

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 17th July at 7 pm in the Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar.

1) Sederunt/Apologies

Present - Stephen Bunyan (Chair), George Robertson (Vice Chair), Jacquie Bell (Secretary/Minute), Sue Anderson, Herbert Coutts, Gill Wilson, Ian Hamilton

Councillors Present – Cllr Sue Kempson, Cllr Norman Hampshire

Others Present – PC Gavin Ross, Cameron Ritchie (Press), Mrs Lyndsey Ritchie,

For Cala item – Craig Lynes (Land Director, Cala), David Stewart (Site Manager, Cala), John Turnbull (Civil Contracts Manager, Cala), Robert Elliott (West Barns Community Council), Tom Dyles, Genevieve Rabiasz, David Dunbar, Mr and Mrs John Creasey, Mr and Mrs Jim Ferguson, Kevin Ferguson, Joan Scambler,

For Gladman item – Stuart Pryde (ELC Amenities), Lynsey Fraser (Gladman), Greg Limb (Gladman)

Apologies - Alasdair Swan (Treasurer), Pippa Swan, Graham Adams, Sarah Beattie-Smith, Will Collin, Jimmy Thorburn (West Barns Community Council), Cllr Paul McLennan

2) Presentation/Discussion – Cala Development at Castle Bay, Belhaven

Craig Lynes noted the history of the site. Detailed planning permission had been granted for 90 houses, including 23 affordable homes by ELC Planning Committee on 7th February. Cala had completed purchase of the land on 24th April and started on site soon after.

The affordable homes will be built by Cala on behalf of LAR Homes and they will be properties available for mid market rent.

£75 contributions will be made towards educational facilities at West Barns Primary and Dunbar Grammar Schools and a new footpath. The latter is currently being designed by ELC officers.

Work is currently being done on site to upgrade drainage/sewer infrastructure. Access to do offsite work to upgrade drainage and sewer infrastructure at the Caravan Park was recently agreed by ELC Planners. It had been agreed with the Caravan Park owners that this work will not commence until September. Jacquie Bell noted that Dunbar and West Barns Community Councils had expressed concern about the safety of pedestrians, particularly school children, when lorries are moving soil on both sides of busy Edinburgh Road. The Planners had not made a condition regarding the hours of operation. Jacquie had raised concerns about this with Iain McFarlane and Linda Ritchie at ELC Planning but both were on holiday. Craig Lynes advised that this issue could be

monitored.

A structure being built was a Sales Office which would later be garaging for one of the new properties. It was hoped to have a show home ready by November. Jacquie noted that Scottish Water had advised Dunbar Community Council in March that house building could not commence until the sewer works were completed to the satisfaction of Scottish Water. Craig Lynes said that Cala were not aware of this condition. Jacquie agreed to clarify the matter with Scottish Water. **JB**

At the Planning Committee, it was agreed that a vehicle access will be made onto Beveridge Row. In the future Beveridge Row might become one way or even a cul-de-sac but such changes would require community consultation and a TRO.

Ms Rabiasz noted problems with the use of water from Tamar for the washing facility. She asked that this should only be during the day and wished to know how long the water would be being used for. She also noted problems with the road cleaner lorry being parked in the driveway between Tamar and Rosebank which made access difficult.

David Stewart agreed to visit on 19th July to discuss the issues.

Mr and Mrs Creasey noted privacy issues. David Stewart agreed to speak to the Security Officer at the site about this.

It was noted that there is to be a buffer zone between the new houses and existing properties in Beveridge Row. There was concern that not so many trees were being planted as originally proposed. Craig Lynes said that ELC Officers had suggested that home owners were likely to chop trees down. It was noted that responsibility for maintenance of the landscaped no man's area dividing the new and existing properties would be with the occupants of the new homes.

3) Discussion – Proposed Gladman Development at Newtonlees

A history of the site was given. Stuart Pryde noted that he had previously spoken to the Community Council in 2014 about the possibility of using the land for a cemetery extension. Community Councillors agreed that this had been the case but that there had been no discussion with the Community Council regarding the Gladman application for Planning Permission in Principle for around 115 homes. There was concern that the proposed development was outwith the Local Development Plan currently awaiting consideration by the Scottish Minister appointed Reporter. Giving agreement to such a proposal would be an unhelpful precedent to make and it was questioned as to what was the point of a Local Development Plan and the time involved in its creation if it was to be ignored.

Lynsey Fraser noted that it was hoped that the application would come to Planning Committee in August or September.

Stuart Pryde noted the necessity to have new burial land for Dunbar. Lynsey Fraser said that at present SEPA had made an objection to the cemetery at the site. However, this was normal and a drainage study was being completed.

Stuart Pryde said that this site could give around 50 years burial capacity which was in line with the ELC burial ground strategy. The Golf Club site previously considered had only offered around 17 years capacity and now access to that site was not possible. He suggested in response to questions that there were not other available options for burial

ground .

Community Councillors noted that they understood the need for burial ground, particularly in light of Dunbar's increasing population. However, they felt that there were major issues with infrastructure for this site.

