

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 19th February 2018 at 7 pm in the Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar

1) Sederunt/Apologies -

Present – Stephen Bunyan (SB) Chair, George Robertson (GR) Vice Chair, Jacquie Bell (JB) Secretary, Alasdair Swan (AS) Treasurer, Pippa Swan (PS), Will Collin (WC), Herbert Coutts (HC), Ian Hamilton (IH), Sara Covey (SC), Graham Adams (GA), Gill Wilson (GW).

Councillors Present – Cllr Hampshire, Cllr Kempson

Others Present – Cameron Ritchie (Press), PC Gavin Ross, Stuart Pryde (ELC), Sandy Baptie (ELC) and members of the public -Rowena Halliday, Mike Shaw, Rev Keith Mills, Dr and Mrs Clowes (for Harbour Court item).

Apologies – None

Welcome to Sara Covey

Welcome to Rowena Halliday – observing with a view to joining DCC

Congratulations Zosia Kukzok, pupil at DGS and a past winner of a Community Council Achievement Certificate – named best British speaker at the International Mock Court competition held in The Hague.

Congratulations – John Muir Awards – Celebrating the 21st Anniversary of their launch.

2) Presentation/Discussions

a) Stuart Pryde – Principal Amenities Officer, ELC

Stuart came to address a number of issues raised by DCC in recent months *Winterfield Park*. He apologised that the request for DCC and DELAP to be represented in meetings had not been taken positively. The process seemed to be taking considerable time following the production of a starter plan by PS in early 2017. It had been hoped to use some of the DELAP amenities project on the park but this had not been possible. A meeting will be held on February 22nd which JB will attend. It was noted that Winterfield is a Field in Trust and that Friends of Winterfield are linked closely to oversight of its upkeep.

Parish Churchyard. There was discussion about the wildflower pilot which had been well received. Unfortunately, although the issue of erosion around headstones is recognised there are not the resources to roll the wildflower project out over the whole churchyard. HC queried if there could be consideration of others in the community being involved e.g. The Ridge. He noted adopt a monument schemes in other towns.

Stuart noted that the Wingate Memorial is to be restored.

Lauderdale Park toilets. There was discussion about the problems of toilet access when the café is closed. Stuart will speak to the franchise holders of the café. A main door access would be beneficial when the café is closed.

Victoria Street Benches – they are the remit of property services (Graham Brotherstone).

Doon Avenue bench – replacement with a reconditioned bench is in hand.

Information Boards at Glebe, Jubilee Fountain and Brownie Garden- will be installed very soon

b) Sandy Baptie, ELC re Resilience and Community Safety

He is visiting all Community Councils to update on resilience and other community safety matters.

The aim within the ELC Community Plan is for all East Lothian citizens to live in a safe environment.

There are different aspects to the work

- a) Resilient Communities. It is hoped that all Community Councils will produce Resilience Action Plans. This is based on A Community Resilience Toolkit which Sandy circulated. He could help to draw up a plan. However, it is recognised that this is a lot of work. It would be beneficial for community councils to have an asset register of skills, equipment and knowledge and to feed this into an ELC register.

A new text message alert system is being set up. Community Councils should submit 2 or more mobile numbers for emergencies.

E mail alerts e.g. on weather are now regularly sent to Community Council contacts.

Rest Centre Training. There will be an exercise at the Bleachingfield on June 26th. Volunteers are sought.

Names are needed to attend a Resilience Workshop at the Brunton Hall on 27th October

- b) Safety Advisory Group. This is now in place. Event Organisers should contact as soon as they have dates so that everything can be put into place.
- c) Food Fraud – This is an increasing issue. Concerns should be passed to Environmental Health or Crimestoppers.
- d) Counter Terrorism. At present radicalisation is not seen as an issue in East Lothian. However, it can arise anywhere. Citizens should be aware and if need be report any concerns to ELC. Fiona Robertson, Head of Education at ELC is the point of contact.

3) Minutes of Meeting of January 15th 2018 -approved

4) Sub-committee Reports

Christmas Lights - GA had circulated his report.

