ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting Held in the Council Chambers, Dunbar Town House on 16th April 2018

1)Sederunt/Apologies

Present – Stephen Bunyan (SB) Chair, George Robertson (GR) Vice-Chair, Jacquie Bell (JB) Secretary/Minute, Alasdair Swan (AS) Treasurer, Pippa Swan (PS) Will Collin (WC), Herbert Coutts (HC) Graham Adams (GA) Gill Wilson (GW) Rowena Halliday (RH)

Apology – Sarah Covey (SC)

Councillors Present – Cllr Hampshire, Cllr Kempson

Others Present – Cameron Ritchie (Press) PC Ross and member of the public Mike Shaw.

CONGRATULATIONS – **Maria Lyle** for winning a silver medal in the T35 100 metres at the Commonwealth Games in Australia. It was agreed to write a letter of Congratulation to Maria and to wish her well for future championship events.

2)Minutes of Meeting of March 19th 2018

Approved. Proposed GR, Seconded GW.

3)Police Report

PC Ross spoke to his Report which was based on incidents reported to the Police between 19th March and 16th April.

Road Safety – Numerous calls made over a few days regarding youths on an off road motorbike in the Lochend area. On 14th April a 16 year old youth was traced, arrested and charged with numerous offences and the bike was seized.

Antisocial Behaviour – Further youth related anti social behaviour, predominantly in the Ashfield and Lochend Woods areas as well as at McDonalds.

Litter – No reports of related issues.

Theft – High value shoplifting of televisions and volumes of spirits in recent weeks. On Friday 13th April a gang were caught outside the Co-op in Countess Crescent. 19 charges had been preferred and the main culprit was held in custody to 9 appear in Court on April 16th. *Other Notable Incidents* – On the evening of 23rd March an elderly male claimed to have been pushed off his mobility scooter and robbed by a group of years. Enquiries are ongoing. About 6.50 am on March 31st a serious assault was committed in Belhaven. An 18 year old male had been arrested and charged with serious assault.

 ${\bf CAPP}$ – The meeting on April 28^{th} had had a small attendance. No new priorities had been set.

Next meeting 7.30 on May 8th

4) Sub-committee Reports

Christmas Lights - GA had circulated a Report. Repairs and upgrades are on track. TTROs are to be submitted. There will be a Quiz Night on May 19th at Dunbar Bowling Club. **Civic Week**. Plans are coming on well with the Programme. SC and Eileen Moore are proving to be valuable Committee Members. The Royal Court will be chosen next week. Funding had been obtained from Viridor Community Fund, Be Green and EDF.

Unfortunately, the carriage that had been offered is no longer available as one of the horses had died. An old fashioned taxi will be sought instead.

5) Vacancies

Community Councillors – JB had passed contact details for SC and RH to Lilian Pryde at ELC

Minute Secretary – Still vacant. JB is covering meantime. Another appeal had been made on the Facebook page with no response.

6) <u>Treasurer's report</u> – Had been circulated by AS

Lilian Pryde had circulated the 2018-2019 budgets. Admin Budget £970, Local Priorities Budget £9680.

a)General

The *General Bank Account* stands at £772.59 (last month £822.57). The expenses paid had been for the Christmas Event.

The *Christmas Lights Account* stands at £10,550.62 (last month £6888.45). £3000 had been received from ELC for the Capital Project. £662.17 had been received from sign sponsorship and donations.

The Civic Week Account stands at £7600.62 (last month £5200.62). Grants had been received from Be Green (£1500), Viridor (£250) and EDF (£200).

The Bank Signatories need a change. Sue Anderson should be replaced by George Robertson. This was agreed.

b) Local Priorities

Updates – A letter of thanks had been received by SB from the Dunbar Dementia Carers Support Group.

Applications for Discussion

Dunbar Running Club Juniors - £500 for a cover for the long jump pit. Approved **Civic Week** - £2000 - Approved **Christmas Lights** - £2000 - Approved

Future Applications

War Memorial Restoration. HC noted that some Local Priority money may be needed for this project to enable release of grants from some funding sources. An application would only be made if funds were not available from other sources to enable the project which could cost as much as £28K to be completed. It was felt that it would be appropriate for Local Priority Funding of £1000 to be made available if required.

