

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting Held in the Council Chamber, Dunbar Town House on 19th March 2018

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), Graham Adams (GA), Gill Wilson (GW), Rowena Halliday (RH)

Councillors Present – Cllr Hampshire, Cllr Kempson

Others Present – Cameron Ritchie (Press) and members of the public Rev Keith Mills, Mike Shaw (part)

Apologies – Sara Covey (SC), Ian Hamilton (IH)

CONDOLENCES – The Wallace and Cameron families following the tragic fire in Cedar Street. Mr Cameron had been a past member of the Christmas Lights Committee and Mr Wallace had been a well-known butcher in Dunbar.

CONGRATULATIONS – Jimmy Thorburn, long-time Chairman of West Barns Community Council who would be 90 on March 25th. It was agreed that JB would send him a card on behalf of Dunbar CC. **JB**

2) Minutes of Meeting of February 19th 2018 - approved

3) Sub-committee Reports

Christmas Lights - GA had circulated a report.

Repairs were 90% complete. Materials were awaited to fully complete them. Work would then be done on the festoon cables.

The forms were being completed for road closures and would be submitted this month.

A new silhouette nativity scene was being considered and would be presented for approval prior to being made

Fundraising plans were being made e.g. a Quiz Night.

The bank balance was £822.57 (last month £1152.57)

Civic Week. The bank balance currently stood at £5771.62 (no movement) Be Green had awarded a grant of £1500.

Arrangements were coming on well. Eileen Moore and SC had proved to be useful additions to the team.

4) Police Report

PC Ross and PC Stewart were unable to attend

A written report had been sent based on incidents reported to Police between 19th February and 19th March 2018

Road Safety

Numerous weather related traffic incidents in the area with roads blocked by snow and abandoned cars. However, the time passed without any serious injuries.

Antisocial Behaviour

Problems ongoing with youths congregating in large groups predominantly on Friday evenings. Issues such as noise, vandalism and underage drinking along with egg throwing and damage to the DCWG Pizza oven. Quiet last weekend due to the cold temperatures but remains a priority for local officers.

Litter – no reports

Theft

Shoplifting – Theft of alcohol remains the most commonly reported theft. However, whilst the main offenders had been local youths they are now professional travelling gangs. Dedicated officers are now looking into this new trend.

Other issues

About 20.40 on 13th March a male with a knife was seen stabbing and puncturing a number of car tyres in Belhaven 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

Following a number of concerns the application for No 1 Harbour Court to become an HMO had been withdrawn. Following clarification by JB with Kirstie McNeill at ELC Legal Services there had not been an application for No 3 to be an HMO.

5) Vacancies

Community Councillor – Jacquie had clarified with Lilian Pryde that RH could become a member of Dunbar CC if she was on the electoral roll. Jacquie had met further with RH who was now on the electoral roll.

RH gave a short statement about her experience and what she could offer Dunbar CC.

RH was welcomed to membership of Dunbar CC. Proposed SB. Seconded AS. Unanimous agreement.

Minute Secretary – Still vacant. Jacquie is covering meantime.

6) Treasurer's report

Had been circulated by AS.

a) General

The balance was £822.57 (last month 1152.57)

The expenses paid were for the Stephen Bunyan Award stand and the Community Bakery Local Priority Grant. A cheque had been issued for the 1st Dunbar Boys Brigade (£250).

b) Local Priorities

Updates

Awards had been sent to the Community Bakery and Dunbar Dementia Support Group. The bakery had sent a letter of thanks.

Alasdair had advised Dunbar in Bloom and James Page (Dunbar Street Art Trail) that there were no further funds until the new financial year. Their requests for £500 each had been declined as there were no funds available.

Applications for Discussion

None – There were no funds available

The Dunbar Traditional Music Festival had requested an application form which had been sent.