From the £5000 application to Be Green a grant of £1000 had been received. Other options for grants and fundraising will be considered.

Maintenance is about 70% completed for this year's work which will allow upgrade work to continue. It is hoped to take LED upgrading up to 75% complete, install the last of the distribution boxes, remake 50% of the catenary power cables, renew the nativity scene and move the lamp post lighting brackets.

Applications for the 2018 road closures and parking suspensions will be made in March. GA noted that some of the summer banners have become very worn. PS agreed to discuss with him. **GA/PS**

GA thanked DCC members for the reception given in recognition of the Team's work in December.

Civic Week. – AS had circulated a budget. (See Treasurer's Report) Plans are going OK. SC has joined the committee.

5) Police Report

PC Ross spoke to his report which was based on incidents reported to the Police between 15th January and 19th February.

Road safety – Nothing to report. A CAPP priority is to conduct speed checks on A1097 Queens Road to Broxburn following the change in speed limits in the area.

Concerns were raised again by members about the safety of the cement works junction, particularly once slow lorries start bringing waste by road to the Viridor ERF site.

Antisocial Behaviour – Youth related ASB. Large groups of youths have been congregating in recent weeks. A number of houses and business had had eggs thrown at them. 2 youths have been charged and another 2 will be charged regarding threatening behaviour towards a couple in JMCP.

2 HMOs in Harbour Court – work is ongoing by ELC and the Police regarding issues.

Litter – Jimmy Wilson the Community Warden has been conducting work regarding issues with litter on the A1 coming from lorries going to/from the landfill site at Oxwellmains. Jacquie noted that the issue had been discussed at the recent Viridor Liaison meeting. Some contractors have been spoken to by the site manager, Barry Falgate. If road users see litter coming from a lorry connected with Viridor they should report the matter to Barry who will follow up.

Members noted issues with litter blowing from the building site near Deerpark.

Theft – at 3 am on 1st February a large low loader trailer was stolen from Thomsons, Spott Road. Enquiries are ongoing.

CAPP Priorities from 14th February

Speeding on A1087 between Queens Road and Broxburn

HMOs at Harbour Court

Lack of visibility of road kerbs and islands due to mud.

Next meeting 28th March

There was a discussion about the HMO issues at Harbour Court which have been causing distress to local residents for some time. The problems with workers sub contracted to work on the construction of the Viridor ERF plant had been discussed at the CAPP and Viridor Liaison meetings. They are being housed in 2 properties that have been sublet in what would appear to be overcrowded circumstances. Alterations seem to have been made to No 3 (a listed building) without planning permission. An application has been made for No 1 to be an HMO. JB has had contact with Kirsty McNeil the ELC lawyer about this. Cllr Hampshire thought the application had been withdrawn. Notice to quit seems to have been served on the tenant at No 3 by the owner. JB will clarify this with ELC legal services. JB will advise ELC Planning Enforcement of the potential breach of planning legislation. **JB**

6) Vacancies

Community Councillor - Jacquie had met with Rowena Halliday who is interested in joining the Community Council. She has just moved to Belhaven. Rowena attended tonight and gave brief information about herself. Members felt she would have useful skills to offer. HC queried rules on residence in the community. JB agreed to check this with Lilian Pryde at ELC. **JB**

Minute Secretary – Still vacant. Jacquie is covering meantime.

7) Treasurer's report – circulated

a) General

General Fund

The bank balance stands at £1152.57 (last month £823.27)

The Secretary has been paid expenses.

Cheques were issued for Countess Youth Club (£15), Dunbar Community Bakery (£100) and 1st Dunbar Boys' Brigade (£250). To date only the first of these has been cashed.

£500 has been received from ELC's Local Priorities Fund to cover the above 3 payments which is why the bank account has increased.

Christmas Lights Account

The bank balance stands at £6888.45 (last month £8539.83)

The major item of expenditure was £2754 which forms part of the planned capital project. This related to the new cable that runs from the Abbey Church to the central island on the High Street.

A £1000 grant was received from Community Windpower via Be Green.

Civic Week Account

The bank balance stands at £5771.62 (no movement)

There has been no recent activity on the account.

The Civic Week Budget for 2018 is

Event Costs	£2350
First Aid	£ 400
Royal Court	£ 750
Total Costs	£4600

Funded By

Community Council Grant	£2000
Other grants	£2250
Donations	£ 350
Total Income	£4600

JB had passed AS information on Insurance renewal. This is paid by ELC.

c)Local Priorities

The 2017/18 budget is £9681

This meeting had £431 to consider for allocation prior to the end of the financial year.

Applications for Discussion

Dunbar in Bloom - £500 towards event linked with Street Art Trail

Dunbar Street Art Trail - £500 towards 2018 event

Dunbar Dementia Carers Support Group - £250 for activities

In addition a previous meeting had agreed to keep the donation to the Community Bakery under review.

It was agreed that further information was needed on the Dunbar in Bloom and Street Art Trail applications which are linked. There was not sufficient funds for them at this time.

It was agreed to give the Dunbar Dementia Carers Group £250 and to give the residual £181 to the Community Bakery.

AS will write to applicants.

8) Secretary's Report – had been circulated

Town Maintenance Issues

- 1) Bollard in Queens Road- has been replaced
- 2) Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. JB is chasing the Four Seasons Estates Manager in Glasgow for an update. Some red markings have appeared on the pavement near the most damaged parts.
- 3) Condition of Fairfield, Beveridge Row – still to be sorted
- 4)Hospital Road – still needs repair

- 5) Numerous broken lights reported for repair. Some have been repaired and others are outstanding. JB has had to phone ELC about some lights due to blips with the On Line Form.
- 6) Bus Timetables – Borders and East Coast Buses are both planning audits of bus stop information which is still needed. JB has spoken further with Harry Barker at RELBUS.
- 7) Overgrown ransom strip near Cala development – Has been cleared.
- 8) Damaged wall with overgrowing ivy in Spott Road. Noted by a member of the public. Reported to ELC. Jimmy Wilson contacted the lady. Most of the wall is privately owned and thus the owner will have to make any repairs. ELC had looked at the wall about 18 months ago but its condition may have declined since then.
- 9) Bench at Doon Avenue -Still required. This is in hand.
- 10) Uneven tarmac in Brodie Road near Fairbairn Way. Persimmon still to rectify this. JB has spoken to Marshall Greenshields at ELC who will chase.
- 11) Muddy Roads around Yosemite Park/Brodie Road. Taken up with ELC Transportation who contacted Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon who are meant to keep the road clean. Matter now being dealt with by David Taylor at Planning Enforcement as a potential breach of Planning permission requiring the developers to have sufficient wheelwashing facilities and keep the road clean.
- 12) Steps from the Shore Road car park to John Muir Way. Grippy treads still needed. Neil Clark is dealing with this.
- 13) Signage and Road markings at King's Court – still needed.
- 14) Damage at Bleachingfield after the shows- still patches of damage. Gordon Whitelaw advises that attempts to restore the grass have not been successful as seed has not been germinating. They will keep trying but grass may not grow successfully until spring comes.
- 15) Benches in Victoria Street – some still need repair. Passed to Stuart Pryde. They are the responsibility of properties – Grahame Brotherstone who will be contacted.
- 16) Bollard in Belhaven Road- Has been repaired.
- 17) Scottish Gas are laying new pipes. Works likely to last until March 31st.
- 18) Roadworks issues in Brodie Road raised by member of the public. Passed to ELC
- 19) Overgrown bushes in Beveridge Row – have been cut back
- 20) Beveridge Row sign needs renewal. Passed to ELC who will see if it can be repainted.
- 21) Pot holes – many reported e.g. between Summerfield Road and Beveridge Row. They have been marked with yellow paint.
- 22) Concerns about litter from Gospatrick Grange site blowing into the woods. Raised by the local residents association. Passed to Jimmy Wilson.
- 23) Raised by member of the public. Mud on road near Cala development. Passed to Cala who dealt with this.
- 24) Raised by Aileen Kelly, Principal Teacher at DPS – Concerns about pupil/pedestrian safety around footpaths at Halhill and wishing to set up a divided route with signage and lines. Passed to ELC and Cllr Hampshire, Chair of DCDC, as Halhill is DCDC Land.

Services

Post Box at Co-op, Countess Crescent. This is still to be re-opened and a response is still needed from Royal Mail as to why it was closed.

Closure of RBS - Dunbar is not amongst 10 branches due a reprieve from closure.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line. Council Officers are working on costings so that funding can be applied for. The new owners of Lochend Cottage are not keen on a path which they own being upgraded but improvement of other routes may be possible.

Harbour Issues (Also see Police Report) – JB has had contact with local residents about issues of Polish workmen in 2 houses near the harbour. Issues have been passed to ELC, Viridor (as the men are working for a sub contractor at the ERF) and the Police. There is an application for one of the properties to be registered as an HMO but there is much concern in the area. Should Dunbar CC formally object to the HMO application? There are concerns that the property is not suitable for multiple living and that the listed building has been altered to make accommodation space for the workers. The problem is now a CAPP Priority.

Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane – this will be a route between Cala and Belhaven/DGS. However, not part of the works done by Cala for safety. JB has contacted ELC to see if a footpath can be considered. In the past they had said there was not enough footfall. Waiting on a response.

Information on Roadworks. it seems information e.g. on the Gas works has been going to an old e mail for SB. JB has sent ELC new contact information.

9) Matters Arising

a) Planning Matters

Updates

i) *Local Plan* – Views of Scottish Government are awaited. Will then need to go to Council meeting. Then back to Scottish Ministers for approval and back to ELC for adoption.

ii) *Robertson/Avant Homes* There are still no long term arrangements for sewage disposal.

iii) *Eden Hotel* – application for change of use to 1 house. Consent granted on 2nd February after applicant had given information on attempts to sell the hotel as a going concern.

iv) *Battleblent House* – no further information. Still to be determined.

v) *McColls (17/00713.LBC, 17/00714/ASV, 17/00715/P)* Permission partly granted on 27th November. However, the illumination of the ATM and central vinyl panel were considered to be inappropriate. McColls had right of appeal but some of the advertising seems to have been removed from the window display.

- vi) 17/00488/PM – Erection of 73 houses and 8 flats on land south of Brodie Road, Dunbar. Still to be determined.
- vii) 17/00292/P, 17/00011/LRB = *Bear*. Still to be decided. With Transport Scotland.
- viii) *Golf Club* – new plans are still to be submitted.
- ix) 17/00976/P – *Surf Academy* Still to be determined.
- x) *NNG Windfarm* – The new Marine Licence application is still to be submitted.
- xi) 17/01054 *Lairds House*. Following the sale of the house approval has been granted for the erection of one dwelling in the garden ground by a member of the Laird family.
- xii) 17/00953/P – Erection of house adjacent to 5 Viewforth. Planning consent granted following Planning Committee on 6th February. The application had been called in by Cllr McLennan.
- xiii) 18/00086/LBC – Demolition of shed at the station. Concerns had been raised by AHSS East Lothian cases panel about demolition of this building which is linked to the building of the new bridge and platform. As yet plans have not been submitted for the new bridge etc following the public consultation in late 2017. Following discussion it was agreed that SCC will not object to the demolition of the building.

.JB had contacted Planning Democracy with concerns about recent planning applications in the area and the response from Angela Leitch.

Paul Zochowski is still to send a copy of the colour palette for conservation areas.

Concerns about the ELC Planning Portal and the need for feedback on applications where Community Councils have submitted views were requested as part of the discussion at the meeting of the Association of Community Councils.

b) East Beach – PS had circulated an update and will circulate a further update on progress of the works.

In the meantime AS had circulated photos of large holes that had appeared in Lamer Street linked to undermining of the sea defences about which ELC have been warned for a considerable time. ELC are now surveying the area.

c) Cemetery Issues –

Deer Park. Gavin Wilson still wishes a noticeboard. He has taken up broken gates which are in hand. He wishes disabled access to the pavilion and a disabled toilet at the cemetery.