Jacque noted concerns about transportation, particularly about vehicles from the development using the Cement Works junction. Lynsey Fraser said that ELC Transportation had not had any objections. Jacque noted that the traffic movements were cumulative – there would not only be traffic from this site but also from the Robertson/Avant site and both the landfill and ERF operations at Viridor. Cllr Kempson said that she drove a lorry and had not had problems crossing the A1 near Skateraw. However, others all noted the longstanding discussions of the dangers of the Cement Works junction including at the A1 Action Group.

Concerns were also raised about the poor public transport to the site and the increased pressure on Queens Road and Spott Road. Stephen Bunyan and others queried the possibility of re-opening the old A1 near Broxburn. Cllr Hampshire mentioned that a road may be constructed in the future across the industrial zone on Halhill Developments land towards Asda.

Concerns were raised about sewer infrastructure in light of the problems that had come to light at the Robertson/Avant site. Community Councillors clear that any sewage solution must not pose any risk to the integrity of the beach environment.

4) Minutes of Meeting of May 15th 2017

Minor amendments confirmed – Jacque Bell should be Secretary, addition of George Robertson as Vice Chair, amend R Deignan to Deighan.

Proposed Herbert Coutts, Seconded Gill Wilson

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

Christmas Lights – Graham Adams had circulated a report before the June meeting. The Winter Lights have now been turned off. He had had contact with a High Street resident unhappy that the lights had been shining into their window and had advised them that timers will be fitted. Summer bunting and banners have been erected. Members had noted thanks to Graham and the team.

Civic Week – This had been successful with a range of events. The sun had shone for the Sunday Funday in Lauderdale Park where the Community Council had had an information/awareness raising stall.

There had been an issue raised by ELC about Public Liability Insurance for groups putting on events as part of Civic Week which Sue Anderson had resolved. This issue had arisen for other local Festival/Gala Committees.

Members had noted thanks to Sue and the team.

Stephen Bunyan noted that it would be beneficial to have some wind break in place at the new Battery facility which had been used for the closing Harbour service.

A full account of the 2017 Civic Week monies will be included in the August 2017 Treasurer's Report.

6) Minute Secretary

Margaret Brown had tendered her resignation following the May meeting. A replacement is needed and Stephen asked members to think about possible people who might be approached. Jacquie Bell is covering in the meantime.

7) Police Report

PC Ross spoke to his report which Jacquie circulated following the meeting.

The following report is based on incidents reported to Police between 1st June and 17th July 2017 in the Dunbar Community Council area.

During the period since the last Police Report there have been a few incidents of note in the area. There are more incidents but due to the nature of these or ongoing investigations full details cannot be given.

Ward Priorities

Road Safety

2 reports of persons not recognising road crossing supervisors, drivers traced and warned. Numerous reports of a motorbike travelling at speed and conducting dangerous manoeuvres on Brodie Road. Rider traced and bike sized as they had no insurance. As a new rider, the 6 penalty points caused him to lose his licence.

Antisocial Behaviour

End of term party at Bullet Hill attended by 2-300 youths from various areas of the region. One incident of assault when a female was struck over the head by another female. Charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Youths locally have generally been much quieter but Dunbar youths are known to have been causing problems in Haddington.

Litter

No issues reported

Theft

Far fewer reports of thefts of alcohol committed by youths but two local adults have been traced. A female in her 60s issued a Formal Adult Warning and a woman in her 40s charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Other issues

Fraudulent notes – numerous fraudulent Irish £20 notes used in shops in Dunbar as well as various towns in the Borders. Good images of the 2 suspects obtained but to date they have not been identified.

Dunbar Lifeboat Day – passed without incident.

Civic Week – Passed without incident

CAPP Priorities from 5th June

Speeding in Innerwick and Stenton – speed checks to be carried out

Monitoring youth behaviour on Friday and Saturday evenings at High Street, Lochend Woods and Bullet Hill.

Unauthorized Big Issue sellers in East Linton and Dunbar

Next meeting – 27th July 2017.

DCC issues

Jacquie had informed PC Ross of a couple of speeding cars on Belhaven Road. The same 2 cars had also been seen by the Cala representatives when they had passed the Beveridge Row site.

There had been a lot of campers at the caravan park. This had been related to a scooter rally.

8) Treasurer's Report

Alasdair Swan had circulated his report.

General Fund

The bank statement balance is £1381.79 (last report in May - £577.98).

The annual grant of £958 has been received from ELC and is included in the above balance.

A payment of £154.19 has been made in relation to the hustings prior to the local elections.

Payments are now due for :-

RAGES subscription

Community Council Awards certificates and frames

Awards Reception costs

Christmas Lights Account

The bank balance stands £28,340.14 (last report in May was £28,928.14)

There was one payment for £588 in June.

The new Treasurer is due to take up office this month

Civic Week Account

The Local Priorities Grant has just covered the expenses paid out by ELC on behalf of the Civic Week Committee. There will be a few pounds remitted to the Civic Week Account, being the balance of this grant.

This balance and other grant monies will be needed to cover the remaining costs of Civic Week.

A full account of the 2017 Civic Week will be included in the August 2017 Report

In the meantime it is recorded that the Community owes Sue Anderson a huge debt for all of her management of Civic Week (which includes a tight control of the budget). The 2017 programme was a great success.

9) Matters Arising

a) Planning Matters

i) Local Plan – Paul Zochowski had forwarded a letter from Iain MFarlane at ELC Planning to update on the process. A Reporter, Ms Claire Milne, has been appointed.

ii) SESPLAN- Stage 2 Document – no further information.

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

iv) Proposal for 9 flats and parking at Church Street/Assembly Rooms development. Pippa Swan had circulated correspondence. Cllr Hampshire confirmed that the proposal for the 9 flats in Church Street submitted in June 2015 was not going ahead. The applicant had not owned the land. Consideration is being given to the Assembly Rooms and a development brief with options is being drawn up for the owners to consider. Cllr Hampshire is involved in the discussions.

v) Application at Newtonlees Farm – A request from the developer (Gladman) for a meeting with them and Stuart Pryde of ELC Amenities had been circulated and tonight's discussion (see above) arranged. The application may come to the Planning Committee on August 15th and Jacquie will attend on behalf of the Community Council. **JB**

vi) Viridor – Jacquie had raised concerns about the need for improved connections between Energy provision and Planning with Paul Wheelhouse MSP, the Energy Minister, at a conference in Edinburgh on 23rd May. Her concerns had been reflected by other attendees. She had responded to a Scottish Government consultation on the Energy Strategy, at his request, regarding this issue.

vii) Robertson/Avant Homes – Pippa had raised further concerns with Scottish Water and Marine Scotland about the required sewage work and the potential for damage at the beach. There had been correspondence with the developer regarding concerns about potential damage to the beach and the marine environment. An alternative solution to excavation at the beach for a new sewer pipeline is now to be explored. It is uncertain if the new houses can be occupied if there is not a suitable sewer solution in place and it is not certain how long it will take for an alternative plan to be put into place. Jacquie will contact Scottish Water about this. There had also been correspondence from a number of Walker Homes residents concerned about the levels of dust and noise from the site. **JB**

viii) Laird's House, North Road – the application for demolition of the house and erection of 4 new properties had been withdrawn. A new application had been made for 3 houses at the site. In the meantime, the house had been put up for sale. Jacquie had had contact with Simpson and Marwick the vendors who noted that the preferred option is now to sell the house for renovation and sell part of the land as a plot for 1 property. Jacquie had spoken the Emma Taylor the ELC Planner who had informed her that the application for 3 houses still had to be determined in its own right. Jacquie had made some comments

on that proposal but had noted that, if possible, the preference would be for the interesting existing property to be sold and renovated rather than demolished and for one additional property within the large plot. The house is currently under offer. Jacquie will try to determine what is happening about the planning application. **JB**

ix) Dunbar Golf Club – an updated application is still to be submitted. Jacquie had written to the Secretary and left a phone message to invite them to a special meeting with the Community Council on June 12th. She had circulated a response from John Barber, the Club Secretary, saying that the plans were at an early stage and that the Club will make a formal presentation to the Community Council at a future date. He gave assurance that drainage issues will be taken into account. In the interim Jacquie, George and Alasdair had taken up an invitation to meet at the Clubhouse with Mr Barber and Jacky Montgomery the Director of Golf. There had been a useful discussion. The proposal is to increase the number of planned houses to 71 with a new clubhouse, driving range and 9 hole course. There is a potential for a future hotel. As the housing is enabling development for the golf facilities affordable housing is not required. There had been discussion about the sewage and drainage issues.

x) Dolphin Hotel – no further information. The application is still to be determined.

xi) Bear – Jacquie had submitted the views of the Community Council to ELC Planning. She had contacted Ken Ross, the developer, for further information on how it would fit into a wider masterplan for the area but no reply had been received. The application had been refused by ELC Planners following objections from Transport Scotland. As yet Cllr Hampshire is not aware of an appeal. If one is forthcoming it would be initially heard by a Local Review panel of 3 ELC Councillors. Community Councillors felt that there were potentially alternative sites for the iconic statue but Cllr Hampshire felt that the developer is likely to want to ensure that it is on Halhill Developments land.

xii) Hillside Hotel – Jacquie had submitted the views of the Community Council to ELC Planning.

xiii) Battleblent House – Jacquie had submitted the views of the Community Council to ELC Planning regarding the application for 4 houses and a new access. West Barns Community Council had also submitted their concerns about the development.

xiv) Cala Development, Belhaven – Jacquie had submitted the Community Council views on the proposed temporary access for sewage works near Belhaven Caravan Park to ELC Planning. This application had been approved in June. Unfortunately requests from both Dunbar and West Barns Community Councils to control operating times to enable a safe route to school between West Barns and Dunbar, as there will be plant operating on both sides of the road, had not been made a condition of the approval. Jacquie had contacted the ELC Planner, Linda Ritchie, and Head of Planning, Iain McFarlane, about this but both have been on holiday.

Residents continue to raise concerns about noise and dust from the site. One had contacted Environmental Health. He had also raised concerns about flash flooding of the excavations which were potentially attractive to young people during the hot May weather. In early June a 5 m pile of loose earth had been placed near the boundary of a Beveridge Row property and on 9th June a JCB had been parked on top of it. Concerns had been noted that erection of show properties may have started.

