

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting Held in the Community Room, Dunbar Town House on July 16th 2018.

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

Councillors Present – Cllr Kempson

Others Present – Cameron Ritchie (Press), Romie Blair, Margaret McCartney, Sharon Rossi, Nick and Suzanne Woodhall-Mason (Members of the Public)

Apologies - Sara Covey (SC), PC Ross

BEST WISHES – Jo McNamara who retired on 25TH June.

Paul Raffaelli who had retired as Head of DGS. Stephen had sent a letter.

CONGRATULATIONS – Eve Smith -Lang (13) chosen for the British Wakeboarding Team taking part at the European Championships in Milan in August 2018.

WELL DONE – members of the DGS Mock Trial Team –for winning the first Transatlantic Mock Court Trial held at the Federal Court in New York in June. They beat a team from William Cullen Bryant School of Queens, New York

CONGRATULATIONS- Dunbar Sea Cadets on their 60th anniversary.

2)Minutes of Meeting of May 21st 2018 - Approved

3)Police Report PC Ross on Rest Days. Report circulated.

The report was based on incidents reported to Police between 1st June and 14th July 2018.

Ward Priorities

Road Safety -A complaint had been received from residents of the Belhaven Area regarding speeding on Back Road, Shore Road and Duke Street as well as vehicle related anti-social behaviour in the Shore Street car park. Joint patrol and speed checks had been conducted by PC Ross and Jimmy Wilson (Community Warden) on 9th July. No offences had been detected and there had been good engagement with youths in vehicles in Shore Road car park.

Antisocial Behaviour -Police and community wardens had attended the Bullet Hill annual gathering on 1st June. There had generally been a good atmosphere and no issues with youth behaviour. Large quantities of alcohol had been seized and a female youth had been arrested.

Litter – After the Bullet Hill gathering ELC staff had attended and conducted a tidy up of the area.

Theft – 9 shoplifting incidents had been reported – split between the Co-ops and ASDA.

Around 1.25 on 12th June a van was broken into on Wilson Place, but nothing was stolen.

Between 3 am and 9.15 am on 1st July a Ford Transit van was stolen from Eweford Cottages.

On 1st July near South Belton a complaint was received about a delivery driver failing to slow when passing a horse and rider, causing the horse to rear, the driver will be traced and warned. The company he works for had been made aware.

Between 29th June and 2nd July there were numerous thefts of milk in the Yosemite Park and Fall Avenue areas.

Belhaven Issues IH had passed on concerns from Belhaven residents regarding traffic in the Shore Road, North Street, Duke Street, Back Road areas. They had sent a petition to Ian Gray MSP seeking traffic calming measures and 20 mph limit (the area is in the proposed zone) plus additional police presence. Residents attended the meeting to expand on the issues. They will also attend the CAPP meeting on 19th July. It was noted that the area will be included in the forthcoming 20mph zone. Also, that DELAP has agreed to fund a pavement on Back Road. It was suggested that given increased traffic in the area consideration is needed to make it safer e.g. lights at the Shore Road/Beveridge Row junction with Edinburgh Road. JB had met with a local resident – concerned about overnight car parking at Shore Road. This had been raised at CAPP. Parking has been decriminalised and so Police have limited powers to deal with this. The resident is requesting a height restriction barrier. During the meeting it was reported that Travellers had moved onto Shore Road car park. There was discussion about the processes that are required by ELC to remove Travellers.

CAPP Priorities from 19th June

Traffic on Beveridge Row, Belhaven

Speeding in Tynninghame

Dog Fouling in East Linton

Next meeting – 19th July

4) Sub-committee Reports

Christmas Lights - GA had circulated his report. The Team will be having a break in July. GA has been invited to a meeting on August 13th to discuss disruption related to the road closures. It is possible that ELC may want to change procedures. This could have implications for the Christmas Lights.

Civic Week

Some participating groups had been asked to have proof of £10 million public liability insurance They found the cost of this a lot. Following contact with ELC it was agreed that cover of £1 million should be sufficient for most smaller events..

Civic Week had gone well despite a wet start. AS had written to Cala Homes who had had an advertising van at the Bleachingfield at the time of the opening parade. He had circulated their response.

Thanks were given to GR, AS, SC and Eileen Moore for their work in organising Civic Week. GR and AS are willing to continue for 2019.

5) Vacancy

Minute Secretary – Still vacant. Jacquie is covering meantime. Another appeal has been made on the Facebook page with no response. There has also been a request in The Courier.

6) Treasurer's report – circulated

a) General

The General Fund balance is £1207.90 (last month £1207.90). The annual grant of £970 had been received in May. The Accounts are ready for independent examination.

Christmas Lights Account. The balance stands at £15006.74 (last month £11967.49). The main movement had been public donations of £3701.19 towards the High Street painting work. The accounts are ready for independent examination.

Civic Week Account – The balance stands at £6484.92 (last month £9380.62). Cheques from Civic Week are still to be cleared. The accounts for 2018/19 Civic Week are expected to show a break even. A meeting will be held in July to budget for the 2019 Civic Week and to

determine where funds will be coming from. The accounts are ready for independent examination.

b) Local Priorities

Updates

Dunbar Colts Football Team had asked for £130 to take part in the Edinburgh Cup Tournament for Under 14s. Given the timescale and the small amount involved this had been agreed by the Community Council via e mail.

New Applications - None

7) Secretary's Report – circulated

Town Maintenance Issues

- 1) Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. JB 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. The Ridge have drawn up a quote which has been passed to Four Seasons without response.
- 2) Condition of Fairfield, Beveridge Row – still to be sorted. Getting worse.
- 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. ELC have been asked to remove the First Bus information from near DGS and to repair the Perspex cover.
A bus stop flag had been removed from Belhaven Road, causing confusion. Reported to ELC and a new stop has been erected near 30 Belhaven Road.
- 5) Bench at Doon Avenue Still required. Stuart Pryde advises one will be installed soon.
- 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 – replaced
- 8) Benches in Victoria Street – repaired.
- 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. Some have been repaired.
- .10) Via member of the public on Facebook – concerns about litter at Brewery in Spott Road. Passed to Community Warden. Has been removed.
- 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 although fencing has now been erected around the hole to make it safer. In the meantime, a member of the public has noted that large stones and other things are being dumped down the hole. Passed to ELC.
- 12) Exterior issues at toilets near Lauderdale – weeds removed from rhones, repairs made and repainted.
- 13) 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. Graham Brotherston advises that it is the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey whilst they are still on local sites. JB has contacted Taylor Wimpey without response.
- 14) Via member of the public – A Commonwealth War Graves Commission sign at the Parish Church had been vandalised. Reported to ELC and CWGC – replaced by CWGC in a more secure place.
- 15) Via member of the public. Concerned about lack of maintenance of communal areas in Warrender Crescent. Some grass cuttings have attracted nesting gulls and required Pest Control involvement at nearby homes. Passed to ELC Amenities and Community Warden.

Residents had swept up grass from the pavements. Gordon Whitelaw advised that the machine had broken down more than once leading to delay in grass cutting. Weed treatment was to be going ahead. Due to funding cuts it is not easy to maintain all areas.

16) Faded signs at Countess Crescent, Belleview Terrace and Belhaven Road (near Grahame Place)- reported to ELC.

17) Seagulls. A number of concerns about the numbers of birds. Culling was late this year. Graham Adams noticed when on the cherry picker a large number of nests where the eggs (which are meant to be coated to prevent hatching) had already been long hatched. Noted to ELC.

18) Via member of the public – damaged Give Way sign at junction of Spott Road with Queens Road – passed to ELC.

19) Via member of the public – sign post to John Muir Country Park near Winterfield Park seems to be pointing in the wrong direction – has led to some confusion for tourists. Passed to ELC.

20) Via member of the public. Request for a bench on the Promenade near Dunbar Golf Course. Passed to ELC.

21) Bridge to Nowhere – steps badly eroded and crumbling. Passed to ELC.

22) Via Member of the Public- broken Give Way sign at Junction of West Port and High Street – passed to ELC

23) Ransom Strip between Beveridge Row and Cala Development – overgrown again. Cala asked to tidy it.

24) Large pole marking the out of bounds area at Winterfield golf course – ELC asked if it needs to be so high.

Services

RBS – Branch closed on May 31st. Mobile service is Thursday 9.30-10.30 and Saturday – 11.10-11.55. The first Saturday van had broken down and failed to turn up Potential users were unhappy. Residents feel that the service is insufficient. The Post Office has been very busy. The process of getting cash for floats etc can be slow for business customers at the Post Office.

JB had had contact with Hazel Brydon, Area Manager in Duns. It seems the van broke down after being accidentally filled with dirty diesel in North Berwick. Manager at Haddington has been asked to contact JB about contingency plans.

Businesses need to register for Business Banking Facilities at the Post Office. To pay in at the Post Office Personal Customers need to have an RBS Pay-In Book. A number of businesses have moved their accounts.

Electric Car Charging Points.

JB has had contact with Jennifer Lothian, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Officer at ELC about the problems. She has taken up with colleagues.

Roads Services are aware of the issues regarding the reliability and maintenance of charging points and are looking at ways to rectify them.

A staff member is also liaising with Scotrail regarding the current incompatibility of their system with that of the Scottish Government supported network that covers most of the Scottish points.

Recycling – Via Facebook a member of the public asked for a facility to recycle hard plastics at the Amenity Site. At present people have to go to Macmerry or Kinwegar. Passed to Tom Reid at ELC Waste Services. He advised that the recycling is on trial at the 2 points in East Lothian. However, he is struggling to find a market to sell the recycled materials. At present

they are going south, and the cost of gate fees and haulage are a problem. Unless the economics improve he will be unable to bring such a facility to Dunbar. He is hoping to engage with start-up initiatives looking to make fuels from the material within Scotland. If he can do that he would put an appropriate recycling skip at Dunbar.

Borders Buses -253

Changes were introduced on July 2nd. Most stops still need information on the times which have changed a lot.

Prior to the changes JB had many contacts. Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council are very unhappy about the cuts. JB had circulated communications between them and Borders Buses.

JB had chased up Borders Buses after having no response to e mails of 3rd and 11th May. Response from them was that the service had not been used. They said the changes were not raised at the Bus Forum in March as they had not been finalised.

Andrew McLellan of ELC advised me that ELC had approved the changes. He said that in some areas there are low passenger numbers and the network has to be adjusted to suit the commercial viability of the route or it could be lost altogether. ELC does not have extra funds to allow for any adjustment. Paying for an unused service would be a waste of taxpayers' money. The changes agreed have been because people haven't used the bus. A service, if used, can be expanded which is easier than to build up from no service.

JB had spoken to Iain Gray MSP and noted concerns about the difficulties, particularly for those who do not drive – older people, those with disabilities and young people who may have difficulty getting to employment e.g. at Fort Kinnaird or Thurston Manor if there is no bus. He noted the difficulties created by the commercial nature of bus services which may only be fixed by changes in the legislation e.g. more regulation of services.

The Scottish Government have now proposed changes to the way bus services are managed including allowing local authorities to run services themselves. However, it is not clear how councils would afford to do this.

Meetings

Sustaining Dunbar AGM – June 4th

There was discussion of current projects and future plans including the proposals for a Co-working facility in the High Street.

There was a discussion on updating aims and values of the organisation.

Trustees were appointed. There is still a particular need for Trustees with financial, IT and social media skills as well as a Minute Taker. Jo McNamara has replaced Elisabeth Wilson as Chair.

The meeting was attended by Jennifer Lothian, the recently appointed Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Officer at ELC who gave a brief account of her role. ELC will be producing a new Climate Change Strategy in the future.

Dunbar Trades Association – June 12th

The meeting was attended by Richard Baty from ELC Economic Development.

There was discussion about the Local Transport Strategy, particularly with regard to Town Centre Parking charges. Over 2000 people had signed a petition against their introduction. Contact with Cllr Kempson and Angela Leitch had suggested that a decision was still to be made. However, men had been spoken to by members who were measuring up for parking meters. Richard Baty noted that other towns had concerns but that the Dunbar petition had attracted notice at ELC. Members have also heard that Enjoy Leisure may also introduce

charges at its facilities including Dunbar Leisure Pool. There was a suggestion that disc parking to allow 90 minutes of free parking may be an option.

Since the meeting Richard Baty has advised that nobody had been measuring for meters and that decisions are still to be made.

Concern was raised about bus services into the town. Cuts to the 253 were noted. There was also concern about the lack of transport from the new developments. JB noted that operators were to have had a meeting with ELC Bus Officer about expanding routes to new housing but this had not yet happened.

Concern was raised about the closure of RBS and the inadequacy of the twice weekly mobile van service for local business use. The Post Office also has some limitations for business customers needing to manage large amounts of cash and it lacks a night safe.

The Discover Dunbar Brochure is being distributed. DTA members would welcome other means to encourage people into the town from the housing estates and travellers on the A1 e.g. better brown signage. A survey/leaflet drop of the new housing may be an option in conjunction with other local groups.

There was discussion about the DELAP Winterfield Park consultation and an encouragement for members to respond to this as the parks are an important asset in the town.

Concerns were raised about the Lauderdale café toilets being closed at weekends. Also that there are signs up at the café indicating that non customers should go to the toilets near the pool. JB noted that a new lessee is being sought.

Hanging baskets were to be erected. They will be watered by The Ridge.

WASPI – June 7th

There was a packed room at Halhill for women affected by the Pension Changes. Advice was given on the process for making complaints to DWP. Template letters are available, and support can be given by the East Lothian Group in writing them. There will be further meetings. Martin Whitfield MP is directly involved with the campaign.

Ist Dunbar Guides – June 13th

JB attended to hear presentations from the girls about the work they have been doing to earn their Streets Ahead badge. The patrols had worked on a number of topics including Harbour Safety, Litter Prevention and Animal Welfare including dog fouling. JB gave them some information about the work of the Community Council in these areas.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line. Council Officers are still working on costings so that funding can be applied for. Iain Reid (Sustainable Transport Officer) hopes to meet with the owner of Lochend Cottage about the situation.

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. Nick Morgan (Access Officer) and Ian Reid (Sustainable Transport Officer) at ELC had investigated. Iain had met with the landowner. It seems that the route of the path could not be used for Health and Safety reasons as it crossed a busy working farm yard. A new path has now been proposed to take people around the yard and into the new housing development. This will be put into place in September when the first houses are due to be occupied at that site. The path will be funded by the housing developer as it was required as a safe route to school as part of the planning consent.

Crossing at Belhaven High Street. There had been contact from a member of the public concerned about the lack of a safe crossing for pedestrians and young cyclists as the road gets

busier. They had queried the possibility of a crossing or lollipop person. I contacted ELC, but Alan Stubbs noted the limited accident record in the area. Thus, ELC will not be looking to provide a crossing or a crossing person.

Overnight Parking at Shore Road Car Park. This is not allowed but a member of the public had noted concerns about the number of campervans, some the size of small horseboxes, parking overnight. Some are using the bushes as a toilet. JB had met with the lady and passed this to ELC and the Police (although parking in the area is now decriminalised).

GR thanked JB for her work.

8) Matters Arising

a) Planning Matters

Updates

i) Local Plan – A Special meeting had been held on 29th June. The Labour and Conservative Groups had agreed to the proposed plan. The SNP had rejected it. The LDP is now with Scottish Ministers for approval before returning to ELC for formal adoption. Concerns continue about the inclusion of the Gladman site. JB had written to the Chief Planner and the Planning Minister. A Civil Servant had replied on behalf of the Minister to say that the Ministers cannot make changes and that the matter should be taken up with ELC.

In the meantime, ELC have circulated a draft action plan for the LDP which JB had circulated. Consultation on this ends on August 17th. Members should contact JB, who will prepare a response, with their views. **JB**

.ii) 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.

iii) 17/00488/PM – Erection of 68 houses on land south of Brodie Road, Dunbar. Still to be determined..

iv) 17/00292/P, 17/00011/LRB = Bear. Still to be decided. Still with Scottish Ministers who have asked for more time to determine. JB had circulated information from Iain McFarlane,

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

vi) NNG Windfarm – The new Marine Licence application has been submitted to Scottish Ministers and advertised in the local press ELC had asked Community Councils for responses. JB had noted the past views of DCC as the previous application had been approved. Some concerns remain about effects on habitat e.g. for birds which had been the subject of a previous judicial action by RSPB which had delayed the original application.

vii) Viridor ERF – JB had circulated the new Heat Plan. There is still no clear end use for the Heat generated. IH had raised questions about the type of waste to be incinerated within the licence, specifically low grade radioactive medical waste. JB had passed his query to SEPA.

viii) 17/00863/P – House on site of St Anne's Church Hall – approved

ix) Wilson Place Playparks GA had passed on concerns from a member of the public. It seems Greenbelt, the factor, have sold the land to John Friel. There are concerns about his intentions for the area. JB had had contact with ELC Planning Enforcement. The playpark is a condition of the Planning application. Any change of use requires Planning Permission. He will contact Mr Friel. JB had updated the concerned resident.

Alasdair had taken and circulated photos of the playparks.

Other people had also raised concerns about the ongoing maintenance of playparks, green spaces and factoring on developments south of the railway line.

Local residents attended to further discuss their concerns. Cllr Kempson agreed to discuss further with ELC Planners. Residents would like to take on the green spaces if possible. AS said he would be willing to assist with this e.g. to set up a SCIO. **Cllr SK**

The ELC Planning portal has been updated. It is now a bit easier to navigate although it can still take time to find all required application information. Community Councils are not getting a weekly alert with a link to the new applications.

The First stage of the Scottish Government Planning Bill had taken place on May 29th. A number of MSPs had spoken in favour of Equal Right of Appeal. Iain Gray had spoken of current problems with the system e.g. overturning of local decisions as had happened at Viridor ERF.

b) East Beach

PS had circulated the minutes of meetings held on 13th June and 11th July.

Rock Armour work has been completed.

Work on the groyne is still being progressed. .ELC funding has been allocated for this. The design is being reviewed.

Members of the public had expressed some concerns about seaweed disposal during the summer. This had been planned for. A member of the public has suggested an alternative for disposal. This will need to be agreed with Neil; Clark of ELCV who has ultimate responsibility for beach management.

c) Cemetery Issues –

Parish Church – JB had circulated an update from Stuart Pryde on Wildflower planting. Nothing has happened this year but the dry summer has not been good for plant/seed growth. He has had tentative discussions with a local organisation to may take on some/all of the planting and recoup costs from Dunbar CC. He hopes to have figures available by the Autumn. If these are acceptable to Dunbar CC planting could go ahead for summer 2019. PS queried if this could be part of the Amenity Services part of the Area Partnership budget which has generally not been spent. This was felt to be a good idea. PS will contact Stuart Gibb about this.

Newtonlees – A Planning application needs to be submitted by ELC. Stuart Pryde had advised that a Minute of Agreement to enable ownership has almost been completed. It is hoped an application will be submitted in late August. In the meantime, it is hoped to have the site ready, perhaps partially, to allow the adjacent housing to move on with greater ease by Autumn 2019/Spring 2020. It should be possible to accommodate burial needs within the existing cemetery until then.

d) Parks

Winterfield – Consultation Boards had been on display. A story in The Courier had caused some confusion as it appeared after the boards had been removed from The Bleachingfield. Stuart Gibb had circulated some initial responses. The view coming out was to leave things alone. There is no designated budget for improvements. Money could be spent instead on the Parish Churchyard. This can be formalised at DELAP on August 13th.

Lauderdale – There have been concerns about the café being closed on sunny weekends. The café also has signs up telling park users to go to the toilets at the Pool. The lease will be changing.

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

There was no further information. PS agreed to chase up. GA noted forthcoming changes to wiring regulations which could have implications for the cost of works. **PS**

f) Health Services – JB, PS, GW and SB had attended a consultation event on May 23rd .

There had been information on why the IJB had agreed to look at re-provision of services for older people in East Lothian.. There was small group discussion on what people saw as the benefits of Belhaven Hospital and what shape local services should take in the future e.g. extra care housing, nursing care, respite.

JB had attended a visit to extra care housing in Peebles on June 28th.

The Consultation closed on June 30th. Responses will be reported to ELC, IJB and NHS Lothian in August 2018. If the bodies agree projects will be set up for North Berwick, Musselburgh and Dunbar. There will be detailed consultation and engagement in each area. Delivery of new facilities could take 3-5 years.

In the meantime Shona Robison, the Health Minister has been replaced by Jeane Freeman MSP. Alison MacDonald, East Lothian Chief Nurse, has been appointed as Interim Director of Health and Social Care in East Lothian to replace David Small.

g) War Commemoration

i) War Memorial

Subcommittee members had met. JB had circulated a note of the meeting from HC.

A £10,000 Grant had been received from Viridor Credits. Monies had also been awarded by The War Memorials Trust, ELC Civic Pride Fund and DCC.

Graciella Ainsworth had begun conservation work on the memorial.

There had been further discussion about the addition of names. HC has drawn up criteria. He has been conducting research. One name, Captain Griffin is to be added this Autumn.

ii) Armistice Centenary

WC is willing to lead a sub-committee to draw up a programme. He has been working on this and he outlined some of the ideas. Somebody will be needed to play the Last Post and JB agreed to follow up some contacts. A budget of £500 was agreed.

h) Dunbar High Street

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

Kate Darrah has invited the Community Council to visit Black Bull Close for an update on work there. JB agreed to liaise with Kate on possible dates. **JB**

Kate Darrah had asked for initial expressions of support for funding to repair the Monks Walk. Community Council members had been willing to support but sought reassurance that it would be possible to access areas in the Backlands for development at a later date e.g. the Empire Cinema site.

i) Town Maintenance

i) Flags – in hand – Stephen.

ii) Information Board about the Lochend Arch at the Community Woodland – in hand. JB and SB had had further contact with Pauline Smeed about the arch.

j) Restoration of Provost Portraits – in hand. Museum Service involved.

k) Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust – JB had contacted 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. Response awaited – Mr Bannerman has been unwell.

l) Dust fall – There had been a further dust fall in May 2018. JB had had contact from Keith Alison at SEPA who was investigating. Source was the cement works after a building was accidentally damaged. Report still awaited on dust fall in September 2017. IH had noted the large number of vehicles that had to be cleaned at Tarmac's expense after the May event. He noted concern as to the area that had been affected. He raised concerns as to the potential cover of the plumes from the Tarmac plant and the forthcoming Viridor ERF incinerator.

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

n) Community Council Chair Nameboard – JB had contacted ELC. Angela Leitch has no objections. Jo Moulin noted that there are issues about space for such a board as well as for putting up a picture of Stephen Bunyan as a thermostat will need to be moved. JB had been told the matter would be put on Agenda for the June meeting of the Town House Working Group. SB did not think a June meeting had taken place. JB will follow this up. **JB**

o) AELCC. Ralph Averbuch of Pencaitland CC is the new Chair. He has suggested the setting up of 2 new e mails for each community council (e.g. for Secretary and Chair) via a shared domain. JB had noted Dunbar CC already has a generic e mail linked to the website and a Facebook page. JB had given Lilian and AELCC the current one. It was agreed that JB would advise that Dunbar CC wish to keep the status quo and not have further e mails. It is proposed to have regular Association meetings. **JB**

9)Local Area Partnership

Painting work has progressed in the High Street with a positive response

Funding has been given towards the Surf Academy Project, the Dunbar Dementia Cares Support SCIO and St Anne's Peace Garden.

Funding has also been agreed to improve footpath access at Back Road Belhaven.

Consultation was held on Winterfield Park.

There will be a variety of activities for the 2018 Summer School. The first of these have been well received.

Applications are being sought for Chair and Vice Chair. Nominations were needed by June 30th.

10)Local Councillors Reports

Cllr Hampshire - None

Cllr Kempson – Nothing specific to report

Cllr McLennan -None

11) Bowe Cup and Community Council Awards – These had been awarded in June.

Everyone had enjoyed the Awards evening.

12)Licensing

The Masons Arms is closed until further notice. The Premises Licence was reviewed on 24th May. The Personal Licence holder had his licence revoked. Arrangements are now being made for refurbishment of the Premises and a new licensee.

13) Community Worker Staffing

Jo McNamara retired on June 25th. SB had sent a letter to ELC requesting a prompt replacement given the extent of her work at Bleachingfield and with other projects over many years.

.14) Meetings Attended

Dunbar Dementia Support SCIO – JB and GW had attended on May 24th. The new group had been launched. SB had circulated information from Lorna Bunney, the Group Co-ordinator.

Day Centre – June 6th

JB, GW and SB had attended.

A replacement boiler will be needed.

Two new staff members have been recruited. Maternity cover is being sought for the Deputy Manager, Erica.

There are plans for a coffee morning on August 25th.

There was discussion about amendments to the constitution.

The AGM has been moved to August 22nd. New Management Committee members are needed.

Viridor – June 7th

JB and SB had attended.

Landfill. Work continues. They have some subsoil from various building sites around the area which will be used for restoration.

Leachate Plant Planning Application – This had been agreed but had lapsed without the Plant being built. An application has been made to renew the permission for if plans are made to build this in the future.

ERF- Work on the plant continues. Those present were shown new aerial film footage of the site.

They hope to trial the systems in the next couple of months. There may be some releases of steam at this time. Sarah Mietzitis of SEPA advised that they should keep the Community Councils/public informed of developments.

Once systems are fully tested and working the Plant will transfer to Viridor. As yet it is not certain when this will be- its not known if snags with the system may come up along the way. Contracts are in place to bring in waste once the Plant is operational. All waste will come by road.

SEPA are happy with the development. As the Plant progresses towards operation Sarah has increased the number of her visits – now fortnightly. Sarah noted that EU Regulations will continue to apply post BREXIT.

Heat Plan – uses for the heat are still being sought.

Road Safety – There were discussions about the cumulative effect on local road infrastructure of the number of lorries coming to the site along with traffic from new housing. There were particular concerns about the Cement Works Junction. It was noted that the A1 Action group will be meeting on June 28th.

Community Benefits – Sue Anderson is now a Community Benefits Officer for the ERF. She will also run the Visitor centre.

Viridor Credits have recently given awards to the War Memorial restoration Project and Dunbar Tennis Club.

East Lothian Partnership Forum – 14th June

SB, JB, GR, GW and PS had attended this gathering for members of the Local Area Partnerships, Community Planning Partners and others.

There had been presentations on the new Community Plan, the work of the Local Area Partnerships, Poverty in East Lothian as well as workshops on a range of topics, It is intended to hold further Forums on a regular basis.

Sea Cadets 60th Anniversary

A number of Community Councillors had attended the exhibition at the Cadet Drill Hall during Civic Week.

Museums Service Summer Exhibition – 13th July

A number of Community Councillors had attended the preview of an exhibition of photos of the local area taken by Frederick Sanson at the Town House. A History Society exhibition on Dunbar shops has also opened.

14) Promoting Our Town

HC had suggested discussion on this at the May meeting.

DTA would like better signage from the A1 too. They say there was discussion with consultants via ELC around 2006 but nothing happened. It was noted towns like Eyemouth have brown signs to indicate a historic town.

There has been discussion at Community Bakery and DTA meetings about a survey/information flyer for the new housing areas to draw attention to what is on offer in the Town Centre.

It was agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.

15) Shore Road Parking TRO

A map from Peter Forsyth had been circulated showing a proposed parking restriction. Following comments 5 spaces will be allowed to allow very short term stops at the Hammerhead near the Bridge to Nowhere. The TRO will be advertised this week (16/7)

16)Correspondence – previously circulated

Brake – newsletters

AELCC- Concerns about new charges for alarms

AELCC – Outcome of meeting on 23rd May. Ralph Averbuch is new chair.

Roads – TTRO for gull culling on 24th May

Scottish Peoples Alliance – Local People Leading

Twinning Association – Ceildh on June 22nd

Lyn Sharpe, Improvement Service – The Great Get Together 22-24 June – in memoriam of Jo Cox MP

Via Facebook – William Main and various others– concerns about Dust Fall

Lilian Pryde – GPDR

Via Facebook – Romie Blair – concerns about litter at brewery site. Passed to Community Warden

Sandy Baptie, ELC – weather warning

Via ELC, Scottish Water Consultation on Services – Closes on 31/8

Via Facebook – Gavin Wilson – suggested crushed glass to be used as sand for the East Beach. Had seen a video of this.

Via Facebook – Gavin Wilson – suggesting use of recycled plastic material for road surfaces. Has been used elsewhere to good effect. Jacquie had passed to ELC Roads. Alan

Stubbs advised ELC aware of this technology but as yet they are not considering its use..Mr Wilson informed.

Via Facebook – concerns about RBS mobile service – passed to RBS Area Manager

Lyn Sharpe at Improvement Service via Lilian Pryde – Scottish Government Democracy Matters Conversation on Public Services. There is an on line questionnaire and groups are asked to consider holding a public event.

Lilian Pryde – Presentation on Planning by Iain McFarlane

John Fyall – housing supply, particularly building of affordable housing. Jacquie had responded

Dunbar Guides – request for somebody to attend to speak of the work of DCC.

Planning Democracy – newsletter

Via Facebook – **Lynsey Moody**- seeking a recycling facility for hard plastics in Dunbar. Passed to ELC by Jacquie.

Via website – **Jim Thomson**. Report of vandalism of a Commonwealth War Graves Commission sign at the Parish Church. Reported by Jacquie to ELC and CWGC.

Via Facebook – **Jackie Irvine** – asking if the cherry picker could be used to remove plants from a tenement in the High Street – passed by Jacquie to Graham Adams.

Sustaining Dunbar – Update on the Co-working Project

Paths for all – Path Grants

Paths for All – Volunteer Awards

Via website – **Angie McDougall** – request for crossing on Belhaven High Street. Jacquie had responded. Passed to ELC.

Via Facebook – **Jared Knox** – concerns about condition of Beveridge Row/Hospital Road and its inadequacy for the level of traffic using it. Jacquie had responded.

Via Facebook – **John-Robert Eunson** – Further concerns about the lack of name signs in the Taylor Wimpey estate. Passed by Jacquie to ELC. Followed up with Taylor Wimpey who are responsible.

Sandy Baptie – Arrangements for Exercise Safe Sanctuary (Emergency Planning Exercise of June 26th)

Via Website -Scott Rylance- Concerns about the Maintenance of Communal Areas in Warrender Crescent by ELC. ELC staff had told him to contact Dunbar CC. Jacquie had responded. Passed to ELC.

Allison Cosgrove – next meeting of Community Rail Partnership in Prestonpans on 19th June and Minute of Previous meeting.

Liz Thom – concerns about overnight parking at Shore Road Car Park by campervans – passed to ELC and Police. Jacquie had visited her.

Peter Forsyth, ELC - TRO for various parts of Dunbar

John Fyall – further concerns about the dust fall from Tarmac

Via website – Sea Cadets – invitation to anniversary photo exhibition on 19th and 21st June

Via Facebook – William Main – concerns that the hole near Robertson Homes is now being used for dumping stones and soil. Jacquie had responded.

Via Lilian Pryde – North Berwick CC query about ongoing defibrillator maintenance after purchase by community councils – Jacquie had responded that Dunbar CC have not funded any.

Lilian Pryde – Waste services recycling video

Lorna McLennan , DELAP – Young Carers Festival 15th June

Torness – Community Newsletters

RAGES – newsletters re East Coast Franchise change, change of Transport Minister

John Robinson, Newtonlees – continued concerns about Gladman development.

Scott Kennedy, ELC – yellow windy weather warning (June 13th)

Lothian Buses – newsletter

Gareth Morgan – query about the 253 bus service. Jacquie had responded.

Calum Marr – Heriot Watt. Seeking volunteers for a research study of Healthy Ageing for over 65s.

Kate Darrah – seeking initial support for a grant application to restore the Monks Walk in the Backlands. Jacquie had responded that DCC are supportive of some repairs to this area but that there should be a way for the wall to be breached in the future to allow for development of some of the backland area e.g. the Old Empire Cinema site.

Kate Darrah – invitation to visit Black Bull Court for an update on works there.

Penny Morris – concerns about damaged give way sign at Spott Road. Passed by Jacquie to ELC.

Esther Hughes, Friends of Winterfield. Query about Winterfield Park Consultation following story in the Courier. Jacquie had responded.

Via Lilian Pryde – War Memorial Trust Conference on War Memorials – 4th September at Engine Shed, Stirling – Booking via Eventbrite

AELCC- update. Suggestion of new e mail addresses for Community Council officers.

Lilian Pryde – seeking generic CC e mail address. Passed on by Jacquie

Via Facebook – GARY Donaldson – request for a bench on the Promenade near Dunbar Golf Course – passed to ELC

Via Facebook – **Lynsey Moodey** – Query about the East Coast Tourist Hop and Drop Bus service – it seems to serve places near North Berwick but not Dunbar. Jacquie had responded.

Via Facebook – **Rob Bissett** – concerns that a sign to the John Muir Country Park near Winterfield Park is misleading. Passed to ELC.

Via Facebook, **Rita Bradd** – publicity for summer events at Dunbar Battery.

Marek Mockowiak, ELC – Consultation on ELC LDP 2018 Action Plan.

Via Facebook- **Carrie-Anne Rowland-Aitken** – damaged Give Way sign at junction of West Port and High Street – passed to ELC

Via Lilian Pryde – Angela Leitch – wishes to attend November meeting. Jacquie had responded. Date arranged.

Mark James – concerns about large pole at Winterfield Golf Course- passed to ELC

Sharon Rossi – Concerns about Belhaven Traffic – wishing to attend DCC. Invited to attend Police Report section and advised of CAPP meeting.

Mark Taylor – concerns about Wilson Place Playpark

Via Facebook **John Robert Eunson** – concerns about playparks at Gospatrick Grange

The Ridge – Children’s Archaeology Activities

Via website -**Andrea Johnstonova** – concerns about Wilson Place playparks

17) AOB

Angela Leitch will attend the November meeting

18) Date of Next Meeting August 20th, 2018

Members will consider as to whether to hold a September meeting as the meeting will fall on the September holiday weekend.