7) Secretary's Report – JB had circulated

Town Maintenance Issues

- 1) Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. JB chasing Four Seasons Estates in Glasgow as the wall continues to deteriorate. Kate Darrah of The Ridge is still happy to do the work.
- 2) Condition of Fairfield, Beveridge Row still to be sorted
- 3) Hospital Road still needs repair. Getting worse and is dangerous for cyclists.
- 4) Bus time information at bus stops. Raised again at the Bus Forum on 21/3. To be raised again at RELBUS on 17/4 as the problem continues.
- 5) Bench at Doon Avenue. Still required. Stuart Pryde advises it is in hand.

- 6) Uneven Tarmac in Brodie Road near Fairbairn Way. Persimmon are still to rectify this. JB had again chased Marshall Greenshields at ELC who is chasing Persimmon.
- 7) Steps from Shore Road car park to John Muir Way Grippy treads are now in place.
- 8) Signage and Road Markings at King's Court still needed
- 9) Benches in Victoria Street some still need repair. Passed to Property Services.
- 10) Pot holes. Too many to record. Some repaired areas have collapsed after the bad weather. All reported to ELC.
- 11) Via member of the Public on Facebook. Concerns about litter in various areas. Passed to ELC Community Warden, Jimmy Wilson. He is dealing with this including ongoing issues with Viridor litter.
- 12) Via Member of the Public on Facebook. Large hole at Welcome to Dunbar Sign near Robertson Homes. ELC have advised that Robertson Homes are to arrange a flower planter. ELC have asked them to make the hole safe in the meantime by ELC.
- 13) Memorial bench at coast. This had been vandalised and ELC had removed it. Jimmy Wilson had advised JB of an offer to repair it by ELC which had been declined. Crowdfunding is ongoing in the community.
- 14) Exterior fabric issues at toilets near Lauderdale House. Graham Brotherstone at ELC will inspect and arrange for costings for the work. He will also arrange to have weeds removed from the rhones.
- 15) Broken light in underpass under railway from Countess Road. Reported and repaired.
- 16) Broken signpost at entrance to Winterfield Park. Reported to ELC. It seems it was damaged by the Big Kids Circus whose bond will be used to repair the damage. Graham Brotherstone will see if a blacksmith can repair it.

Services

Post Box at Co-op, Countess Crescent. This seems to have been a private box arrangement like the one at Tesco in Haddington. JB has had no success in making arrangements to reopen it.

School Bus to Robertson Homes site. Andrew McLellan of ELC has noted that the site is within the designated walking distance of DPS and DGS. JB had circulated deatailed information.

Electric Car Charging Point at Station – Issues have been raised about this by a member of the public who found that their user card was not compatible with the machine. JB waiting on a response from Scotrail who had installed the system.

Meeting

The Big Lunch. JB attended this event hosted by Eden Communities (an off shoot of the Eden Project in Cornwall) on April 14th. They now have a Scottish venture to expand the idea across Scottish communities. The main thrust is a large scale event across the UK on one day. In 2017 9 million people took part. The local co-ordinator, Katie, lives in Musselburgh. This year's event will be on June 3rd. However, events badged as The Big Lunch can be held on any day at any time. The idea is to have a local event where neighbours can eat and network together. This may lead towards community projects. Groups can range from people in the same street to existing community groups and coalitions of likeminded organisations in an area. Eden Communities offer help with materials and support for organisers. It may not be something for DCC to organise alone but it may be something other groups in the town could consider and to which DCC may contribute. JB has requested an information pack for more details.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line. ELC Officers are still working on costings so that funding can be applied for.

Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane. This will be a route between Cala and Belhaven/DGS. However it is not part of the works done by Cala for pedestrian safety. Further information is still needed to pass to ELC for costings.