Craig Lynes of Cala had accepted an invitation to attend tonight's meeting (see above discussion).

xv) Replacement Telecommunications Base Station (Vodafone) at Eve's Deport – pre-application consultation. Jacquie had circulated information. She had noted to ELC Planning the Community Council view that any infrastructure to improve coverage in the town would be welcome.

xvi) Foggo's Yard – application for Beer Garden to replace yard area. Jacquie had noted support from the Community Council as part of the Micropub application. The application had been approved in June.

xvii) Planning in Conservation Areas –

The Co-op at 21 High Street has become a McColls. Retrospective Planning Permission for advertising consent for the new signage is being chased by David Taylor of ELC Planning Enforcement.

Repainting of the Flux Gallery, a change of name sign at Dunbar Value and signs for Scoobie Snacks at the Castle Hotel have been noted to Planning as they have not been given planning permission/advertising consent.

xviii) 17/00323/P – An application for work by The Ridge on land at the back of 72-88 High Street affecting the conservation and a listed building had been made, part of which was retrospective. It included a temporary shed and solar panels. Jacquie had noted to Planning that the Community Council had no concerns and that it is supportive of the work of The Ridge in its work to regenerate the Backlands.

xix) 17/00516/P – An application for Velux roof windows, vents etc to allow a loft conversion at 8 Seafield Crescent, Belhaven had been submitted. Jacquie had noted concerns to Planning that this will affect the harmony of the listed terrace of properties within Belhaven conservation village. She had also noted concerns raised by Pippa about the soil pipe route and the possible need for internal alterations which were not shown in the sketches provided e.g. to fire rate all doors onto the stair. Stephen agreed to circulate a letter from Bill Dodd of the Architectural Heritage Society East Lothian Cases Panel regarding concerns about the application. **SB**

xx) 17/00488/PM – Erection of 73 houses and 8 flats on land south of Brodie Road. Views were sought from the Community Council on this application by Persimmon Homes. The development is within the local plan currently being processed although the suggestion was for 50 properties. Jacquie agreed to inform Planning that the Community Council is supportive of the development of this area for housing. However, it would prefer to see a smaller number of homes developed on the site. **JB**

xxi) It is now possible to locate applications by Council Ward/Community Council area.

b) Bowe Cup/Community Council Awards 2017

These had been awarded at a successful evening on June 20th.

Bowe Cup – Samantha Kaszuba

Certificates to Brad Robertson, Lewis Campbell, Zozia Kukzok

Community Council Award – Donald Grant MBE who had also received an award from the Met Office for his long years of service.

Certificates to Betty Main, Isobel Gardner, Mike Shaw, Alan Kerr

c) Twinning Links

Lignieres – Members had had a fundraising stall at the Civic Week Fun Day on June 17th.

Adrien Baert from Lignieres is visiting in July. He is staying with the Wyllie family and working at Ruchlaw Farm.

Clare Mackenzie and Ruth Patterson are the DGS pupils going to Lignieres over the summer.

John Muir Links – Friends of John Muir Birthplace had hosted a celebration for the 125th anniversary of the Sierra Club on May 28th. Jacquie had attended. There is an exhibition linked to the Anniversary at the Birthplace with text by Will Collin and Duncan Smeed.

Gail Culbertson, great great granddaughter of John Muir and her partner, Sam, had visited the Birthplace on May 28th.

d) East Beach

Kelp had been cleared in May.

There had been a problem with flies. Pippa had circulated correspondence with ELC about the problems.

There had been much correspondence by Pippa with various bodies regarding the plans for sewage system upgrading work at the beach and the risk of further damage to the coastal environment. An alternative is now to be sought with Scottish Water and Avant Homes. It is hoped that these plans will take into account any development by the Golf Club and Gladman. Jacquie agreed to seek an update on the situation. **JB**

DSHNG have done a full inspection of the local area and various issues have been raised with ELC and other bodies.

e)20mph zone

Jacquie had circulated initial information from Barbara Allan of Living Streets following the 20 mph workshop that she had attended in April.

Jacquie and Herbert Coutts had met with Barbara Allan and a photographer on 12th July to take photos at the 20 mph zone in Kellie Road and Brodie Road.

Jacquie had responded to the Private Member Bill consultation on 20 mph being the default speed limit in residential areas. This Bill is being promoted by Green MSP Mark Ruskell.

At Barbara Allan's request Jacquie had contacted Ian Malcolm of Aberlady Conservation and History Society about the Dunbar experience of working with ELC on 20 mph as it is being considered for the village. She and Herbert will meet with him on July 20th.

f) Winterfield Park

The Friends of Winterfield (FOW) AGM was held on May 30th in Belhaven Parish Church Hall. Jacquie and Sue had attended and remain on the Committee. Gordon Millar continues as the Chair and Esther Hughes as Secretary.

Some of the Committee had met with Pippa to discuss possible further enhancement of facilities at the Park. She had drawn up an outline plan as a launchpad for discussions including some simple ideas for mowing and soft landscaping. There will be further discussions and links may be made with other community groups to progress improvements to the Park. It has been suggested that a Working Group should be formed. The Local Area Partnership may be involved in funding.