Parish Church wildflower planting. See discussion with Stuart Pryde above.

d) Parks

Winterfield – Bruce Allison is to hold a further meeting to discuss a draft masterplan on February 21st. JB will attend.

Lauderdale – See discussion with Stuart Pryde above

e) Common Good Buildings (Corn Exchange and St Margaret's)

PS had contacted Liz McLean at ELC without response.
Cllr Hampshire noted that repairs will be made to make the Corn Exchange wind and watertight. However, there are not funds for full re-roofing. Some repairs will also be made to St Margaret's.

f) Belhaven Hospital.

Members had attended a meeting of the expanded Belhaven Forum. A presentation was given on examples of care villages/extra care housing. A paper on the way forward for the projects in Dunbar, North Berwick and Musselburgh will be presented to the IJB on 22nd February. It is not clear what the priority for new building projects will be. JB had circulated the Report for the IJB. If IJB approve there will be further consultation. The main idea is for development of extra care housing with around 60 units for each locality. JB had circulated a disappointing response from Shona Robison the Health Minister to her letter asking for funds to be made available for upgrade of Ward 2/a modular unit in the forthcoming Scottish Government budget.

JB had attended a meeting arranged by Cllr McLennan to look at raising funds for Belhaven. In the first instance he was to write to Shona Robison to ask for the closure of Ward 2 to be held off to allow time for a crowdfunding campaign.

In the meantime admissions to Wards 1 and 3 have ceased to allow patients to move from Ward 2.

g) War Memorial - HC has submitted a Pre Application form to the War Memorial Trust. A meeting of the working group is planned for 28/2. SB said that he hoped the work could be completed by 11/11/18.

h) Dunbar High Street- The Local Area Partnership has identified funds to paint 2 tenements. This is with the agreement of the residents.

Kate Darrah has arranged a meeting to discuss the Conservation Area – 7pm on March 20th at Dunmuir Hotel.

.i) Town Maintenance

i) Information Boards at the Jubilee Fountain, Brownie Garden, The Glebe – should be completed soon.

ii) Flags – SB is trying to source information on flag suppliers.

iii) Information Board about the Lochend Arch at the Community Woodland – in hand

j) Restoration of Provost Portraits – no further information

k) RBS – 10 branches have had their closure deferred. Dunbar branch remains for closure in May.

l) Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust – JB had responded to Mr Bannerman to say Dunbar CC is interested in supporting their project. There is no cost to Dunbar CC. She has not heard further from him.

m) Dust fall – This is still being investigated by SEPA. The source of the dust is still not confirmed.

n) Gala Day With a Paintbrush – JB had circulated an update from Mike Wilson who was seeking assistance in applying for a grant from Awards for All. Following discussion it was agreed not to take this further this year. It was unclear how the idea would work in practice. It was agreed that JB will advise Mr Wilson of the decision. **JB**

10)Local Area Partnership

GR advised that the he application to WREN to fund refurbishment of the Coastal Trail had been declined. The fund had been over subscribed with applications. A further application for a smaller amount would be acceptable. In the interim Neil Clark at ELC will arrange an extension of the tarmac using DELAP monies.

Plans are progressing for the next Summer School.

A fund has been set up to give grants to youngsters for clothing and equipment to enable them to take part in sports and other activities.

Funding has been made available to paint 2 High Street tenements.

The Annual Public meeting will now be on 26th March.

A number of roads projects still need to be completed.

Council officers are looking to cost cycle paths/footways from South of the railway line into town.

Benches and picnic tables will be installed at John Muir Country Park

Next meeting – February 26th.

11)Local Councillors Reports

Cllr Hampshire – The Budget had been set with some difficult decisions made e.g. to charge for day care at ELC centres like Tynebank.

GW queried the cuts to nursery teachers in ELC nurseries. They will work in primary school classes. Cllr Hampshire noted that there would still be links at the time of transition between nursery and P1. The situation will need to be monitored.

JB queried the introduction of charging for musical instrument classes and whether this would create an inequality for children from less well off households. Cllr Hampshire said that at present there is little take up of music lessons by less well off families.

Reasons for this are being considered.

IH noted concerns about the level of housebuilding in East Lothian without sufficient service infrastructure being put into place.

Cllr Kempson – nothing to add to Cllr Hampshire's report

Cllr McLennan – no report

13) Bowe Cup and Community Council Awards

SB had circulated information for criteria to be considered. A meeting had been held to discuss criteria for the new Stephen Bunyan award. SB asked that suggested nominations should be brought to the March meeting.

14) Reports from Committees/Meetings Attended

Belhaven Forum/Belhaven Action Group – see Belhaven Hospital

Day Centre

GW, JB and SB had attended on January 24th.

A number of new people have started to attend and there are others waiting to be assessed. Sadly some users have passed away or moved into care.

Plans are ongoing to establish a Reminiscence Corner with period furniture and decoration.

The Centre has received a number of donations from members of the community.

Trustees and volunteers are still required.

GW noted issues with the heating system. The lease is being checked to see who is responsible for renewing the boiler – ELC or the Day Centre.

Viridor

JB had attended on February 7th.

Landfill – Concerns had been raised at the CAPP about litter on the A1. Jimmy Wilson had visited. Some drivers and contracted have been spoken to. Anyone seeing litter falling from a lorry should report to the Plant.

ERF – The works continue. A video was shown of progress on the site.

Systems will be tested later in the year. It is hoped to process the first waste in September/October 2018.

An updated Heat Plan has been submitted to SEPA. This is to be considered by Sarah Mietzitis.

There have been issues about the behaviour and living arrangements of some workmen who are working for a subcontractor at the ERF and living in houses near Dunbar Harbour. Viridor staff have been to meet with local residents. It is understood that an application has been submitted to make one of the houses an HMO. A number of local residents and organisations have objected to the application. See CAPP Priorities/Police Report

Paradigms of Change for Dementia Care

JB and GW had attended this interesting seminar looking at improved ways of working with people with dementia. There had been speakers from Holland and Ireland amongst others sharing good practice.

Charging for Adult Social Care

JB had attended a meeting in Musselburgh. Consideration is being given to charging adults who attend the day centres for people with disabilities. There was much anxiety

expressed by family members of those who will be affected. The charges (levels still to be clarified) were agreed at the ELC Budget meeting on 13th February.

Talking Tomorrow

Members had attended a number of the discussion meetings arranged by Sustaining Dunbar. Plans are being made for some follow up events to take forward some of the conversations on topics ranging from food, to travel to democracy.

Association of East Lothian Community Councils

JB, SB and GR had attended. There had been a good turn out to meet with Cllr Hampshire and Angela Leitch.

JB had circulated notes from the meeting drawn up by Hilary Smith the outgoing Chair of the Association. Main areas of discussion had been Planning, facets of the ELC website (which is being upgraded), improving communication channels with CCs and Festive lighting of growing trees.

It is intended to set up a working group of CC reps, possibly online, to consider the way forward for the Association.

East Lothian Community Rail Partnership

JB had attended on February 13th.

The Group is working on an Action Plan for future projects.

It is intended to carry out a Survey in co-operation with QMU as to barriers to use of rail services e.g. people being put off by overcrowding or lack of connectivity between buses and trains. Dunbar Station is an issue given the distance between the station and the nearest Bus Stop.

There are plans to display historic posters and information at all East Lothian stations. Members of the British Transport Police had been present. They are keen to work with local communities on issues e.g. railway safety. They can go into schools to give education etc. Jacquie had noted concerns about people using the railway line as a short cut between the new housing and the town in Dunbar.

It is hoped that the re-opening of East Linton Station and a new platform at Dunbar will go ahead. There are also proposals to increase the number of tracks to 4 between Wallyford and Drem.

Concerns were raised about the impact on coastal communities of new housing being built whilst essential infrastructure and services were being cut e.g. bank and post office closures.

15)Correspondence – previously circulated

Lothian Buses – service updates

RAGES – update on Cross Country Industrial Action

Royal Mail – response to concerns about Co-op post box. It still needs to be restored.

Stuart Gibb, ELC - Spokes funding competition

Sara Covey – acceptance of place on Dunbar CC

Sandy Baptie, ELC – Winter weather warning

John Hutchison, Concerns about Ward 2

HS Renewals – re Insurance – Passed to Alasdair

Rowena Halliday – interested in more information about Dunbar CC. Jacquie had responded.

Via website – Lee Curtis – concerns about safety at One way system. Passed to ELC and Police. Extra road markings and signage being considered.

Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading newsletter

John Fyall – Concerns about Belhaven Hospital

Dunbar Twinning Association – Newsletter. AGM is 7.30 on 22nd February at Dunbar Day Centre

Planning Democracy – Updates on the Scottish Government Planning Bill

Dunbar Community Bakery – shop will be closed on 5th and 6th February. AGM 7 pm on 9th May at the Bleachingfield. Shareholder event 12-2 pm on 25th February.

Alistair Colley, Concerns about mud on road between Cala development and Belhaven. Craig Lynes at Cala is dealing with this.

Provost – Design a Flag Competition

RAGES – Online Petition re re-opening of East Linton and Reston Stations

Brake – Newsletters

Living Streets – Seminar on Low Speed Communities (Dunbar had been part of the study) in Glasgow – 11-1 on March 1st

Stuart Gibb, ELC – Carers week 11-17 June 2018. ELC are planning a Festival of Caring to link with local events. More information to follow.

Via website – Rob Howes, Marketing Director, Local Tennis Leagues – information on holiday opportunities

SUSTRANS – 2018/19 Street Design grants programme

Lilian Pryde – Scottish Fire and Rescue Asset Register. Seeking volunteers with skills or assets to help in emergencies

Hilary Smith – Meeting of Association of East Lothian Community Councils , 6.30 on 14th February. Speakers will be Angela Leitch, Chief Executive of ELC and Cllr Norman Hampshire.

Lilian Pryde – Consultation on Alcohol Bylaws – closing date 16th February. Jacquie had noted DCC views.

Jane Ogden Smith – Community Health and Social Care Partnership – Presentations from meeting on 30/1 of Belhaven Forum

Donald Budge – Concerns re Belhaven Hospital. George had responded.

Via Facebook John-Robson Eunson, Gospatrick Grange Residents Association.
Concerns about builder's debris blowing into the woods and the tarmac ramp near Fairbairn Way. Jacquie had responded.

Ian Mackay, Phoenix Medical and Safety Solutions – 1st Aid for events. George had responded.

Sandy Baptie, ELC – Weather warning

Christine Dora, ELC Policy Officer – Scottish Government Consultation on a Connected Scotland – Tackling Social Isolation and building Social Connections. On Line form closes on 30th April. An event was held in Edinburgh on January 29th but information came too late.

Via website – Aileen Kelly, Dunbar Primary School- concerns about pupil pedestrian safety and seeking lines and signage for a divided route. Jacquie responded. Request passed to ELC and Cllr Hampshire (for DCDC land ownership) for action.

Christine Dora, ELC – Invitations to East Lothian Champions Board event at QMU – 5pm on March 1st

Scottish Government – Response to letter regarding Belhaven sent to Health Secretary

Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading newsletter

Via website – David Munster – Query about High Street Parking – Jacquie had responded

Via phone – members of the public – Concerns about behaviour in the community of some workers from the Viridor Construction site – being dealt with by Viridor & their subcontractors. Concerns about proposed change of use of a property being used to house some of the workers to an HMO.

Renee Blomkvist, Pain Concern – Seeking premises to interview Dunbar residents for a survey on self management of chronic pain. Jacquie had given details of possible venues.

Torness – newsletter

Torness – Planned security exercise

Mike Wilson – update on Gala Day with a Paintbrush

Sue Northrop – DFEL newsletter

Via Sustaining Dunbar from Kate Darrah – meeting on Conservation Area Issues – 7pm on 20th March at Dunmuir Hotel

Sandy Baptie, ELC. Scottish Government Resilience event on March 21st.

16) AOB

GA expressed concern about the length of the meeting. It was noted that Stuart Pryde had not been expected (although he had had contact with SB) and Sandy Baptie's presentation had been longer than expected.

17) Date of Next Meeting - March 19th

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm