

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held on 21st May 2018 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers, Dunbar Town House

1)Sederunt/Apologies -

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

Apologies - Rowena Halliday, Cllr Kempson

Councillors Present – Cllr Hampshire

Others Present -Cameron Ritchie (Press), Rev Keith Mills , Mike Shaw, Bob Sinclair (Members of the Public)

CONGRATULATIONS – Pippa and Alasdair Swan for winning the Dunbar Rotary Club Community Service Award.

CONGRATULATIONS – Rowena and Daniel Halliday on the arrival of their son, Jasper, on May 15th

CONGRATULATIONS Dunbar British Legion Pipe Band. For winning the Local Championship and the British Championship in Paisley for their 4A Category.

CONGRATULATIONS The Earl and Countess of Dumbarton on their marriage on May 19th 2018.

OBITUARIES

Dan Cairney – former Dunbar Trader and past Chairman of Dunbar Community Council

Chris Jamieson – former Dunbar Trader

FAREWELL – The Staff at RBS Dunbar Branch which will close on May 31th

BEST WISHES – Dunbar CC Secretary . Jacquie Bell – 60 on 21st May

2)Minutes of Meeting of April 16th 2018 – Approved

HC asked for an amendment regarding installation of a plaque for the Town House listing the names of the Community Council Chairs since its inception. It was agreed to write to ELC (Angela Leitch) about this. **JB**

3)Police Report

There was no Police Report

CAPP Priorities from 8th May

Traffic on Beveridge Row, Belhaven

Speeding in Tynninghame

Dog Fouling in East Linton

Next meeting – 19th June

4) Sub-committee Reports

Christmas Lights - A Quiz Night on 19th May at the Bowling Club had raised around £400. GA gave thanks to Derek Griffiths the Quiz Master and to the Bowling Club for the venue. Applications are underway for necessary licences. Pull tests will be on 27th August and all companies are booked. Work has started on replacing the festoon cables. An application to Cala homes was not successful.

Civic Week. The Court has been chosen. Plans are progressing and the printed programme is in preparation. Marshalls will be needed for the parade and Fun Day in the park. SC is working on the service to be held at the Battery. Rev Neil Watson, the new Minister from Belhaven will be involved.

5) Vacancies

Minute Secretary – Still vacant. JB is covering meantime. Another appeal has been made on the Facebook page with no response. Cameron Ritchie was asked to mention in the media. GR asked if JB could be paid in the interim. However, this is not possible within regulations.

6) Treasurer's report – circulated

a) General

The bank account stands at £333.60 (last month £772.59). The 2018-19 grant should be received by the time of the next report.

b) Local Priorities

Updates

A letter of thanks had been received from the Running Club

Applications for Discussion

Traditional Music Festival – Request for £500 **Approved**

The total budget is £9680. The Balance stands at £6000.

Halhill – A member of the public had raised concerns about recent vandalism at the Centre. They had queried if DCC might help fund an upgrade to CCTV. Jacquie had noted this would need a formal application to DCC.

7) Secretary's Report – circulated

Town Maintenance Issues

- 1) Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. JB still chasing Four Seasons Estates Management 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. Dangerous for cyclists.
- 4) Bus time information at bus stops JB is assisting Morag Haddow of ELC in an Audit.
- 5) Bench at Doon Avenue Still required. Stuart Pryde advises it is in hand.
- 6) Uneven tarmac in Brodie Road near Fairbairn Way. Persimmon still to rectify this. JB continues to chase ELC Officers to get this sorted as it is dangerous for road users.
- 7) Faded street name signs at Letham Place – reported to ELC Graham Brotherston will arrange replacement.

- 8) Benches in Victoria Street – some still need repair. Passed to Property Services
- 9) Pot holes – still too many to record. Some repaired areas have collapsed after the bad weather. Some deep holes in cycle lanes are potentially dangerous. All passed to ELC
- 10) Via member of the public on Facebook – concerns about litter in various areas. Passed to ELC Community Warden, Jimmy Wilson. Gordon Whitelaw’s team had done a litterpick along the A1 between Beltonford and Cockburnpath.. Over 450 bags of litter had been filled.
- 11) Via member of public. Large hole at Welcome to Dunbar sign near Robertson Homes – Robertson Homes are to arrange a flower planter and have been asked to make the hole safe in the meantime by ELC. This still needs action.
- 12) Exterior issues at toilets near Lauderdale House – passed to ELC. Graham Brotherstone has arranged for painting once some repairs have been completed. In the meantime, weeds have been cleared from the rhones.
- 13) Broken signpost at entrance to Winterfield Park. Repaired.
- 14) Flooding at Seafield Pond – reported to ELC including Tree Officer Mike Foy as a number of trees were deluged. Also passed to Scottish Water. No response. The level has since subsided.
- 15) Litter near Taylor Wimpey site – passed to ELC. Community Warden has visited the developer. Litter picking around this area will be done by the developer.
- 16) Lack of street name signs at Gospatrick Grange – led to a medical near miss as an ambulance could not find the street – passed to ELC. No response.

Services

Station Electric Car Charging Point – issues have been raised about this by a member of the public who found their user card was not compatible with the machine. They and JB are still waiting on responses from Scotrail who had installed the system. Other electric car users also resort issues with this charging point. Press reports have noted that Scotrail are having to check points across their stations due to a number of problems.

In the meantime, another charging point near John Muir House has been out of order.

JB raised issues of compatibility and maintenance with Ellie Grebenik of the Energy Savings Trust who assist the Scottish Government . She advised that most charge points in Scotland are linked to the Government backed Charge Place network. However, Scotrail had joined up with Chargemaster which is a different network for which another card is needed. Aside from the stations other points in East Lothian should all be compatible with the Scottish Government network.

Borders Buses -253

Following contact from a member of the public it has been found that Borders Buses are considering changes to the 253. This includes a number of cuts e.g. from 4 to 2 buses on Sundays. Changes have to be approved by the Traffic Commissioner. JB has had contact with Andrew McLennan at ELC, Dunbar Trades Association, Harry Barker of RELBUS/Bus Users UK, East Lammermuir Community Council and Scottish Borders Councillors. Concerns are shared, particularly as the cuts affect communities who are losing RBS branches and will need to be able to get to Haddington as the nearest branch.

Meetings

Dunbar Community Bakery AGM – May 9th

The Bakery is very grateful for the grant from DCC towards the refurbishment. The improvements have generally had a positive response.

Turnover has been improved by the introduction of cheaper, popular lines. Due to the increase in costs of ingredients and staff pay there will be a small increase in prices from June.

There has been an increase in the number of shareholders.

For constitutional regularity (maximum period of service) Dave Williamson has had to stand down as Secretary. He has been replaced by Alan Nicholson. Duncan McKinnell has had to stand down as Treasurer. A replacement is still needed.

Further Trustees are required.

Dunbar Trades Association – May 8th

There has been a decline in membership renewal. Those whose membership has lapsed will be followed up.

Plans are being made for hanging baskets. It is hoped The Ridge will water them.

The Association is supporting the 30th anniversary of the Dunbar UNICEF Branch.

Those present commended the High Street painting work by Graham Adams and Team.

Traders are very concerned about the potential for street parking charges. There were rumours that parking meter sites were already being identified. Members had been disappointed by the attendance at the public meeting in Dunbar.

There will be a window competition for Civic Week. The Street Art Trail may be the same week.

Media coverage of the European stone stacking championship had been excellent.

Concern was expressed about potential cuts to the 253 bus which brings people from the hinterland into town.

Much concern was expressed about the RBS closures – many local traders used the Dunbar branch.

WASPI - May 10th

5000 or so women, born in the 1950s, are affected across East Lothian by pension age changes. Over 400 attended this meeting. JB had offered to help with a meeting in Dunbar to inform women and assist them in writing to DWP. A venue is to be arranged.

Low Carbon Scotland – May 15th

An interesting event looking at Scottish Government strategy to reduce emissions and at various schemes in place to do this.

Energy Minister Paul Wheelhouse outlined the Government strategy. JB raised issues of the siting of the Oxwellmains ERF for its effectiveness in providing a source of district heating.

There was a presentation by Ellie Grebenik of the Energy Savings Trust on electric vehicles. JB raised issues of compatibility and maintenance as being experienced in East Lothian.

There was a presentation on a new bike hire scheme for Edinburgh. The company would like to expand the scheme further across the country. In a general discussion on encouraging people to cycle more JB noted issues of roads maintenance for cycling safety.

JB met Jennifer Lothian the new Sustainability and Climate Change officer for East Lothian.

She lives in Dunbar. JB spoke of some of our local issues. She would be happy to tell the Community Council about her role.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line. Council 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, not part of the works done by Cala for safety. Further information still needed to pass to ELC for costings.

Blocked route from Newtonlees to ASDA. Peter Forsyth of Transportation advises it seems to have been stopped up by the tenant landowner of the land. Response awaited from Nick Morgan the ELC Access Officer.

8) Matters Arising

a) Planning Matters

Updates

i) *Local Plan* – The Reporters had added the Newtonlees site at the request of Gladman. DCC and local residents had not been advised of this. JB had made contact with DPEA who had advised that responsibility had been passed to ELC. ELC were to approve the plan on 24th April. JB had contacted Cllrs Kempson and McLennan. Cllr Kempson had advised of a special meeting on May 29th to discuss the LDP. JB had contacted Iain McFarlane at ELC about the inclusion of Gladman by the Reporter without the CC and residents having opportunity to make representation. He had advised that the Reporter recommendations can only be changed with good reason. JB had asked opposition groups to consider questioning the inclusion of the Gladman site at the special meeting. Planning Democracy are concerned about the situation.

ii) *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.

iii) *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.

iv) *Gladman* – local residents at Newtonlees and Broxburn remain unhappy about the decision. Information had been circulated following an FOI on the cemetery site that had been considered near the Golf Club until recently.

v) *17/00488/PM* – Erection of 73 houses and 8 flats on land south of Brodie Road, Dunbar. Still to be determined. JB had circulated a modified application for 68 houses. Reduction of properties seems positive although it is still hoped there will be affordable homes. JB had noted this to ELC.

vi) *17/00292/P, 17/00011/LRB = Bear.* Still to be decided. With Transport Scotland.

vii) *Golf Club* – new plans are still to be submitted. Club members had an up-date in March 2018..

viii) *NNG Windfarm* – The new Marine Licence application has been submitted to Scottish Ministers and advertised in the local press. JB had circulated information which had been received at late notice. Comments to Scottish Ministers by 18th May.

ix) *Viridor ERF* – JB had circulated the new Heat Plan. There is still no clear end use for the Heat generated.

.Paul Zochowski had sent GA information on colours for the High Street so that painting could progress. He had also sent JB colour information.

Dunbar CC had supported concerns across Community Councils regarding consultation and planning matters in particular. Ralph Averbuch of Pencaitland CC had set up a meeting. with Angela Leitch and Douglas Proudfoot and Iain McFarlane of Planning. This had been held on May 14th and the outcome had seemed positive. JB had circulated an update from Ralph

about the meeting. An EGM of the Association of East Lothian Community Councils will be held on May 23rd.

The Scottish Parliament will be discussing the proposed Scottish Planning Bill on May 29th.

b) East Beach

DSHNG had conducted their annual inspection of the area. PS had circulated a report. Rock Armour work has continued. Work on the groyne is still being progressed.

c) Cemetery Issues –

Parish Church Further information is still needed from Stuart Pryde on Wildflower costings. He was on holiday. JB will follow up. **JB**

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.

JB had circulated notes from an FOI that had been submitted by Newtonlees residents regarding purchase of land from the Golf Club for an earlier cemetery site.

d) Parks

Winterfield – JB had circulated an update from Bruce Allison. Consultation will be via DELAP. FOW had had some concerns e.g whin dust paths and toilet position. FOW AGM on May 22nd at Belhaven Church Hall.

Lauderdale JB had advised Stuart Pryde of Dunbar CC views on toilet provision. In the meantime concerns had been raised that the gates were not being closed in an evening. Concerns were passed by JB to ELC. JB had passed on Stuart Pryde's response to DCC. Temporary arrangements are in place for the gate closing.

e) Common Good Buildings (Corn Exchange and St Margaret's) - Cllr Hampshire noted that contracts have been let to companies to do the work. He will ask Paul Ianetta at ELC to contact GA about the Corn Exchange work. **NH**

f) Health and Social Care Services (including Belhaven Hospital)

JB had contacted Jane Ogden Smith for an update on community consultation. A public meeting will be held from 6.30 to 8 on 23rd May at the Bleachingfield Centre. Jane has also arranged a visit to Dovecot Court extra care housing complex in Peebles for May 28th for members of the 3 East Lothian Forums. JB will go.

The On-line Growing Older Consultation ends on June 30th.

David Small is to leave his position in June for another post within NHS Lothian.

g) War Memorial - update

Subcommittee members had met.

JB had circulated a note of the meeting.

HC updated on developments since the meeting.

ELC now accept ownership. They will pay for the Planning application and architect fees.

The Planning Application is in progress. HC is to meet with Bob Heath on 22/5. It was hoped the application could be submitted very soon.

Be Green had declined help with funding. A decision is still needed from Viridor and Civic Pryde. SB noted that he had spoken to Stuart Pryde who hoped that CCs would work to improve local memorials before November 2018.

An application had been made to the War Memorial Trust. The first phase is for the conservation of the monument. If they agree an offer will be made for DCC to accept. Work could then be instructed.

A further phase would be if names were to be added. There was a discussion about the addition of extra names. SB had circulated a letter from Mrs Radcliffe who would be keen to see her husband, Captain Griffin, commemorated. DCC members were aware of this situation and supportive of the name being added to the WW2 names. HC will arrange a further meeting of the subcommittee.

h) Dunbar High Street

Many thanks were given to GA and his team for continued painting work. There had been many positive comments from the public.

All colours had been agreed with Paul Zochowski at ELC.

Thanks were given to Eleni Gigourtaki at ELC for help with TTROs.

Thanks were given to DCC members for help with marshalling the 3 way traffic lights.

GA noted thanks to Johnstone Paints and Heights for Hire. AS will arrange letters of thanks.

AS

GA noted issues of ELC bins damaging walls in the Westport. Also of problems with a disused Give Way sign near the roundabout which should be removed.

JB had chased issues with ELC about reinstatement of the road surfaces after work by BT Openreach contractors. There had been some work done.

Members had attended a further meeting arranged by Kate Darrah on a potential Dunbar Buildings Preservation Trust. JB had circulated a note of the meeting.

i) Town Maintenance

i) Flags – in hand SB is still trying to find details of flag providers. **SB**

ii) Information Board about the Lochend Arch at the Community Woodland – in hand. JB had had further contact with Pauline Smeed about the arch and with DCWG. SB had spoken to Isobel Knox of DCWG. DCWG have erected Muir Quote signs in the woods.

iii) DHT had renovated the Wilson Propellor

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 choosing. In the meantime, West Barns have received their plaque for the Belton Airfield which will be erected in the West Barns Remembrance Garden. **JB**

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

m) Resilience Sandy Baptie. still wishes names for the resilience event in Musselburgh on October 27th.

n) Viridor ERF – Sarah Mietzitis of SEPA had sent the updated heat plan. It still lacks detail on end use of the heat from the ERF. Sue Anderson is now working as a Community Benefits Officer for the ERF.

o) Tennis Club -A letter of Support had been sent for the Tennis Club application to Viridor Credits. Tracy Drysdale of the Tennis Club had sent a note of thanks.

p) Protocol for Responses from ELC Officers – A letter had been sent to Angela Leitch. Lilian Pryde had responded to ask for examples. She had also sent a note on the protocol for response times to the public. This document was felt to be helpful. It was agreed to see how things go now this information was available before naming particular individuals/departments.

9)Local Area Partnership

Painting work has progressed in the High Street with a positive response. (See above)

New seating has been installed at Shore Road.

Other projects are progressing.

Next meeting May 28th

10)Local Councillors Reports

Cllr Hampshire

There will be a special ELC meeting on 29th May to finalise the LDP. It will then go to Scottish Ministers for approval before returning to ELC for adoption. Concerns were again raised about the inclusion of the Gladman site in the LDP without consultation of the community by the Reporter.

The Transport Strategy Consultation had closed. Concerns were raised about the effect of Town Centre parking charges on the High Street.

GW noted concerns about changes to the 253 bus service. Cllr Hampshire noted that this was a commercial operation. Providers could change services if they were not being utilised. JB and GW noted issues for people from the villages who need to access employment/services in the town/Dunbar station etc. Cllr Hampshire noted that East Coast Buses were seeing an increase in bus passenger numbers and that they may consider increasing the services they offer.

Cllr Hampshire noted that the ELC Budget is tight and difficult choices were having to be made to continue essential services.

Cllr Kempson – no report

Cllr McLennan – no report

11) Bowe Cup and Community Council Awards – Award nominees had been contacted. There had been issues in contacting David Main about engraving which were being followed up. The Bowe Cup was also being sought.

12)Licensing

The Masons Arms is closed until further notice. It is subject to a review of the premises and personal licences at the Licensing Board meeting on May 24th.

13)Reports from Committees/Meetings Attended

Dunbar Buildings Preservation Trust - A further meeting had been held. JB, SB and GR had attended. There was discussion as to whether a new group should be established or if there could be an expansion of Dunbar Community Development Company. There was also discussion about potential buildings in Dunbar that may be suitable for a group to target for renewal. A further meeting will be arranged. However, there was limited interest in those who attended being willing to be Trustees of a future group.

JB had circulated a note of the meeting sent by Kate Darrah.
HC noted that expanding the role of DCDC may need an amendment to the DCDC Constitution.

RELBUS

JB had attended. She had circulated a minute of the meeting from Morag Haddow. 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. A stop near DGS has been vandalised and still only has information on a First Bus service that ended in 2016. It was agreed that JB will assist Morag in a photographic audit of stop information. Initially this will be of information provided at full size shelters.

Concerns were raised that the ELC Entitlement Card will no longer be valid on train services from May 21st. It was felt that this would not help to encourage use of public transport.

Day Centre

SB, JB and GW had attended.

Sadly, further service users had passed away.

There are some staffing issues- a member of staff has recently left and another will be going on maternity leave. Thus, recruitment is required.

The boiler requires replacement.

Further volunteers and Management Committee members are required. Andrew Brown will be returning to the Management Committee.

AGM on June 26th at 7 pm.

Edinburgh and SE Scotland City Region Deal. JB had attended a seminar in Edinburgh on 25th April. The City Region Deal, to which ELC are contributing funding, had seen its Heads of Terms agreed in 2017. JB had noted lack of information about this from ELC. Funding areas seem very distant to the eastern ELC area e.g a Food and Drink hub at QMU, upgrade of Sheriffhall roundabout, a Robotarium at Heriot Watt. Jacquie had noted that this seemed very distant from Dunbar who are getting housing to support Edinburgh overflow but no infrastructure. Scottish Government Officers had expected that local residents would have been consulted on proposals for local investment as had happened elsewhere for City Region Deals eg there could have been bids to upgrade the A1 South of Dunbar, to upgrade the Cement Works junction or to re-open East Linton Station. The lack of local public involvement in the process was of concern to Civil Servants. A Scottish Office Official has offered to visit – this may be a subject for wider East Lothian Community Councils consideration.

14)Correspondence – previously circulated

Kate Darrah- information on how to book Dunbar Town House. Jacquie had sent information.

RAGES – Rag

Local People Leading – newsletters

Via website – Peter Flynn – approval of toilets and concerns about potential parking charges. Jacquie had responded.

Lilian Pryde – from Lynn Sharp at Improvement Service – Community Council positive stories publicity on Facebook and Twitter

Brake – Newsletters

Dunbar Twinning Association – Newsletter

Claire Goodwin, ELC - East Lothian Partnership Forum Meeting – 5 – 8.30 pm on June 14th at Brunton Hall

ELC Roads – TTRO on Dunbar High Street 4-10 May

ELC -Road resurfacing at Shore Road, Belhaven

Via Website – Giovanni Cassino, Kent – seeking information on schools – Jacquie had responded.

Via Facebook – John Robert Eunson – continued concerns about tarmac ramp in Brodie Road – passed by Jacquie to ELC Roads

Via Facebook – concerns about flooding at Seafield Pond – passed to ELC/Scottish Water by Jacquie

Via Facebook – concerns about road surfaces at Brodie Road – passed by Jacquie to ELC.

Martin Whitfield MP – WASPI Meeting 7pm on 10th May in Haddington Town House

Via Website – **Ray Dickinson** – seeking information on local car hire. Jacquie had responded

Kate Maynard, ELC – seeking agreement to send information post GDPR. Jacquie had responded.

Via Facebook – **concerns about litter left by contractors around the old A1**- Passed by Jacquie to Community Warden who had followed up.

Via Facebook – **John Robert Eunson** – Concerns about lack of Road name signs on adopted roads at Gospatrick Grange. There had been a medical emergency. Passed by Jacquie to ELC

John Robertson – **ELC Response to FOI** regarding cemetery at Newtonlees.

Via Website – **Dunbar Guides –nomination for Community Award**. They had been advised that the nomination was too late but they could nominate next year.

John Fyall – **Concerns about Traprain Quarry** – Jacquie advised that this is in Dunpender Community Council area.

Sue Northcott, DFEL-newsletter

Planning Democracy – Update on Scottish Planning Bill and Equal Right of Appeal

Paul Nelis – Direct and via Lilian Pryde – Community Council Research survey

Via Website – Catherine Dunning – concerns about potential changes to 253 Bus Service. Jacquie had responded and had contacted ELC, Borders Buses and Harry Barker of RELBUS. Andrew McLennan had advised that the 253 will be continuing with some timetable adjustments. However, there are some significant cuts proposed.

Kate Darrah – wishing to make a nomination for the Community Awards. Jacquie had advised that awards decided but a nomination can be made in 2019.

Lynn Sharp, Improvement Service via Lilian Pryde – Events to mark the centenary of the Armistice.

Morag Haddow – RELBUS minute

Lilian Pryde – Meeting of East Lothian Association of Community Councils – 23rd May at Haddington Town House

RAGES- Membership renewal. Jacquie had paid.(£10). Receipt received by e mail.

Stuart Gibb, ELC – Grants for Paths

Torness – Community Newsletter

Sue Anderson – ERF Newsletter

Via Facebook – **Alasdair Bunyan** – concern about vandalism at Halhill. Asking if DCC might help fund upgrading of CCTV at the Centre. Jacquie had responded.

Osbert Lancaster, Sustaining Dunbar – update on the Co-working Project

Martin Whitfield MP – update on surgery arrangements

Peter Forsyth, ELC – A1 Action Group Meeting 10 am on June 28th at John Muir House.

Via Website – University of Durham – Invitation to Bodies of Evidence Exhibition- 6-8 pm on 8th June

Paul Zochowski, ELC – Colour Scheme for Dunbar Conservation Area

15) AOB

A1Action Group – 10 am on 28th June JB is on holiday. GW/GR will try to attend
Flying the Red Ensign – Merchant Navy Day 3rd September. SB had had a letter about this. DCC usually flies the flag on that day along with a flag for Armed Forces Day in June.
Dunbar Dementia Network SCIO – AS noted that this will be launched on 24th May. DCC members are invited to attend.

Mr Sinclair (member of the public) raised 2 issues

Future of Belhaven Hospital – information was given on the ongoing discussions and the Growing Older Consultation process. There will also be a “pop up “ meeting in the town. It was confirmed that there is no imminent plan to close the hospital.

Winterfield Park – information was given on the consultation process. A display will be going up at the Bleachingfield Centre.

Promoting Dunbar Town Centre – HC commended the work of GA and his team improving the High Street. He suggested that there should be wider discussion by DCC as an agenda item on ways to attract people into the town. JB noted initiatives by the DTA. It was agreed to have a further discussion at the July meeting.

Reports to DCC – GA noted concerns about the length of some verbal reports to DCC.

16) Date of Next Meeting June 18th 2018 **AWARDS NIGHT**

Next Business Meeting – July 16th