FOW will be looking to provide more benches and to work with ELC on soft landscape projects.

There have been some problems with vandalism to trees in the park.

g) Corn Exchange – no further information

h) Belhaven Hospital

Fiona O'Donnell is now the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care at ELC. It was agreed that she should be invited to a future meeting (September/October). **JB**

A meeting of the Belhaven Forum had been held on June 27th. Jacquie had circulated a note of this meeting. There are still no firm decisions on the future of Ward 2 and a further meeting of the Forum will be on August 25th. Gill Wilson is part of a small group looking at options. Cllr Hampshire noted that discussions are continuing about provision of extra care housing. Ian Hamilton noted concerns about the closure of Ward 3 at Roodlands. Community Councillors still wish to see a local Health and Social Care facility and there is feeling that the community based projects like ELSIE do not meet the care needs of all those who currently use Ward 2 e.g. for 24-hour observation.

Belhaven Community Garden (a sub group of Sustaining Dunbar) continues to cultivate the grounds around the hospital. The Group had had a £1000 grant towards its work from the Courier/Cala Homes fund. Members of the public can pick up flowers and vegetables from the Group – an honesty box is placed in the Polytunnel at the garden.

i)Condition of Parish Churchyard – no further information

j) War Memorial – an appraisal and quote for the required works had been received from Robert Heath and circulated to members. Further information will be brought to the August meeting.

k) Dunbar High Street

Work is still outstanding at the one-way system near the Abbey Church, the cobbled crossing near the Co-op (now McColls) and other areas. Pippa has been chasing this. Jacquie has also further reported the dangerous state of the cobbles after complaints from members of the public.

Dunbar Trades Association (DTA) have progressed with hanging baskets. The Ridge will be helping to water them. Pippa had circulated the DTA meeting minute with further information on the project.

Pippa had had contact with Mary Young of Dunbar in Bloom regarding High Street planters.

DTA and others are concerned about a number of matters related to the High Street. A High Street upgrade group is to be established as a sub group of the Local Area Partnership.

l) Town Maintenance

i) *Tobies* – Jacquie had chased Scottish Water regarding the missing Toby top near the Jet Garage and it has now been replaced.

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

iii) *Wall between Hillside Hotel and Newhouse Terrace* – Jacquie had had further contact with Jessica Milburn the Manager at Lammermuir House. Jessica has been in contact with the central Estates Manager in Glasgow but repair is still required.

- iv) Jacquie had reported a number of pot holes around town. Some had been repaired but others still require attention.
- v) *Victoria Street well benches* – Alasdair had continued to chase their repair.
- vi) *Condition of building above Pound Shop*. Pest Controller Scott Hood had visited and examined the roof. This has holes which have been an entry point for birds which may be the cause of the smell. The situation is to be followed up by Environmental Health.
- vii) *Condition of gardens/property at Fairfield, Beveridge Row*. This has become increasingly overgrown. A friend of the owner had told Jacquie that the weeds had been allowed to grow further to stop people from going in to steal plants and planters. They had said that the bags of bottle tops have been removed from the garden. Legal processes are underway and the owner will not be returning to live in the property.
- viii) *Condition of Hospital Road*. This still needs repair. Jacquie continues to chase ELC Transportation. **JB**
- ix) *Spott Road Traffic Lights* – are now working.
- x) *Information Boards at the Jubilee Fountain, Brownie Garden in Belhaven and at The Glebe* all need repair. Stephen will contact Stuart Pryde at ELC to ask for this to be arranged. **SB**
- xi) *Flags at the Town House* are worn and need replacement. Stephen will look into this – initially with the person who had previously provided flags to the Community Council. **SB**
- xii) *An Information Board about the Lochend House Arch* would be beneficial at the Community Woodland. Jacquie had contacted Isobel Knox of DCWG about this and she would be happy to consider this as a joint project. The matter will be discussed further at a future DCC meeting.

- xiii) *Overgrown Gardens at Grahame Place.* Jacquie had been in contact with Jimmy Wilson (Community Warden) and Stuart Pryde at ELC Amenities about the condition of the gardens at the empty properties in this scheme (Number 1-3, 5,6 and 18). Windows at Number 2 had been vandalised. Stuart had suggested that the builder was responsible. However, Jacquie had been told by the owner of an occupied property that the houses all belong to the same owner and are being marketed by Your Move in Dalkeith. Jacquie had been chasing this up without success. In the meantime, grass and weeds had grown higher and Ragwort (controlled species) was rampant. The owners of numbers 7 and 17 had done some strimming and the owner of 7 had emptied the vandalised bin of Number 2 which had been full of fetid water. Jacquie will continue to try and get something done. **JB**
- xiv) *Broken flashing 20 mph sign in Belhaven Road.* Jacquie had reported this to ELC and will continue to chase its repair. **JB**
- xv) *Overgrown hedge at Lammermuir Crescent.* This was again blocking the footpath. Jacquie had reported it to Jimmy Wilson the Community Warden. She will chase its cutting back. **JB**
- xvi) *Exposed culvert* – As part of the Cala discussion Genevieve Rabiasz noted problems with land in a strip between Tamar and the Cala site. It seems the land is overgrown and the vegetation is covering a damaged culvert. It is not part of the land for which Cala is responsible and Jacquie agreed to pass the concerns on to ELC and Scottish Water. **JB**

m) Bus Stop Information

Jacquie had continued to chase the lack of and inaccurate bus stop information, particularly from Perryman's (now Borders Buses). She had raised the problem at both RELBUS and the Bus Forum but it continues. She will continue to try and get information put into place. **JB**

n) Parking

Jacquie had contacted Alan Stubbs at ELC and Cllr Veitch about the introduction of a time limit on parking at Abbeylands but had not had a response. Cllr Hampshire said that he is now the spokesperson for Transportation. Such a move would need a TRO. Some residents would not be happy about a restriction. Herbert suggested the introduction of a Residents' Permit as in other towns like Musselburgh.

It was noted that it has been easier to park in the High Street since Traffic Wardens were introduced.

Stephen asked if Blue Badge holders could park for longer than 90 minutes in the disabled bays near the toilets. It was thought that there was not a time limit for Blue Badges.

Concerns were noted that the coastal car park machines would not accept the new £1 coins and that some people had been given parking tickets. Cllr Hampshire said that this issue is being dealt with.

Car parking in the bus bays at the Pool had again been an issue. Pippa had agreed to raise this with Enjoy Leisure. **PS**

Herbert noted that it is some distance for people to walk to Aitken's chemist from the disabled bay near the bus stop. Gill said that the number of parking spaces has been reduced in the High Street due to loading and taxi areas. It was suggested that parking may be considered as part of discussions on High Street upgrade.

o) Weather Monitor Vacancy – had been filled.

p) Restoration of Provost Portraits

Stephen hoped to get more information about this at the next Museum Group meeting.

Herbert suggested that the originals might be put into safe storage and good copies put on display. He also suggested that a grant for the restoration may be available from Museums and Galleries Scotland.

10) Local Priorities

Alasdair had reported that the uncommitted budget for 2017/18 was £9681.38 which included a small carry over from 2016/17

Updates

Halhill Sports Centre – Alasdair had written to confirm the award of £500 for the May 2017 Pipe Band Competition.

Rotary Peace Group (Reaching Out) – Alasdair had written to confirm the award of £500 for the dementia colouring book.

Traditional Music Festival – Alasdair had written to confirm the grant of £500

Christmas Lights - £2000 had been awarded

Civic Week - £2000 had been awarded.

Dunbar Trades Association – Pauline Jaffray had written to give thanks for the £500 award for hanging baskets

Coast to Coast Surf School – Alasdair had written to explain by the funding towards a planning application had been declined but he had suggested that the Community Council would consider a future application for something else. The surf school are progressing lease arrangements with ELC.

Dunbar Rugby Club – Alasdair had written to confirm the grant of £500 for mini rugby

Dunbar History Society – Pauline Smeed had written to give thanks for the grant of £500 towards republication of Stephen’s book. Sales have been going well.

New Applications

Dunbar Bowling Club - It was agreed to give £300 for training equipment to encourage junior members.

11) Local Area Partnership

The various activities for the Summer School programme had been very successful and the youngsters had enjoyed themselves. Thanks were given to all those who provided activities and made arrangements for the programme.

It had been suggested that an Education Monies Advisory Group should be set up. Sheila Robertson who had assisted with the Summer School would be willing to assist with this.

Consideration is to be given to further work to upgrade the coastal pathway including the Promenade. Pippa and George had met with Neil Clark of ELC Landscape and Countryside who would be keen to resurface the Promenade. George had submitted an application to Viridor Credits.

Consideration is to be given to further improvements to the High Street and a High Street Upgrade sub group will be formed.

The next meeting will be on August 7th. David Small and others will attend from the Local Health and Social Care Partnership to discuss the future of Belhaven Hospital.

12)Licensing

McColls 21 High Street. This needs a new licence following its change from being a Co-op. Jacquie had been advised by Maree Winter at ELC that the business had 6 weeks from the change of ownership to have a new licence granted.

Micropub, Station Yard – application for Provisional Premises Licence. Jacquie had noted to ELC Licensing that the Community Council was in support of this.

13) Local Councillors' Reports

Cllr Hampshire – He noted that the Local Development Plan is being finalised and that a Reporter has been appointed. The Planning Committee had discussed some big applications for Wallyford and Gullane. There is still a land supply issue for ELC to address.

Cllr Kempson – no report

Cllr McLennan – no report

14) Town Sites at Risk

Horse Mill – Stephen had had contact with Ian Torrance. He would like to improve the structure but the owners are not willing for work to be done.

Former Amusement Arcade – no further information

Abbey Church – Donald Budge had been in contact about this. The Church had been sold in 2017 and then auctioned for a guide price of £32000 in July but full details of the sale were not known. The Auction details had noted that planning permission is in place to form a commercial property within the shell of the structure. It was hoped that more information might come to light.

15) Community Choices Fund

Information on this opportunity for participatory budgeting with a fund of £750,000 available for Community Councils and similar bodies across Scotland had been received at very short notice given the summer vacation period. Alasdair had had contact with the Ridge and Sustaining Dunbar but all felt that they did not have ideas sufficiently formulated to apply at the time. It was hoped that discussions may take place for an application to be made to any future funding round.

16) Reports from Committees/Meetings Attended.

a) Day Centre

The AGM had been held on June 7th. Gill, Jacquie and Stephen had attended. Gill remains as Chair with Jacquie as Vice Chair and Stephen as a Committee member along with Keith Mills. Richard Smeed continues as Treasurer. Further Committee members are still needed as a volunteers to help out with activities etc.

The Day Centre had had a follow up inspection by the Care Inspectorate. Grades had considerably improved in all areas.

Staff interviews had been held on July 5th. Michelle Johnson had joined the Day Centre as a Day Care/Passenger Assistant on July 17th. The post of Manager was still being considered.

Jacquie and Gill had been taking part alongside staff in dementia training.

Jacquie had set up a Facebook page and asked Community Councillors with Facebook access to like it.

b) Friends of Winterfield AGM – Jacquie and Sue had attended (see above)

c) Viridor Liaison – Stephen and Jacquie had attended on June 14th.

Landfill – Waste is still coming by road due to structural problems at Powderhall Transfer Station. A variety of hauliers is being used and they are being asked to take care that litter is not spread.

SEPA have had no complaints about the site.

Fly monitoring had started.

Restoration work on completed cells had started with soil being brought from housing sites around Dunbar and Belhaven.

The site is expected to continue operating until 2020. It will then be subject to review.

ERF – The building work continues. A video had been shown.

The Heat Plan for end use of the hot water/steam is not due for further review until January 2018. Users are still being sought.

There was discussion about the safety of the Cement Works junction given the number of lorry movements to the plant as well as to the landfill and vehicle movements from current and proposed new housing. Viridor would be willing to be part of discussions if required in the future about safety measures in this vicinity.

d) Common Ground – Jacquie had attended this workshop for local community groups arranged by Sustaining Dunbar on June 10th. There had been useful discussion on issues affecting Dunbar and District and how groups might work together to enhance life in the community and the local environment. Areas raised had included planning, housing and sustainability.

e) Dunbar Trades Association– Jacquie had attended.

The main activity had been the erection of the hanging baskets. These are being watered by The Ridge.

Members wished to see improvements to the fabric of the High Street and were concerned about the future of buildings at risk e.g. the Corn Exchange and the Abbey Church. Chairman Stephen Hill will join the High Street Upgrade Group being set up by the Local Area Partnership.

The Discover Dunbar booklet was proving popular as were Roy Pugh's history walks around the town centre.

Kate Darrah had spoken of plans by The Ridge for works to restore historical buildings in Black Bull Close. There would be a pre-planning application public exhibition at the Bleachingfield Centre between 10 am and 7.30 pm on 27th and 28th July.

Donald Budge had raised issues regarding the empty Abbey Church.

New businesses will be coming to Dunbar including a florist, an estate agent and a hairdresser. A new snack business had opened at The Castle Hotel.

17) Correspondence – previously circulated

Brake – newsletters

Barbara Gilbert – June 27th date for Belhaven Forum meeting and minutes. August 25th for Belhaven Forum meeting.

Paths for All – Information on Community Council drop in surgeries regarding path grants

Barbara Allan, Living Streets re photo opportunity for 20mph project. Arranged for July 13th

Via Website – John Fyall. Seeking information on the numbers of local people qualifying for affordable housing.

Craig Lynes , Cala. Response to concerns about the Belhaven development and agreeing to meet with the Community Council on July 17th.

Mark Ruskell MSP – Consultation on proposed Private Members Bill on 20 mph as a default speed. Jacquie had responded that the Community Council are supportive.

Paul Zochowski – Letter forwarded from Iain McFarlane regarding submission of the LDP to Scottish Ministers and the appointment of a Reporter.

Via Website – Rosie Scurr – Seeking advice on where to hold an exhibition on the Neart na Gaoithe Off Shore Windfarm. Jacquie had suggested the Bleachingfield Centre.

Ian Dawson, Met Office – Asking permission for Martin Leishman of the Met Office to attend the Awards Night for Donald Grant. This had been agreed and he had attended.

Via Website- Jodie Kane, Galliford Try – Pre-application consultation on replacement mobile base station – at Eve’s Deport rather than within the Parish Church tower. Members felt any infrastructure to improve mobile coverage would be beneficial.

Duncan Smeed – Invitation to Sierra Club 125th anniversary event at the Birthplace on May 28th

RAGES – Electronic newsletters and Renewal reminder. Jacquie had paid the membership renewal.

Via Website - Karl-Heinz Sevenich, Frankfurt am Main – Seeking information on a friend who had moved to Dunbar. Pippa had agreed to respond to him.

Sandy Baptie, ELC- Yellow Weather Warning

John Creasey – various concerns about the Cala site

Moira Porter – Concerns about the Robertson Homes and Avant sites

Torness – Increased security measures following the terrorist attack in Manchester

Torness – End of outage at Reactor 1

Torness – Newsletters

Torness – Date of Next Liaison meeting -22/3/18. Alasdair will attend

Dunbar Golf Club – Invitation to meet and discuss the Planning application

Pauline Smeed – Thanks for the Local Priorities grant to the History Society

Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading – Newsletters

Barbara Allan – Information about the 20 mph Workshop on April 28th

Lilian Pryde – Improvement Service news for Community Councils including Plant a Tree Charter – Legacy Tree

Via Website – Sandy Lough – Seeking information about the Lochend Arch –
Jacquie had responded and passed to Stephen for more information

Via Website – Gladman Homes, Lynsey Fraser – Seeking a meeting about the
application in principle for houses and cemetery at Newtonlees

Susie Goodwin – Invitation to North Light Arts Floes Festival on June 10th

Via Website – Nick Harvey, Seafarers UK – Asking for a Red Ensign to be flown
on Merchant Navy Day in September. Stephen had passed this to Gordon
Easingwood for action.

Community Windpower – Invitation to Aikengall Family Day on June 24th

Isobel Gardner – Acceptance of invitation to Awards Night

Lewis Campbell – Acceptance of Award and apology for Awards Night

Mike Shaw – Acceptance of invitation to Awards Night

Betty Main – Acceptance of invitation to Awards Night

Brad Robertson – Acceptance of invitation to Awards Night

Zosia Kukzoc – Acceptance of invitation to Awards Night

Police Scotland via LAP and Sandy Baptie – Response to Terrorism attack in
London on June 3rd

Common Ground – Invitation to interactive workshop on June 10th

Robert Heath – Appraisal and quote for work at the War Memorial

West Coast Motors (Perryman's) – Newsletters

Dunbar Twinning Association – Newsletter

Via Website – Gordon Jack PHD student working as an intern at the Scottish Courts
Service. Seeking people to take part in a Focus Group looking at perception of youth
crime and youth offending. Jacquie had offered to take part but no date yet agreed.

Sue Northrop – Dementia Friendly East Lothian newsletter

Laura Turnbull – East Lothian Community Hospital newsletter

Michael Veitch – Arrival of Atholl James Veitch on July 2nd. Jacquie had sent best wishes from Dunbar Community Council

Mr and Mrs Blair – Stephen had written regarding the award of a Posthumous First Class Honours degree from Napier University to their daughter, Meghan, who had tragically been killed in an accident on the A1 in December 2016.

Scottish Government – Summary of responses to the Consultation on the Planning Process.

Lilian Pryde – Consultation on the Climate Change Bill

Alberto Massimo – Concerns about an injury to his daughter from a fall on a metal grid at Halhill. Concerns about vehicles with idling engines at Dunbar Railway Station and wishing Police to do daily checks. Jacquie had contacted and passed the idling engine concerns to PC Ross.

Lilian Pryde – Community Choices Fund

Strive – Volunteer Mapping Project – Jacquie had responded on behalf of the Community Council.

Andrew Robinson, HADAS – Seeking information on developments outwith the Local Development Plan. Jacquie had supplied information

Craig Huggan, Manager The Ridge Backlands Project – Report and pictures of the Polytunnel funded by FCC. Invitation to visit on a Thursday or Friday between 10 and 4. Jacquie had noted that members may be interested in taking up this opportunity.

Scott Glynn, Walk With Scott Foundation – Funds had been raised for 5 RemPods for East Lothian day centres and care homes. Invitation to handover event at Loch Centre, Tranent on 20th July

Christine Dora, ELC – Invitation for LAP members to take part in Induction for ELC Councillors on the work of LAPs on August 15th

Barbara Allan, Living Streets – Asking for contact to be made with Ian Malcolm of Aberlady Conservation and History Society re 20 mph. Jacquie had been in contact and arranged a meeting (see above)

Via Website – Raphael, Redcurrant Housing Co-operative. They are hoping to use a former hotel for shared housing and wish to talk to the Community Council. It is a different group to the Housing Co-op that Jacquie has been advising. It was agreed that Jacquie will invite them to the August meeting.

Via Website – James Murray – Concern about the state of verges in Spott Road – George had passed to ELC

Via Website – J Boulton – Concerns about speeding in Queens Road and Spott Road. George had advised that this will be discussed at the CAPP and passed the issues on to PC Ross

Edinburgh Airport- CAA Consultation on aircraft noise

Sandy Lough – Requesting the date of the Community Council meeting. Jacquie had advised

18)AOCB

Congratulations – to Maria Lyle, past Bowe Cup winner, who had won a Bronze Medal in the T35 200 metres at the World Para Athletic Championships in London on 16th July. She will also take part in the T35 100 metres final on 19th July. Jacquie agreed to send a note of congratulations on behalf of DCC.

Congratulations –to Cameron Ritchie of East Lothian Courier and his wife Lyndsey were proposed by Stephen in recognition of their recent marriage.

Chemists – Herbert noted concern that neither chemist is open on a Saturday afternoon. Jacquie said she thought this had been raised in the past and that there was an issue about having a qualified pharmacist on duty at all times. She agreed to follow this up with the pharmacies. **JB**

19) Date of Next Meeting – August 21st

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm