seconded by George Robertson. This was agreed.

5. Minutes of Sub-committees:

Civic Week

Sue Anderson reported that the programme had been printed and it will be distributed from the beginning of next week. The Facebook page and website had both been updated. The Court has been selected. The arrangements are on budget.

Christmas Lights

Graham Adams had circulated a written report.

Maintenance is ongoing and going to plan.

A proposal has been put forward for a new tree at the Town House. This would impinge on the disabled ramp but the Team could make a temporary ramp for the steps if this was acceptable. It is also proposed to use the Town House as a Santa's Grotto for the "switch on". Jacquie Bell had advised Graham to contact Tracy Robertson at ELC to arrange this. Bunting has been ordered and Graham is arranging a suitable date to hire the machine to erect the banners, bunting and final wiring for the lights.

A message had been received, via the website, from a High Street resident, concerned about the brightness of the Winter Lights outside their bedroom window. Graham had responded that these would be switched off in the next couple of weeks. Timers for them have now arrived and they will be installed, the winter lights switched off and the banners and bunting erected by the volunteer team.

6. Police Report

Jacquie had circulated the April Police Report.

PC Ross spoke to the May Report which Jacquie circulated following the meeting.

Road Safety: nothing to report.

Anti-social Behaviour: For a number of weeks the local youths have been congregating in Lochend Woods and until recently had been setting fires. This has now ceased on fire service advice. Other than litter the youths appear to be conducting themselves in a reasonable fashion and as a result of them being there youth anti-social calls elsewhere have been non-existent.

Litter: No issues.

Theft:

- On May 8, bogus workmen were operating in Dunbar in the Walker home estate. Their work was sub-standard and one resident handed over a substantial amount of money. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.
- A number of shops in the High Street have been victim of a ringing the changes crime where staff were confused by a customer and lost money.
- The number of shoplifting incidents has fallen dramatically, possibly due to the youths being off the High Street and surrounding area.

CAPP Priorities from 13 April meeting:

Parking obstructions outside licensed premises

ASB in vennels off Dunbar High Street

Volume of lorries travelling through East Linton and narrow country lanes from housing developments in Belhaven and Dunbar.

Next Capp meeting 5 June.

Sue again raised the issue of lorries parking on the dead-end road near the new house building site at Hallhill. Cllr. Hampshire explained that this was currently a construction site access road and it will eventually be closed off.

Herbert spoke about new legislation regarding the distribution of alcohol to underage drinkers and wondered if the police were making parents and other adults aware of the implications. For example, parents dropping off children with alcohol at end of term gatherings or 18 year olds sharing alcohol with under 18s can now be charged whereas previously the alcohol would have been confiscated. PC Ross said that this matter was being addressed and information will also appear on the Police Facebook page.

George had submitted the Community Council response to the Policing Plan consultation to

Cameron Tait, the Council Police Liaison Officer. The Consultation period has since been extended and the Plan will not be ready until around October. Cameron had e-mailed George on 7 April to suggest a meeting to discuss some of the views put forward by Dunbar Community Council. George and others had been interested in attending such a meeting but nothing further had been heard.

7. Treasurer's Report: Alasdair had circulated his report.

Accounts stand at:

General Fund £577.98

Christmas Lights Account £28,928.14. It is noted that the Treasurer post is in transition and Alasdair is waiting to see who will be doing their accounts.

Civic Week Account £5378.60

Local Priorities (with a small carry over from 2016-17) £9681.38

It was agreed to pass the accounts to John Sparkman for independent examination.

Cllr. Hampshire indicated that the allocation from East Lothian Council for 2017-18 will remain the same as previously.

8. Matters arising:

a) Planning:

i. *Local Plan* – The Local Development Plan had been approved by ELC Councillors on 28 March with no alterations despite over 400 comments from the public. The Plan has now been sent to the Scottish Ministers for consideration.

ii) *SESPLAN Stage 2 document* – further work is needed before approval can be given. This work will need to be dealt with by the new Administration in each partner authority.

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

iv) *Proposal for 9 flats and parking at Church St/Assembly Rooms development* – no further information

v) *Planning in Conservation areas* – The Belhaven Bikes sign has now been removed.

vi) *Application at Newtonlees Farm* – no further information.

vii) *Viridor* – Jacquie had circulated letter from the Chief Planner, Planning Minister and Energy Minister sent in response to her correspondence regarding concerns about the continued lack of a viable Heat Plan and about the transportation of waste by lorry from the west of Scotland by lorries using the Cement Works junction. The responses had not answered the concerns raised but passed responsibility to ELC Planners to enforce the conditions of planning approval.

Jacquie and Stephen had attended the Viridor Liaison Meeting on 29 March and a Joint Community Councils meeting with Viridor the same day. The next Viridor Liaison meeting is on 14 June at 11.30.

viii) *Dunbar Grammar School* – Jacquie had advised ELC Planning of the concerns raised with the Community Council by residents of Gala Green about the use of floodlights and potential noise from the all-weather pitch as well as a request for tree planting to screen the extension and asked that these concerns should be addressed when determining the application. She had advised the residents that the Community Council had discussed their concerns and had asked the Planners to take them into account.

ix) *Robertson Homes* – Issues about the need for sewage works at the Beach continue. Pippa had not had success in raising concerns with Scottish Water and Marine Scotland. As yet, it seems that a contractor has not yet applied for a Marine Licence to do the work. Jacquie had sent photos of the area to ELC Planning and Scottish Water to evidence that the area shown as sand and shingle on the map shown at the last meeting which had been produced by Robertson Homes is in fact extensive rock pools.

In the meantime, house building in the area continues. Jacquie had asked Scottish Water if it should be halted whilst the sewage issues are resolved. However, she was advised that building can continue as Scottish Water had already given authority for the work to commence.

There is widespread concern from members of the public about the potential for further sewage piping to undermine the condition of the beach.

Jacquie had also had a conversation with Moira Porter concerned about the work at the site in general and its effect on residents in the Walker Homes. Moira had agreed to send further information to Jacquie.

Correspondence had been received from Mr John Fyall with concerns about housebuilding, sewage infrastructure and other matters. This had been passed to the ELC Councillors.

x) *Laird's House, North Road* – no further information.

xi) *Dunbar Golf Club* – An updated application is still to be submitted. There has been some concern that sewage provision for this development may again need an upgrade of the system and a need for work at the shoreline. Pippa Swan had circulated information on a still live planning permission from 2015 which had noted drainage requirements as a condition. Community Councillors had previously agreed to invite representatives of the Golf Club to a future meeting to give an update on the plans. It was agreed that, due to the complexity of this matter, the Community Council will invite Dunbar Golf Club to a special meeting to be held on Monday 12 June. **JB**

xii) *Dolphin Hotel* – The closing date for submissions to Planning had passed. Jacquie had circulated the plans and photos of the area. Following responses from Community Councillors she had noted to ELC Planning support for the regeneration of the building but some concerns regarding the potential for light to be lost to the residents of a dwelling in Church Street due to the erection of a fire escape and also regarding how a lift will work within the building. Stephen had circulated a note from Bill Dodd of the Architectural

Heritage Society of Scotland East Lothian Cases Panel about the lift installation within the structure and changes to the fenestration.

xiii) *Micropub in Station Road* – The closing date for submissions had passed. Jacquie had circulated details of the application. Following replies, she had advised Planning that generally Community Councillors were supportive of the plans which would regenerate the old offices. However, there had been some questioning as to how the size of the building would lend itself to use as a public house. The developers had thus come to give their presentation as above. Planning permission had been granted.

xiv) *Cala Development, Belhaven* – Concerns continue.

To concur with Scottish Water requirements Cala have begun work to upgrade the sewer system. They cannot start to build houses until this work is done to the satisfaction of Scottish Water. It is noted that inadequate sewer infrastructure had been a major factor in the objections to the development. Residents have been concerned by the level of noise and dust from the works. There are also issues with lorry movements taking soil from the site to Markle and traffic hold ups due to the road being washed of mud. There was an accident near the site when a car hit the caravan park wall. There are no signals in place but the road is narrowed.

There is some concern that the site has been named Castle Bay which does not have a local connection. The area was historically known as Battleblent Field.

West Barns Community Council is concerned about the future of bulbs that they had planted once the new footpath is in place.

There is continued concern about the potential for the noise and upheaval of the site to disrupt the breeding of the yellow wagtails in the area.

Cala have now made application for a temporary road access (for about 6 months) to do work in the area adjoining the Caravan Park. This will involve demolition of part of the Caravan Park wall.

Jacquie had circulated planning documents and a response is needed by 26 May. Residents have already raised concerns about heavy plant movements on both sides of the road, particularly with regard to safe pedestrian access between Dunbar and West Barns, especially for school children. It may be possible to ask for conditions on hours of operation and road safety measures e.g. signals to be put into place as Edinburgh Road is a busy arterial route into Dunbar. Jacquie will advise ELC Planning of the concerns of the Community Council.

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Jacquie had contacted Cala with regard to some of the concerns on 4 May but had had no response.

xv) *Bear adjacent to A1* – Jacquie had circulated documents. Comments are needed by 23 May.

There had been a mixed reaction from Dunbar residents. Some were concerned about the lack of consultation by the Developer with the Dunbar Community regarding the subject of the statue and its proposed position.

Community Councillors noted concerns. The site is not thought to be ideal for such a statue. However, Mr Ross of Halhill Developments had not been wanting to consider an alternative position e.g. Winterfield Park when he met with Community Councillors in December 2016. The site chosen belongs to Halhill Developments. It is noted that the development does not have the car parking that Mr Ross had said would be provided to make the Bear a visitor attraction. He had also suggested that a visitor information centre might be provided but this did not feature in the proposal.

There was concern that the Bear will not be the suggested welcoming gateway to Dunbar as it is on the side of the road that motorists pass as they are already beyond the main routes into the town. There was concern about road safety if motorists stopped on the hard shoulder to look at the statue.

It was not clear how the Bear fitted into any wider masterplan for the area.

It was agreed that Jacquie would advise ELC Planning of the Community Council's concerns and that she would ask Mr Ross for more information on a wider master plan for the area.

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xvi) *4 houses and new road access at Battleblent House* – This comes under Dunbar Community Council although the address is West Barns. Jacquie had circulated documents for an application for Planning Permission in Principle. Opinions are sought before 26 May. The applicants state that permission had been granted in 1998 and extended in 2003 for this but the application has lapsed. Stephen had noted that he had been on the Planning Committee that had discussed the application and agreement had only been given for 2 dwellings. The road access had been going to be the same as at present.

The Cala development has been agreed since that time. This application will also likely add to the drainage, sewage and road safety issues as well as add to pupil numbers for the already pressured West Barns Primary School. This site had not been included in the new Local Development Plan. It was agreed to write to ELC Planning setting out these concerns and also ask that an archaeological search should be included in the conditions.

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xvii) *Extension to the Hillside Hotel* – Jacquie had circulated planning documents. Submissions are needed by 26 May. Stephen had had contact with the Massimo family who live at neighbouring Rockville. He had circulated some observations and concerns about the impact of the extension on Rockville. Jacquie will write with concerns to ELC Planning

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xviii) *ELC Planning* is no longer circulating the weekly list of registered applications. Jacquie now must check for local applications each Friday. The link given by Planning had not worked. The Word documents had also not worked. Following contact by Jacquie the list is now produced online as a pdf as well as Word. Jacquie now checks the list and circulates

Planning Documents for applications that warrant a Community Council opinion. It was felt that the Council should facilitate an easier access to applications for Community Councils as statutory consultees in the planning process. Cllr. Hampshire will see if this could be done.

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xix) Pippa Swan had submitted a response to the Scottish Government Consultation on the Planning System.

b) Bowe Cup/Community Council Award 2017:

Final decisions were made as follows: -

Bowe Cup Winner: - Samantha Kaszuba.

Community Service Award: - Donald Grant.

Certificates of Merit – Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Main, Mrs Isobel Gardner and Mr Alan Kerr.

Following the meeting it was agreed by e mail to add Mr Mike Shaw.

Young Citizens' Awards – Lewis Campbell, Zosia Kuczok, Brad Robertson.

Stephen agreed to draw up a draft list of criteria for award of the Bowe Cup.

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c) Twinning Links :

Lignieres – a small grant has been given to the local committee by ELC. Jacquie had circulated the newsletter. 2 Dunbar Grammar School pupils will have scholarships to visit Lignieres in the summer. A French student will spend some time working on local farms.

John Muir Links – Friends of the Birthplace had hosted a talk “John Muir the Artist” on 13 May by Michael Wurtz, Custodian of the John Muir Papers at the University of the Pacific in California. He is returning with a group of American geology students for a brief visit on 16 May.

d) East Beach – Following the concerns raised by the discussion with Scottish Water, Pippa had written to Marine Scotland and had contacted Scottish Water. She had not had a response.

Work has continued to consider work to upgrade the beach. Scottish Water have agreed to help fund the cost of rock armour to cover the sewage pipe rather than the initially proposed mattresses. A new groyne will need planning permission. A Marine Licence will be needed for these works and also to replenish the beach with sand. Cllr Hampshire noted that there is thought to be a sand bar near the beach at low tide and it may be possible to use this sand.

Tendering for the work will be needed and Cllr Hampshire and Pippa hoped that work could then begin as soon as the Marine Licence is in place.

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George noted that the Glebe Beach is now short of sand but that there is more sand at Belhaven Bay.

e) 20 MPH Zone – Plans for the new zone are progressing. A trial will be set up. There has been further discussion with ELC about inclusion of Kellie Road.

Jacquie, Herbert and Will had met with Barbara Allan of Living Streets on 21 March. Living Streets has been asked to do a study on behalf of the Scottish Government about the experience of different communities in Scotland of introducing 20mph areas. Dunbar will be one of the case study areas.

Jacquie had attended a 20mph workshop arranged by Living Streets in Edinburgh on 28 April. This included representatives from the case study areas as well as from Transport Scotland, Sustrans and other voluntary groups. She will circulate a write up of this once it is available.

f) Winterfield Park:

Pavilion demolition - completed.

The Orientation plinth has been installed. Thanks were given to George for his work on delivering this.

Friends of Winterfield (FOW) had met to consider future plans. Jacquie and Sue had attended. It is hoped to install further benches. There will also be soft landscaping at the site of the Pavilion. Members of the group had since met with Pippa who has drawn up a draft plan for the park to increase its attraction for visitors. This will be discussed further. Pippa had circulated her drawings. The Cricket Club have met with Jacquie and Esther from FOW (Friends of Winterfield) regarding the siting of a container for their equipment. Jacquie had advised them that planning permission will likely be needed for the container which would probably go on the site of the old Rugby Club and Squash courts. She had also advised of potential sources of funding for the venture.

FOW have made an application to the Cala/Courier fund.

The FOW AGM will be on Monday 30 May in Belhaven Parish Church Hall at 7.30p.m.

g) Corn Exchange – no further information.

h) Belhaven Hospital – Jacquie had circulated a letter from a civil servant on behalf of Shona Robinson, the Health Minister, in response to her request for the funding to be made available to upgrade Ward 2. This had been declined. She had also circulated a response from the Minister to Rachel Hamilton MSP.

There is wide public support for Ward 2 to remain open, particularly in light of recent issues with patient flow at the Edinburgh hospitals which would be the alternative place for care to be given. The Minister notes use of community services like ELSIE but these are not suitable

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for all those who currently use Ward 2.

A meeting of the Belhaven Forum due to be held on June 6th had been cancelled due to the impending snap General Election on June 8th. It will be rearranged.

i) Condition of Parish Churchyard – No further information.

j) War Memorial – Herbert had asked the East Lothian Courier for help to trace the original drawings of the cross on the monument. He also wishes information on the move. It would be helpful to know what is inside the monument e.g. metal. This will assist Robert Heath, the Conservation Architect, in advising on restoration work needed. Herbert had been trying to contact Gordon Mitchell, formerly of ELC, as Paul Zochowski had suggested he may have information. Stephen agreed to try and contact him. **SB**

k) Dunbar High Street – Work is still outstanding at the one-way system near the Abbey Church, the cobbled crossing near the Co-op and other areas. Pippa is chasing this. **PS**
Dunbar Trades Association have made a Local Priorities application towards their hanging basket project.

The Ridge continue with their work to upgrade the Backlands at the back of the High St.

l) Town Maintenance –

i) Tobies – Jacquie had reported dangerous tobies in North Rd. near Lethendry which have been repaired. She had reported a further missing toby top near the Jet Garage.

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

iii) Wall between Hillside Hotel and Newhouse Terrace – Jacquie has had further contact with Jessica Milburn the Lammermuir House Manager about this. Jessica was to contact the Estates Manager in Glasgow for an update.

iv) Victoria Street well benches – Alasdair had had further contact with Stuart Pryde to chase their repair. Cllr Hampshire noted that Stuart had contacted Property Maintenance who had said it was not their responsibility. The matter has now been passed to ELC Estates.

v) Building above Pound Shop – The lease of the shop has now been sold. The new lease holder has made contact with the landlord to see if work can be done to resolve the smell. There have been some issues this year and it is thought they may relate to dead birds in the upper floors which are not accessible. Ownership of the upper property remains unclear.

vi) Condition of gardens/property at Fairfield, Beveridge Row – The neglected state of the property and gardens remains of concern although ELC advise that there is no statutory nuisance. Jacquie had had contact with a neighbour. It seems that the owner has moved away and that the situation is in the hands of a lawyer. Jacquie had been told by the neighbour that the rubbish is to be cleared at some point. Jacquie had updated Colin Clarke

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at ELC who wished to know the identity of the lawyer so that he could contact them about the cleaning up. Stephen had had contact with a relative of the owner.

vii) Sue Anderson had reported a broken sewer pipe below St Margaret's at Winterfield Golf Course to Scottish Water. This was to be looked at.

viii) Conditions of Hospital Road – this still needs repair.

ix) Spott Road Traffic Lights – There had been questions as to when these will be turned on. Jacquie had contacted Callum Redpath of ELC Roads. It seems that ELC are waiting on a contractor to put down an anti-skid surface. The lights can then be turned on. It is hoped this work will be done late in the week commencing 19 May.

x) Graffiti at East Beach – Jacquie had reported graffiti on the wall of the steps at Woodbush to Jimmy Wilson the Community Warden. Work to remove it had been completed.

xi) Foul brown foam had been seen at Belhaven Beach on Easter Sunday. Matter had been seen coming out of a manhole cover. This had been reported to Scottish Water.

m) Bus stop information – Jacquie had been continuing to chase the lack of and inaccurate bus stop information, particularly from Perrymans. She had raised the problem at both RELBUS and the Bus Forum but it remains.

n) Parking – Jacquie had contacted Cllr. Veitch and Alan Stubbs about the introduction of a time limit at Abbeylands Car Park. She had not had a response before the Election and Cllr Veitch has now moved on.

George has put a map of available Town Centre parking on the website.

Car parking in the bus bays at the Pool car park has again been an issue. Contact will be made with Bill Axon of Enjoy Leisure. **PS**

o) Weather Monitor Vacancy – no further information.

p) Information on Provost Middlemas – requested by Simon Critchley of Bolton. George had dealt with this.

q) Cinema provision query from Michael Maple – Alasdair had written to him.

r) Licensing – Jacquie had written to Marie Winter at ELC to advise that the Community Council had no concerns about the extension of the opening hours at the refurbished High Street Co-op.

s) Hustings – A successful Hustings had been held on 12 April.

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t) East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership Engagement Strategy – Jacquie and Gill had submitted an online response.

u) Surf Performance Centre – Pippa had advised Coast to Coast that Dunbar CC is supportive of this idea in principle. They have now made a request for Local Priorities funding to assist with the cost of a planning application.

v) Restoration of Provost Portraits – no further information

9. Local Priorities:

a) Updates 2016-17 Budget.

Sea Cadet Boat – thanks received

Aine Hay Academy of Irish Dance – Alasdair had advised them that the application had been declined and has suggested making a request to East Lammermuir Community Council as they are based in Innerwick.

Hallhill -Pipe Band Competition 2016- Alasdair had advised that this request had been declined.

Wesley Project - £500 agreed at the March meeting had been increased to £600 as the Ridge polytunnel had cost less than expected.

b) 2017-18 Budget

Held over from March meeting:

Hallhill Sports Centre - £500 for Pipe Band Competition 2017 – Approved.

Rotary Peace Group (Reaching Out) - £500 for colouring book. – Approved.

Traditional Music Festival - £500. Approved

Christmas Lights - £2000. Approved

Civic Week - £2000. Approved.

New Applications:-

Dunbar Trades Association - £500 towards hanging basket project. Approved.

Coast to Coast Surf School - £500 towards the cost of a planning application for the Surf Performance Centre. This was declined as it was felt to be inappropriate for the Community Council to make such a grant when it is a statutory consultee for the ELC Planning process and it may be required to give views at a later date. However, it was agreed that the Community Council would be happy to consider an alternative grant application in the future.

Dunbar Rugby Club - £500 for mini rugby equipment. Approved.

Alasdair agreed to contact applicants with the result of their requests.

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10. Local Area Partnership

Arrangements are continuing to be made for the Summer activity programme.

Further funding requests have been met e.g. for the Rotary Peace Group (Reaching Out) project.

Improvement works have continued along the Clifftop Trail.

Pippa, Jacque, George and Allison Cosgrove had met with the Consultant who is carrying out a review of the ELC Community Planning arrangements. A report will be written once all Local Area Partnerships have been visited.

Next meeting 29 May.

11. Local Councillors Reports:

Cllr. Hampshire reported that there was a minority Labour administration. A Council meeting will take place on 23 May when appointments will be made.

Cllr. Kempson was still settling into her new role but was happy to be attending her first Community Council meeting.

Cllr. McLennan – no report

12. Town Sites at Risk

Horse Mill – not discussed. Deferred until a later meeting.

Former Amusement Arcade site – Deferred until a later meeting.

13. Reports from Committees/Meetings attended.

Day Centre: Jacque, Stephen and Gill Wilson had attended 2 meetings. Jacque had circulated a written report.

The Day Centre had received increased funding from ELC. Donations had come from the Co-operative Community Fund and from the retiral collection at the funeral of Mike O'Donnell. The Care Inspectorate had made a further visit and the grades will be improved.

The upgrade work is still needed.

Jacque, Gill and Alison Lange had met with Julia White from Adult Social Care regarding the new funding and other matters.

Staff along with Gill and Jacque are taking part in Dementia Awareness training.

Adverts will shortly be placed for a Manager to replace Alison who will be leaving after many years of work at the Centre. A further Care Assistant/Passenger Escort is also needed. Interviews will be held in June.

Referrals have been coming in but more are still needed.

Volunteers to help in the daytime and for the Management Committee, particularly a Minute Secretary, are needed. The Courier had featured an article on this but to date there had been no intimations of interest.

A Facebook page is to be set up to raise the profile of the Day Centre in the town – some

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people think it is run by ELC. A website is also under consideration. The AGM will be on 7 June at the Day Centre at 7 p.m.

Viridor Liaison: Stephen and Jacquie had attended on 29 March. Jacquie had circulated a written report.

Landfill – Work continues. All waste has been coming by road due to problems at the Powderhall transfer station. Concerns were noted about slow lorry movements across the Cement Works junction. Some lorries are a potential hazard if they are not able to clear the junction in one movement and they cross slowly across the carriageway.

Concerns were raised about litter. Viridor wish to know of any lorries seen losing waste. There had been a recent fire caused by a lithium battery. It was noted that the public should not put lithium batteries in the waste destined for landfill. Batteries, phones etc. should only be disposed of at ELC Amenity sites. On a brighter note, landfill staff had found an I-pad belonging to an East Lothian girl after it had been put in the bin by her brother!

There had been a problem of pipes for the leachate being tampered with. They now have lockable valves.

SEPA are happy with compliance.

Fly monitoring has started.

Restoration work continues. It is currently expected that the landfill will operate until 2020. Its operating permit will then be reviewed and may be renewed. Raigmore, the other Viridor landfill in Scotland, is due to cease operation in 2018.

ERF – a video presentation had been given.

Work is on track for being operational in December. Once roads and paths are in place a visit might be arranged. It is intended that once operational the plant will have a Visitor Centre. The stack is lower than the Cement Works. It will be part of the Torness exclusion zone for aircraft.

The ERF will employ 55 fulltime equivalent staff working in shifts.

SEPA are happy with the proposals for Electricity Production for the Grid. They will initially do quarterly testing and then annual.

There was discussion about the viability of the Heat Plan. The equipment needed for this part of the operation will not be installed until there is a clear use for the heat. Viridor say they have 7 years to find a use for the heat generated.

There was further discussion about transport safety given the volume of waste coming to the ERF from the waste of Scotland. It was noted that there will be increased pressure from new housing since the site was first considered. Thus safety measures at the junction e.g. lighting may need to be considered in the future. It may be necessary to reopen the old A1 near Broxburn.

The next meeting is at 11.30 on 14 June.

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Joint Community Council Meeting with Viridor. Jacquie and Stephen had attended on 29 March. Jacquie had circulated a written report.

There had been some overlap with discussions at the Liaison meeting earlier in the day. The video presentation had been repeated.

There had been much discussion on the ERF Plant. Representatives at the meeting from Cove and Cockburnspath, Dunbar and East Lammermuir Community Councils all had concerns about the viability of the Energy from Waste part of the operation. SEPA are happy that the Plant meets criteria for producing electricity for the grid and on emissions but there is still no clear use for the heat produced as hot water and steam. Viridor say they have 7 years to find users once the plant is operational. The part of the Plant for this part of the operation will not have equipment installed until there is clarity about the end use.

There was also discussion about safety at the Cement Works junction given the level of waste that will be brought by lorry from the West of Scotland. In addition, there will be pressure on the junction from new housing to the south-east of Dunbar. Viridor said they would be willing to consider support for safety measures/improvements in the area if required in the future.

There was also discussion about the litter problem on the A1. Viridor wish to be advised of any lorries travelling to/from the plant seen losing waste in the area.

In addition to Viridor matters there was also discussion about the Scottish Government Planning Consultation and safe cycling/pedestrian routes along the A1.

A1 Action Group. Jacquie had attended on 22 March. She had circulated a written report.

Concerns about the short slip road to go south at Belhaven had been discussed. The situation will be monitored given the extent of new housebuilding in the area. It seems to have been presumed that this route would not have been the one of choice for residents but it is shorter than going via West Barns, Beltonford and Thistley Cross. There was also discussion about access to the A1 going westward from the Bowerhouse/Bourhouse junction and use of the underpass.

Concerns were raised about the condition of the surface between Torness and Bilsdean. Amey noted the limited budget for resurfacing work. However, work is ongoing along the areas that they are contracted to maintain.

Concerns were raised about litter. Amey said that this was dealt with on a regular basis.

Concerns were raised about the need for safe cycling and pedestrian routes e.g. from Innerwick and around the Pinkertons. It seems that there have been land ownership issues. There are also budget constraints. Discussions about an overpass from Innerwick had lapsed some years ago as the costs involved were extremely high. Amey said that they are wishing to support safe active travel.

There was still a wish to see the A1 dualled for the last part of it single carriageway section. Dualling is to be completed in much of Northumberland.

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It is hoped that the Group will continue. However, it is not known who will be the ELC Councillor responsible after the Election.

Bus Forum. Jacquie had attended on 5 April. A written report had been circulated.

There had been discussion about the continued problem of the lack of up-to-date bus timetables at bus stops, particularly from Perrymans. An issue is the size of display cases at some stops. However, it was noted that information is missing from some full-size shelters and that in other places the timetable on display is from 2014 and thus wrong. It was noted that posters to say the timetables can be downloaded is not helpful for those without a computer or smartphone who want to know when a bus is coming.

Concerns were raised with Perrymans about not giving clear information on when they would be operating a Saturday timetable e.g. during the Christmas/New Year school holidays. It had been suggested that they might alert Community Councils. However, since then a Saturday timetable operated at Easter without notification.

There had been some discussion about smart ticketing across the local transport network which would include all operators and trains. This would assist passengers to move between providers. Eves are hoping to introduce their own Smart System and are sorting out some technology matters.

There was discussion about transport access for people with disabilities including those with dementia. Some of the operators had been giving drivers dementia awareness training. SESTRAN have devised a Thistle card which people and their carers can use to indicate that they need more time to board the bus.

There was discussion about the lack of forward thinking for bus transport in Planning. It was noted that consideration had not been given to bus access at the new Roodlands Community Hospital. Also, the problems for those given social housing at the Hallhill development with no car access as the cost of taxis is high. Operators will not be able to go into the schemes until they are completed and the roads are adopted by ELC. The Scottish Government and Traffic Commissioner wish to see better connectivity between bus and rail transport.

It is hoped that the Bus Forum will continue. However, it is not known who will chair it after the ELC Election on 4 May.

Torness Liaison. Although Alasdair had been notified to Torness as the new rep he had not heard about the meeting until after it had taken place. It seems that Alberto Massimo had attended. Alberto had not passed on paperwork. Alasdair has since passed on correspondence on matters from Torness.

Bleachingfield Committee – Stephen and Gill had attended.

Lafarge Tarmac Liaison – Stephen had attended.

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RNLI AGM – Jacquie had attended on 24 April. A written report had been circulated.

RNLI had completed their regular Coastal Review. They are happy with the way in which Dunbar Station is operated. It was noted that St Abbs had not been so lucky – their lifeboat is no longer supported by RNLI.

The Dunbar crafts continue to have regular call outs although there have not been many in the early part of 2017.

Fund raising continues and the shop is successful. The fete will be on 8 July. Use of Social Media has proved to be successful. It has led to news coverage on rescues e.g. that of 2 female kayakers.

Network Rail – Exhibition regarding new platform. Members had attended on 19 April. Jacquie had circulated photographs of the planned lifts and bridge walkway and a map of the proposals. A Planning Application is still to be submitted. Network Rail hope that the new platform will be completed by 2020.

Be Green Tea Party – Jacquie had attended on 27 April. It had largely been a promotion exercise for Community Windpower.

Community Bakery AGM – Jacquie had attended. A written report had been circulated. Erica Wimbush continues as Chair with Dave Williamson as Secretary and Duncan McKinnell as Treasurer.

The shop had made a small profit in 2016. There has been a benefit to footfall from a return to 6 day opening and the inclusion of some cheaper product lines. Wholesale opportunities have also expanded.

Staff numbers have increased and Colin, the Baker is accredited to train apprentices. The number of shareholders now stands at 938. Of these 74% are from Dunbar and 9% from elsewhere in East Lothian.

Dunbar Harbour Trust Battery Project – A meeting to give information on the project and the opportunity to visit the Battery had been held on 10 May.

14) Correspondence – previously circulated.

Brake – newsletters

Dunbar Harbour Trust (Kenny Maule) – request for a letter of support to seek funding for information panels e.g. from Viridor Credits. George had sent a letter signed by Stephen.

Miriam Anderson – Information on Community Hospital update events in North Berwick and Musselburgh.

Miriam Anderson – Community Hospital Arts Strategy Survey. This was an online questionnaire.

Annouska Woods – Invitation to Be Green Tea Party – 5-6p.m. on 27 April.

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Barbara Gilbert – Confirming 6 June for Belhaven Forum meeting.

Lilian Pryde – Scottish Government consultation on improving parking in Scotland. Responses needed by 30 June.

Paths for All – Information on community grants to maintain, promote and repair paths in the community.

Barbara Allan, Living Streets – Information on Low Speed Communities Workshop to be held in Edinburgh on 28 April.

Lilian Pryde – Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change Programme.

Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government and Planning – response to letter regarding Viridor ERF.

Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Energy Minister – response to letter regarding Viridor ERF.

Shona Robinson MSP, Health Minister – response to letter regarding Belhaven Hospital Ward 2.

Rachel Hamilton MSP – copy of letter to her from Shona Robinson re Belhaven Hospital.

Area Partnership – Channel 4/Reef TV looking for villages to feature in a TV series.

RNLI – Invitation to AGM on 24 April.

Paul Mason of Forth Under Fire – wanting Community Council to contribute to the Scottish Government Consultation on Fracking – due to end on 31 May. Seeking opposition to the industry coming to East Lothian.

Susie Goodwin – North Light Arts newsletter.

Area Partnership – Invitation to be involved in the E.L. Health and Social Care Partnership Engagement Strategy. Online mapping exercise to be completed by 7 April.

Torness – down time at Reactor 2.

Torness – emergency services call out.

Torness - newsletter

Dunbar Twinning Association – newsletter.

Via Website -John Fyall. Concerns about new housing, planning and sewage works at the coast. Jacquie had responded and he had sent a further message to her seeking more detailed information.

Via Website -Heather Christie. Concerns about the Cala Development. Jacquie had responded.

Via Website -Dennis Morrison of Hawick. Seeking information on the potential for further housebuilding near Lochend Woods. Jacquie had responded.

Marine Scotland. Seeking views on an offshore wind farm (Inch Cape) off the Angus coast. Jacquie had tried to phone and had e-mailed to see if it had come to Dunbar Community Council in error but had had no response. Following the meeting she had found that the work is intended for near the former Cockenzie Power Station.

Via Website -Rachel Murray. Concerns about the bright Winter Lights outside her property in the High Street. George had asked Graham to respond which he had done.

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Via Website -Sarah Beattie-Smith. Seeking update on the vacancies following the Election. Information from Jacquie had crossed with this message.

RAGES, RAG newsletter.

John Creasey – concerns about the Cala development.

Mrs Petretti – concerns about the Cala development.

Donald Grant – Acceptance of the Community Council Award

Heather Cameron – Thanks for letter congratulating her on being re-elected to the Scottish Youth Parliament

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Stephen, Jacquie, Gill and Pippa had attended the induction of Michael Veitch as Pastor of the Evangelical Church in Wooler.

Congratulations to Graze – won an award as the Best Independent Coffee Shop at the Scottish Independent Retail Awards.

16. Date of next meeting:

Monday, 19 June 2017 – Awards Night.

The next formal meeting will be at 7 pm on July 17th

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.