Blocked route from Newtonlees to ASDA. Passed to ELC. It may be that it will be closed until building work is completed. Peter Forsyth of Transportation had advised that it seems to have been stopped up by the tenant landowner. ELC Access Officer, Nick Morgan, will be asked to look into this matter when he returns from holiday.

8) Matters Arising

a) Planning Matters

Updates

- *i)Local Plan* The Reporters had added the Newtonlees site at the request of Gladman. JB noted concerns that DCC and local residents had not been advised of this. JB had made contact with DPEA in Falkirk for advice on any action the community could take. ELC have to approve the plan as amended before it returns to Scottish Government and then back to ELC for adoption.
- ii) *Robertson/Avant Homes* Concerns had been raised by members of the public about home to school transport from the development. JB had contacted Andrew McLellan at ELC. He had measured the walking routes to DGS and DPS which were under the regulation distance. JB had circulated information on this. Andrew hopes that a public bus service can be extended to the area.
- *iii)* Harbour Toilets local residents had raised concerns about the approval of the site of the toilets by ELC. It had not gone to Planning Committee. Residents are in discussion with DHT about the location.
- *iv)* Battleblent House In response to a request for an update Case Officer Neil Millar had advised JB that he is still waiting on information from the applicant's Agent to be able to make an assessment.
- v) *Gladman* local residents at Newtonlees and Broxburn remain unhappy about the decision. JB had attended a meeting on March 20th. Residents are unhappy that they were not told by the Reporters/ELC of plans to add the development to the LDP. They wish to know why ELC withdrew from cemetery extension plans at Deerpark.
- .vi) 17/00488/PM Erection of 73 houses and 8 flats on land south of Brodie Road, Dunbar. Still to be determined. JB has asked for an update.
- 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. Club members had an up-date in March 2018..
- *ix)* NNG Windfarm The new Marine Licence application has been submitted to Scottish Ministers and advertised in the local press. Comments to Scottish Ministers by 13th May.
- x) 18/0094/INP Dunbar Station. Sarah Duignan of Network Rail has advised that ELC have approved plans for a new lift and footbridge as well as demolition of the old goods store. A contractor will be appointed in late 2018. It is hoped that work will commence in 2019.
- xi) 18/00118/P Approval granted of extension at 2 Delisle Street
- xii) Viridor ERF JB is still waiting on information from SEPA on the updated Heat Plan.

New Application

18/00184/P- Removal of RBS infrastructure from 105 High Street

Paul Zochowski is still to send a copy of the colour palette for conservation areas. This has relevance for DELAP work on High Street buildings (see below)

JB had seen Bill Dodd of AHSS. He is very concerned about a number of recent decisions regarding historic/listed structures in the town.

Contact had been made by Ralph Averbuch of Pencaitland CC. Very concerned about planning decisions in ELC and issues of poor communication by ELC Officers and elected members with Community Councils on planning and other matters. Concerns are shared by other CCs across East Lothian. JB had circulated a draft by Ralph of a letter to the Chief Exec of ELC and others regarding CC concerns. He hopes this will be supported by all CCs including Dunbar. It was agreed to support this initiative. JB will inform Mr Averbuch JB

There was further discussion about problems in getting responses from some ELC officers. HC suggested that there should be a timescale although he was aware that there had been staff cutbacks at ELC. JB noted that in Edinburgh Council response time is 14 working days. Cllr Hampshire suggested that if responses are not forthcoming the Chief Exec should be advised. Concern was also noted that information is being shared with DELAP and not DCC. It was agreed to send a letter to Ms Leitch to note the issues and to ask what timescale is considered appropriate for a response from ELC Officers. **SB/JB**

b) East Beach — Work on the rock armour is continuing.

c) Cemetery Issues -

Deer Park. JB is to arrange a meeting with Gavin Wilson about his concerns. **JB**Parish Church HC had had contact with Stuart Pryde about wildflower planting. Stuart Pryde was looking into costings from commercial companies.

Newtonlees – A Planning application needs to be submitted by ELC. Stuart Pryde has advised JB that it is hoped burials can begin from November 2018.

d) Parks

Winterfield – JB had circulated an update from Bruce Allison who is still working on the Masterplan. At the meeting in February it had been suggested he might attend DCC in April. However the plan is not yet ready. Stuart Pryde had advised him to get the draft proposal signed off by the Working Group before going to wider consultation. Stuart Gibb has offered to assist with the consultation, including with DCC via DELAP.

Lauderdale JB had circulated an update from Stuart Pryde on the toilet situation. It seems the current café lease holder has given notice to quit by the end of the summer. Thus future toilet provision is unclear. Stuart was seeking DCC views on this. Members were clear that they wish a toilet at the park. It should be unisex and with direct access from the outside so that it is available when the café is closed. JB will advise Stuart Pryde of this. JB

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

Cllr Hampshire advised that the work at St Margaret's is complete.

Work is to go ahead on the roof, gutters and downpipes at the Corn Exchange. Contracts are to be set up. Cllr Hampshire agreed to ensure that ELC Officer, Paul Ionetta, keeps GA updated on progress. **NH**

f) Belhaven Hospital.

Some members had attended a meeting on 29th March regarding consultations on new provision for Health and Social Care for Older People. Nothing had been heard since then on consultation methods. JB agreed to chase Jane Ogden-Smith of East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership about this. **JB**

In the meantime, a "Growing Older" consultation with an on-line survey is on the ELC website and Consultation Hub. The closing date is June 30th.

Community concerns had been raised about access to information on the Consultation and opportunities to take part in it for those who are not on line

g)War Memorial

HC had been in contact with Stuart Pryde about use of Civic Pride monies towards the restoration.

HC had been working on grant applications.

HC had had contact with the War Memorial Trust

IH had been studying missing names..

HC had been in contact with ELC about Planning issues. There had been some discussion about ownership of the Monument which is believed to belong to ELC as successor authority of the Royal Burgh of Dunbar Council.

A meeting of the War Memorial Working Group is to be set up to take matters forward.

h) Dunbar High Street

There had been much positive comment about the painting work on the High Street buildings. Further funding had been obtained from DELAP and crowdfunding on social media had been successful. There had been some contact from ELC Planning about the work with regard to the colours used. GA was seeking further information on allowed colours from Paul Zochowski. This was essential to allow work to proceed.

Some members had attended a meeting to consider a Buildings Preservation Trust on March 20th. GR had circulated notes and JB had circulated notes from Kate Darrah. Kate has arranged a follow up meeting at 7pm on April 23rd at the Dunmuir Hotel..

There was concern about poor after work by BT Openreach in the |High Street. It was agreed to ask ELC Transportation to request BT Openreach to make the repairs good. **JB** Information had been received on proposals for Archaeology work at Black Bull Close

.i) Town Maintenance

- ii) Flags in hand Stephen.
- iii) Information Board about the Lochend Arch at the Community Woodland in hand. Pauline Smeed is seeing what information the History Society have.
- j) **Restoration of Provost Portraits** in hand. Museum Service involved.
- **k)** Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust JB had had further contact with Mr Bannerman to note interest in a memorial at Belhaven Bay. The Trust will pay for the plaque and for its installation by a local tradesman at a site of the CC's choosing. In the meantime, West Barns had received their plaque for the Belton Airfield which will be erected in the West Barns Remembrance Garden.
- l) **Dust fall** This was still being investigated by SEPA. The source of the dust was still not confirmed. JB was chasing SEPA for update. **JB**

- m) Gala Day With a Paintbrush JB had advised Mike Wilson that DCC did not wish to progress this idea at present.. He was disappointed but accepting.
- n) **Resilience** JB and SC's details had been passed to Sandy Baptie. He still wishes names for the resilience event in Musselburgh on October 27th.
- o) Edinburgh Airport Noise Group JB had advised that DCC did not wish to attend the meetings but wished to be kept in the communication loop. Information on their website will be sent.
- **p)** Sustaining Dunbar Co working space a letter of support had been sent. The Scottish Land Fund would make a decision on April 20th.
- q) Viridor ERF JB was still waiting on contact from SEPA about the updated Heat Plan

10)Local Area Partnership

There had been a good turnout for the annual meeting.

Preparations for the Summer School are going ahead.

Future funding proposals are being considered. Some existing projects still need completion. Thanks were given to Graham Adams and Team for the painting of High Street tenements. Further funding had been granted. (See High Street)

New benches are being installed near Shore Road. Disability access is being considered to the bay.

11)Local Councillors Reports

Cllr Hampshire – He noted the Transport Strategy Consultation and the public meeting in Dunbar on April 24th. There was discussion regarding concerns about paying to park in the High Street and the DTA Petition. There was concern that parking charges for the High Street would deter people from using the High Street when parking is free at ASDA.

JB noted concerns about connectivity and public transport access between north and south of the railway line.

JB noted concerns about information sharing with DCC about consultations which tend to be on line and thus are exclusive of many residents. Concerns were noted that information is sent to DELAP but not to DCC.

JB noted past consultation and workshops regarding East Lothian on the Move in 2015 for which actions were outstanding. Cllr Hampshire said he was not aware of that consultation. *Cllr Kempson* – noted that it is important to respond to the Transport Strategy Consultation. *Cllr McLennan* – No report

12 Bowe Cup and Community Council Awards

PS had circulated the names of nominees for DCC members to indicate preferences prior to the meeting.

Following discussion award winners were identified. They will be approached to see if they accept the awards.

There was a discussion about out of area nominees. It was agreed to send letters. It was also agreed to send letters to those who had recently won medals at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

- **13**) **Stephen Bunyan Official Portrait** An official picture had been taken by Graham Smith. It was agreed that arrangements should be made to display a preferred image. HC suggested that there should be an official memorial in the Council Chamber of the other Community Council Chairs David Bertram and Dan Cairney. This will be considered.
- **14) Request for Letter of Support to Viridor Credits** Dunbar Tennis Club. It was agreed to send a letter of support. **JB/SB**
- **15) Funding for Hosting of Website by Our Locality** It was agreed to fund payment for this.
- **16) ELC Transport Strategy** Response was sought via the ELC website on matters concerning parking charges, active travel, road maintenance, public transport etc. Closing date 10th May. There is a Dunbar workshop 7-9 on April 24th. There was community concern about information on this consultation and opportunities to respond to it for those who are not on line and who are unable to attend the public workshop.
- **17**) **20 mph** ELC are beginning the TRO exercise for the area North of the railway line. JB had circulated a letter from Peter Forsyth.

18) Reports from Committees/Meetings Attended Gladman Development

JB had attended a meeting on March 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.

Residents are concerned that ELC did not continue with cemetery discussions with Dunbar Golf Club. Residents are very aggrieved that the development has been added by the Reporter to the LDP at the request of Gladman without consultation with residents or DCC. Residents are considering future action. It was noted that the LDP still needs approval by ELC.

EDF/Torness – AS had attended the Annual Meeting. A letter of commendation had been sent to the Plant regarding their safety record. A reply of thanks had been received.

Dunbar Buildings PreservationTrust - a number of members had attended. GR had circulated notes and a link had also been available from Kate Darrah to her presentation. It was noted that some buildings discussed e.g. Abbey Church, Horsemill, Assembly Rooms are in private ownership.; Follow up meeting is on April 23rd, 7pm at Dunmuir Hotel.

Bus Forum – JB had attended on March 21st.

Concerns were raised again by JB about the lack of provision of timetable information across the area, particularly from Borders Buses. Some stops still have Perrymans information from 2016 or nothing at all.

JB had noted that a stop near Dunbar Grammar was vandalised and still had information on a First Bus Service that ceased in 2016. Andrew McLellan of ELC noted that this had been passed to ELC.

East Coast Buses had noted information provision/infrastucture issues at a number of stops.

Eve's are seeking a licence to provide a service further down Brodie Road. A service closer to the Robertson Home site is also being considered.

Update of the Bus Passenger Charter is being considered.

ELC will withdraw the concessionary fare on rail travel from May 21st.

Transport Providers are concerned that they should be involved in development planning from an early stage – to prevent developments that go ahead without appropriate access for public transport.

There was further concern about the lack of public transport access to the new Haddington Community Hospital.

A new transport map is being developed.

JB will attend the RELBUS meeting on April 18th.

Tarmac – GR had attended the Liaison Committee and circulated a report.

<u>17)Correspondence – previously circulated</u>

Torness – Community newsletters

David Affleck – Concerns about electric car charging point at Dunbar Station – passed by JB to Scotrail and their partners on charging points. Also passed to East Lothian Community Rail Partnership.

Via Facebook -Max Schonwalder – asking if there are plans for a new skatepark. He has been involved in new skateparks elsewhere in East Lothian. Jacquie had responded that there are no current plans.

Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading

Dunbar Running Club Juniors – Local Priority Application Form

Claire Goodwin, ELC – Appointment of new Police Area Commander for East Lothian – Chief Inspector Steve Duncan

Brake – Newsletters

Association of Scottish Community Councils – Newsletter

Via Facebook- Ryan Deignan – update on army cadets

Via Facebook – Many positive comments on the painting of High Street tenements. Contributions to the crowdfunding appeal.

Via Facebook – John-Robert Eunson – further concerns about tarmac in Brodie Road. Jacquie has chased ELC Roads who are chasing Persimmon to rectify this.

Ralph Averbuch – Pencaitland Community Council – concerns about planning in East Lothian and the views of Community Councils being ignored on planning and other matters. Seeking support for a letter from CCs to ELC Chief Exec and others.

Via Facebook – William Main. Concerns about large hole at the entry sign to Dunbar. Jacquie had contacted ELC who advise Robertson Homes are to construct a flowerbed.

Peter Clowes – concerns about planning permission for toilet block at harbour

Various – concerns about the external disrepair of the toilets near Lauderdale House – Jacquie has passed to ELC. Graham Brotherstone is on leave.

Paul Nellis, Scottish Community Development Centre – update on the survey/workshops on the role of Community Councils

Via Facebook – Lisa Bryson – query about concrete base at Belhaven Bay. Jacquie had noted that this is a site for a new bench.

Lilian Pryde – 2018/19 Budgets

Various – Concerns about blocked footpath between Newtonlees Farm and ASDA. Jacquie has passed to ELC. ELC roads are aware and the route may have been blocked by a tenant landowner. Access Officer, Nick Morgan to investigate.

Via website, **Tracy Drysdale** – requesting letter of support to Viridor Credits for funding to upgrade Tennis Courts

Living Streets – event on 20mph communities in Glasgow on April 23rd

ELC- Consultation on Transport Strategy – on line responses by 10th May

DTA - Concerns about ELC Transport Strategy Proposals on parking charges etc

Via Sustaining Dunbar – ELC Growing Older Strategy

DCWG – Newsletter, information on AGM/Community events on 29th April and Community Consultation.

RNLI – Invitation to AGM on April 23^{rd} at 7 pm. Clash with the Buildings Preservation trust meeting. Apologies sent JB

Via Sustaining Dunbar – Katie Swan, Eden Project Communities. Big Lunch Event 12-1.30 on 14/4 at Bleachingfield. An event to bring communities together. Free tickets via Eventbrite link on the e mail. JB went.

Lilian Pryde – Improvement Service Twitter campaign on the positive work done by Scottish Community Councils.

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Iain Gray MSP – Public meeting on Local Rail Services on 3rd May at Prestonpans Town Hall. Seems to be mostly related to issues on the North Berwick Line.

Via Website – Sarah Duignan, Communications Manager at Network Rail – update on 2nd Platform.

18) AOB

European Stone Stacking Championships in Dunbar – April 21st and 22nd **Wilson Propellor** -Discussions needed on repainting

19) Date of Next Meeting - May 21st

Meeting Closed at 8.48 pm