7) Secretary's Report – circulated by JB

Town Maintenance Issues

- 1) Queens Road wall. Continues to deteriorate. Still to be repaired by Four Seasons, (Lammermuir House)
- 2) Fairfield, Beveridge Row – still to be sorted by Environmental Health
- 3) Hospital Road – in dangerous condition – still needs repair
- 4) Bus Timetables. Information still needed at most stops, particularly from Border Buses.. JB has raised widely. Will be raised again at Bus Forum on 21/3.
- 5) Doon Avenue Bench. Still needed. Stuart Pryde advises that it is in hand.
- 6) Uneven tarmac in Brodie Road near Fairbairn Way. Still to be rectified by Persimmon. ELC are chasing this.
- 7) Steps from Shore Road Car Park to John Muir Way, Grippy treads still needed.
- 8) Signage and Road markings at Kings Court – still needed
- 9) Victoria Street Benches. Some still need repair. Passed to Property Services.
- 10) Beveridge Row sign – had been repainted by ELC
- 11) Pot holes. Many reported and jet patched but some still need attention e.g junction of Bruntsfield Crescent with Kellie Road.
- 12) 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. Iain Reid, ELC Cycling Officer, had been in contact with her.
- 13) Deep Suds Pond with no fencing at Robertson Homes – passed to ELC and Scottish Water. Scottish Water had not yet adopted the infrastructure. ELC Planning had advised the Robertson site manager that the area must be fenced off and a long term solution developed for safety in the area. The idea of hedging that Robertson were considering would be too slow to grow and not secure enough.
- 14) Light in underpass to new housing from Countess Road is not working. Passed to ELC.

Services

Post Box at Co-op, Countess Crescent. This is still to be re-opened. Royal Mail had messaged JB to say it would be repaired but have since denied existence of the box. JB is continuing to chase.

Closure of RBS – JB had responded to a survey about effects on communities of bank closures.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line . ELC Officers are still working on costings so that funding can be applied for. The owners of Lochend Cottage are not keen for the footpath area they own to be improved..

Harbour issues – JB has had further contact with residents, Police and ELC lawyer. The application for No 1 Harbour Court to be an HMO was withdrawn. There was no application for 3 Harbour Court to be an HMO.

8) Matters Arising

a) Planning Matters

Updates

- i) *Local Plan* Cllr Hampshire noted that some changes had been made by the Reporter e.g withdrawal of a site at Wallyford. ELC need to approve the changes and pass back to the Scottish Government for confirmation before the LDP is adopted by a meeting of ELC.
- ii) *Robertson/Avant Homes* Long term sewage solutions still need to be arranged. JB had chased Scottish Water for an update. It seems the asset manager, Kirsty Thin has changed jobs within Scottish Water. Bill Elliot has now advised that 100 homes can be connected to the current system. To avoid a new pipe on the beach Scottish Water have worked with the developer to extend their rising main from Bowmont Terrace where they are currently discharging to a new connection point at the junction of Station Road and Countess Road. This may be done in June 2018 but depends on house sales. In the meantime concerns have been raised about the depth of water at the Robertson Homes SUDS pond with no protective fencing. JB had passed to ELC Planning and Scottish Water who have to approve the SUDS. As yet Scottish Water have not adopted the pond. ELC Planning have told the Robertson site manager that the SUDS must be made secure with fencing and a long term design solution agreed. Robertson's idea of hedging is thought to be too slow to grow and not secure enough.
- iii) *Station*. Bill Dodd of AHSS had raised concerns about the demolition of the wooden building. JB had advised that DCC had decided not to object after discussion at the February meeting. The demolition of the building was approved on March 9th. Emma Taylor of ELC Planning had noted that proposals for the platform bridge etc had been submitted by Network Rail but that they did not need Planning Permission or comments from DCC as the works are undertaken by an Act of Parliament.
- iv) *Battleblent House* – no further information. Still to be determined.
- v) *Gladman* – local residents at Newtonlees and Broxburn remain unhappy about the decision on the casting vote of Cllr Hampshire.. JB had attended a meeting on February 20th. JB will attend a further meeting with residents.
- .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 who need to agree a footpath route.
- viii) *Golf Club* – new plans are still to be submitted. Club members are to have an update on plans very shortly.
- ix) *17/00976/P – Surf Academy* – had been approved on 23/2. It had been on the expedited list but was not called in to Planning Committee. Some neighbours, who had objected, remain concerned about the size of the structure. It is understood that adjustments to the design are to be made.
- x) *NNG Windfarm* – The new Marine Licence application is still to be submitted. Dominick Wilson of NIRAS had been in contact with JB as to where to send information.

New Application

18/00176/LBC and 18/00175/P – Alterations to house and erection of shed (part retrospective) at Inchgarth, East Links Road. SCC had no concerns about this application. Paul Zochowski is still to send a copy of the colour palette for conservation areas.

b) East Beach – PS had circulated an update. Rock Armour work began on March 12th. Groyne design is still being worked on. Further checks are being made in the Lamer Street area due to erosion of the sea defences. An exhibition on the works is in place at the Bleachingfield Centre.

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 JB is still to meet with him about his concerns **JB**.

Wildflower planting at the *Parish Church* graveyard. There was a long discussion about this project which had been popular in 2017. Stuart Pryde had noted issues about availability of manpower and funding to continue and extend the project in 2018. JB agreed to check costs of wildflower planting with Stuart Pryde . Alternative funding sources may be considered. **JB**
Newtonlees – A Planning application needs to be submitted by ELC. Stuart Pryde has advised Jacquie that it is hoped burials can begin from November 2018.

d) Parks

Winterfield – JB had attended a meeting on February 20th. Bruce Allison is working up a masterplan which will be presented for public consultation. In the meantime a strip has had turf removed to replace cemetery turf. There will be a pilot wildflower planting in this area.

Lauderdale Stuart Pryde had been going to discuss with the cafe lessee about toilet access. JB will check progress. **JB**

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

PS had circulated an update from Paul Ianetta at ELC

Corn Exchange – ELC had an intention to make it wind and watertight. However, there was a suggestion that ELC should not fund if the Common Good for Dunbar had funds. It was noted that the Common Good Fund had insufficient capital to cover repairs. Past costing of the work was £30K. Work, outstanding since 2002, when the building was condemned for public hire, is urgent.. Past considerations for alternative funding e.g. Viridor Credits have not been successful. The building has limited future use as a store for Christmas Lights and lack of general public access restricts availability of funding streams like Viridor Credits. Cllr Hampshire agreed for immediate repairs to be made to make the building wind and watertight. Costs would be borne by ELC.

St Margaret's– some repairs have been instructed to be made to dormer roofs and other roof repairs to make the building wind and water tight.

PS had passed concerns about the situation to Cllrs Hampshire and Kempson.

Cllr Hampshire agreed to pursue the situation and the need for urgent repairs with ELC Officers. **NH**

f) Belhaven Hospital.

GW had attended the IJB. There is an intention to go forward with ideas for extra care housing . The time scale is not clear for the proposals in Dunbar, North Berwick and Musselburgh.

JB had sent information to ELC on the dementia village at Hogeweyk in Holland and proposals for a dementia community in Kent.

Jane Ogden-Smith at ELC is working on further meeting dates for the Forum.

PS had had information on a meeting looking at consultation strategy on March 29th. It was noted that DCC and longstanding members of the Belhaven Forum had not been advised of that meeting. DCC members wished to attend.

g)War Memorial -

HC had sent funding information to the War Memorial Trust.

HC had sent funding information to Viridor Credits.

IH had circulated a report on validation of names of those from the Dunbar area who are not on the monument but are mentioned in publications by local historian, Roy Pugh.

The situation of missing names is noted to be complex as some men are recorded on memorials elsewhere.

It was noted that the project could be divided into different aspects - restoration of the main monument, addition of names, improvement of the surroundings of the monument.

The War Memorial Trust will only give partial funding for costs. The War Memorial Sub Group need to give consideration to other funding sources in order to progress with the project.. The Civic Pride Fund was suggested. Some members were not sure if use of the DCC Local Priorities Fund would be appropriate.

Cllr Hampshire, noted that ELC as owner of the Memorial, are supportive of its upgrade.

h) Dunbar High Street- The Local Area Partnership had identified funds to paint 3 tenements. This was with the agreement of the residents. The work had started and GA was commended for his work on this.

Kate Darrah had arranged a meeting to discuss the Conservation Area – 7pm on March 20th at Dunmuir Hotel. A number of members will attend.

.i) Town Maintenance

i) Information Boards at the Jubilee Fountain, Brownie Garden, The Glebe – have been replaced

ii) Flags – in hand – Stephen.

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

j) Restoration of Provost Portraits – update Stephen. The Museums Service are involved..

k) RBS – Dunbar branch remains for closure in May. JB had responded to a Scottish Government consultation on the effect of closures on local communities.

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

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

n) Gala Day With a Paintbrush – JB had had further contact from Mike Wilson. He still wants DCC to be lead name in funding applications. Members did not feel they wished to proceed. JB will advise him. **JB**

o) Resilience – JB and SC are willing to have their mobile numbers passed on to Sandy Baptie as contact points. With no further interest their contact details will be passed on to ELC **JB**

p) Edinburgh Airport Noise Group –Regular meeting attendance was not thought to be essential. However, J B will request updates from the group. **JB**

10)Local Area Partnership

WREN had declined funding for the Coastal Footpath.

Future projects are to be identified

Preparations for the summer school are progressing
Annual meeting – March 26th at Bleachingfield Centre.

11)Local Councillors Reports

Cllr Hampshire-NH updated on the Local Development Plan. Members noted concerns. JB expressed concerns about the loss of the use of the ELC Concession Pass for Trains. Cllr Hampshire noted bus concessions remained available . However, it was advised that journeys by bus take longer.

Concerns were also noted by JB about the decision to charge for attendance at adult day centres – there was concern that some people may withdraw from vital attendance at centres on the grounds of cost. JB noted that in the days of Lothian Region people had been paid an incentive bonus to attend day centres.

Cllr Kempson – nothing to add

Cllr McLennan – no report

12 Bowe Cup and Community Council Awards

There had been further consideration of criteria. DCC members are not eligible for nomination for awards.

It was agreed that ideas on nominees should be submitted by 9/4 **ALL**

13) Sustaining Dunbar – request for letter of support for Feasibility Study for Co-Working Premises in Dunbar.

JB had circulated information.

It was agreed that a letter of support would be sent **JB/SB/AS**

14)Reports from Committees/Meetings Attended

Belhaven Forum/Belhaven Action Group – see Belhaven Hospital

Day Centre

GW, JB and SB had attended on March 7th.

A number of new people have started to attend. Sadly, some long term users have passed away or moved into care.

The responsibility for boiler replacement is still being considered.

Trustees and volunteers are still required.

Gladman Development

JB had attended a meeting on February 20th which Cllr McLennan was at. Local residents remain unhappy about the Planning Committee decision to grant planning permission to the housing to enable the cemetery. They feel that the decision should have been deferred until more Planning Committee members, particularly Cllr Kempson, as local member, had been available It was noted that detailed Planning permission is still required by a developer.

IJB

GW had attended on February 22nd. The IJB had agreed the paper on the way forward.

However, the timescale of implementation is unclear. In the interim Dunbar area has lost care home beds.

15)Correspondence – previously circulated

Sandy Baptie, ELC – various weather alerts

Brake – newsletters

Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading – newsletter
ELC Roadworks - Confirmation of contact details for roadworks
Sue Northrop – Dementia East Lothian newsletter
Bill Dodd, AHSS – Concerns about station developments
Lilian Pryde -PAS Training on Planning
Sandy Baptie, ELC -Resilient Community issues
John Robinson – concerns about Gladman development
Kirsty McNeill, ELC lawyer –re Harbour Court
Via website, Ian Reid – concerns about Primary School route
Lilian Pryde – confirmation of residency issues for Rowena Halliday
Community Bakery – Thanks for the grant
Via website , Gill Last – criteria for DCC awards. Jacquie had responded.
Lilian Pryde – March training opportunities
Chief Inspector Matthew Paden – moving on
Emma Taylor , ELC Planning -Dunbar CC have no input to planning at Dunbar station
Lilian Pryde, ELC – Field and Lawn – Festive lights and civic dressing
Lilian Pryde – Consultation on Alcohol consumption
Maree Winter, ELC – Licensing Policy 2018-22
Christine Dora , ELC – new structure for East Lothian Partnership
Via Facebook – John-Robert Eunson - concerns about the tarmac near Persimmon development in Brodie Road. JB has responded.
Via Facebook - William Main – concern about depth of SUDS pond near Robertson development – passed to ELC and Scottish Water by Jacquie
Osbert Lancaster – Seeking support by Sustaining Dunbar for co-working project in old housing office
Ian Reid - follow up to school concerns about cycle route safety
Andrew McLennan , ELC -Bus Forum information. Meeting on 21/3. Jacquie will attend.
Sandy Baptie – Travel Bursaries to resilience event on 21/3 in Edinburgh
Bruce Allison, ELC. -Update on Winterfield Park
Transport Focus – Severe Weather Survey
Mike Wilson – Follow up on Gala Day with a Paintbrush
Lilian Pryde – on leave 15/3-3/4
Via Facebook, Lynsey Moody – re vacancies. Jacquie had responded.
RAGES – ELC are removing concessionary rail travel arrangements
Via Facebook, Lynsey Moody – General concerns about litter around town. Passed to ELC by Jacquie
Via Facebook- Alasdair Bunyan – concerns about deep hole at junction of Bruntsfield Crescent and Kellie Road – reported by Jacquie to ELC.
Via Facebook – Gary Donaldson – light at the Countess Road underpass to the station is not working. Reported by Jacquie to ELC
Via Facebook – Collin Ainslie – request for Local Priorities Application form for the Traditional Music Festival
Via website – Dominick Walter, NIRAS – seeking contact for sending information on the windfarm application. Jacquie had responded.

16) AOB

17) Date of Next Meeting - April 16th

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm