



## Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

### MINUTES OF MEETING

#### 1.00 SEDERUNT

Pippa Swan (PS) Chair, Alasdair Swan (AS) (Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Ian Hamilton (IH), George Robertson (GR), Will Collin (WC), Herbert Coutts (HC), Lynne Lewis (LL) Cameron Ritchie (Press), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH) Mike Shaw, Rev Keith Mills, Terry Prior (TP) (Halhill TRA) (Members of the Public) Ian Craig, Craig McLennan, Ken Ross (Ross Developments)

#### 1.01 Apologies

Cllr Kempson, Graham Adams (Vice Chair)

#### 1.02 Welcome

- Representatives of Ross Developments
- Others

#### 1.03

##### Obituaries

**Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple.** He had been Lord Lieutenant when Stephen Bunyan was a Deputy. He was a longstanding member and Honorary Vice President of the East Lothian Antiquarian and Field Naturalist Society.

**Ann Travers** who died in her 105<sup>th</sup> year – one of Dunbar's longest lived residents and still an active member of Belhaven Church.

**Robert Elliott** – Longstanding member of West Barns Community Council, CAPP and other community groups. JB had sent a card to the family.

#### 2.00 GUEST SPEAKERS

##### 2.01 **Representatives of Ross Developments. Development at Halhill North**

Information was given on the outline plans. This area is within the new Local Development Plan. A public consultation had been held at Halhill Healthy Living Centre. This had been quite well attended and a number of Community Councillors had made verbal and written comments.

Based on the public consultation a formal application will be made to ELC.

A developer is still to be identified.

Questions were asked and points made.

TP noted issues about parking around Yosemite Park and asked that appropriate parking provision should be made on further developments.

JB asked that plans for any artwork funded by % for Art should be fully discussed with residents/DCC following the issues surrounding the Andy Scott Bear. Ken Ross said this would be possible.

Appropriate planning for public transport was thought to be essential at the earliest stage.

There should be a range of tenure including social rent.

There should be a range of design including bungalows. It is important to be aware of use of renewables/energy conservation.

Concerns were raised about road infrastructure including the inadequacy of Hospital Road/Beveridge Row and the junction to the A1. Ross Developments Reps suggested that traffic should use Brodie Road/ Spott Road. However, it was noted that current developments are putting pressure on the Beveridge Row/Hospital Road system as a short cut and that the junctions are not safe, particularly the straight on southbound junction. The underpass is being used more than was intended for.

JB noted that the development will not be linked to the heat generated by the Viridor ERF.

TP noted issues of noise from the A1 as well as the East Coast railway line.

Ken Ross noted that matters raised will be taken on board before a formal application is lodged with ELC.

### **3.00 MINUTES OF MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

#### **DECEMBER BULLETIN -17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Secretary Report, Reports from Meetings and Correspondence)**

3.01 Adoption – Approved (Proposed HC, Seconded GR)

3.02 Action review. All items had been attended to or will be discussed in the Agenda.

### **4.00 POLICE REPORT**

4.01 A written report from PC Ross had been circulated.

#### *Road Safety*

On 15<sup>th</sup> December a serious traffic collision took place on Belhaven Road. 6 people were involved with 2 receiving serious injuries. The driver had been traced and charged with 5 offences.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> December a collision took place on Belhaven Hill. The driver had been traced and charged with careless driving.

#### *Antisocial Behaviour*

The Dunbar Problem Solving Partnership (PSP) continues regarding youth issues in the Ashfield area. The details of over 100 youths have been noted and their parents have been sent advisory letters. The numbers of youths have markedly reduced and fewer calls are being made to the Police. The area will still be receiving specific attention and the PSP remains in place.

#### *Litter – no related incidents*

#### *Theft*

On 21<sup>st</sup> December the Garden Centre was broken in to. Nothing had been stolen but an attempt had been made to move the safe.

On 24<sup>th</sup> December Eves Coaches was broken into and cash had been stolen.

4.02 CAPP Priorities from 9<sup>th</sup> January

Road markings around East Linton

Pop Up Jims

Jim and Jemima have appeared in the Ward. They will move between 10 identified sites.

4.03 CAPP Meeting – Scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> February - 7.30pm, Dunbar Police Station

4.04 Conduct of Business

PS had proposed that Police should not be required to attend DCC meetings but should attend for specific discussion on items of concern only. Discussion took place with a vote. 7 favoured the change and 3 favoured the Status Quo. Matters can continue to be discussed at the CAPP meetings.

**5.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**5.01 *Norman Hampshire (NH)***

*Rail Services.* (See also 6.0)

NH noted discussions at the recent Rail Forum. Work will start in the Spring on the new Dunbar Platform. It is hoped that once construction work is complete it will be possible to extend parking facilities at the former Foggo's Yard.

HC noted that the Bleachingfield Centre car park seemed to be being used by commuters. NH said he would look into this.

New stations at Reston and East Linton have reached the design phase. Serving these new stations may have a knock on effect on cross border services from Dunbar. This will need further consideration.

*Budget* – This will be difficult. The settlement from the Scottish Government has declined but with population growth demands on services are increasing.

**5.02 *Sue Kempson*** – on sick leave

**5.03 *Paul McLennan*** – no report

**6.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT**

6.01 JB had circulated her report

**Town Maintenance Issues**

1)Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. Building Control have advised Four Seasons to repair it. The Ridge are willing to do the work. JB is still chasing Four Seasons Estates Manager in Glasgow to get the work done.

2) Hospital Road. Still needs repair. Getting worse. Dangerous for cyclists. Peter Forsyth of ELC advises that some potholes will be filled but the road will not be resurfaced until housing construction work is complete.

3)Lack of street name signs in Gospatrick Grange development – now supplied by Taylor Wimpey.

4) Bridge to Nowhere. Steps badly eroded and crumbling. Passed to ELC.

5) Via member of the public – dog fouling in Gospatrick Grange area – wishing warning signs. Passed to ELC. Supplied.

6)Collapsing walls along Hospital Road. Stone is tumbling onto the road causing a hazard for traffic and pedestrians. Building Control aware Walls belong to Halhill Developments. Problems were raised with Halhill Developments staff on 15/1.

7)Via member of the public – damage to pavement, wall and road due to erosion by water/debris from the Cala site. Building Control; will follow up. Cala say ELC made the hole in the kerb due to lack of a gully. Cala have put in a new gully/drain on their side of the road.

8) Via Facebook – flooding in wet weather near Lethendry, North Road. Seems to be related to blocked drains. Passed to ELC.

9) Blocked drain at Castle Street near Dolphin Hotel. Passed to ELC.

10) Via Facebook. Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House. This is DCDC property. Passed to ELC.

11) Via Facebook. Lack of street lights/pavements at the Persimmon Development. Alan Stubbs at ELC says Persimmon must provide these as the street is not adopted. ELC to pursue Persimmon.

12) Various broken street lights. Reported to ELC. Some lights are not on the interactive map for reporting. ELC state they will repair lights when resources allow. However, some have been dark for a number of months.

13) Drainage (standing water not reaching drains) and pot hole issues in Boroughdales/Belhaven Road. Passed to ELC. A pot hole has been repaired in the speed cushion.

14)Dog fouling issues at new path between Newtonlees and ASDA. Passed to ELC.

- 15) Broken/missing lighting bollards at Bleachingfield Centre. Passed to Centre Manager/ELC. In hand.
- 16) Lack of lights at bus stops near ASDA. ELC transport Officer had visited. There are street lights but it is difficult to see timetables etc in the dark. Officer had asked about illumination in the shelter but had been told this is not possible at present. Will be put on a wish list for when stops are upgraded.
- 17) Broken Give Way sign at the junction of Summerfield Road and Belhaven Road. Passed to ELC.
- 18) Pot holes near Belhaven Church. Reported to ELC.
- 19) Pot holes in Knockenhair Road. Reported to ELC.
- 20) Missing Toby top in Belhaven High Street. Replaced by Scottish Water.
- 21) Faulty traffic light by the railway bridge on Hospital Road. Passed to ELC.
- 22) Turf removal at Winterfield Park. Checked with ELC. The wildflower area is being rotated. The bare areas will be reseeded.
- 23) Missing Toby top in Letham Gardens. Reported to Scottish Water.
- 24) Lack of street names at Fair Acres. ELC advise that Robertson/Avant must provide these. The developer has been informed.

ELC staff are asking for issues to be reported on line. JB has noted problems with the system e.g. lights that are not on the interactive map, having to report potholes individually when there might be several within a few feet of each other and so it is easier to send photos of an entire site, lack of an "Other" box. JB guesses they want to record on line for statistics. A member of the public who designs IT systems is also having problems with other functions on the website and has offered to help JB to get ELC to improve it. JB had noted that the website was recently refreshed and that some functions have become more difficult to use than previously.

WC suggested that JB should record when issues are first reported to ELC as some continue for a long time. JB noted that some items do take months to resolve and need repeated requests to ELC officers/others.

## **Meetings**

### **DTA – January 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Funding.* ELC has removed funding for DTA activities. They have been advised to find other sources e.g. DELAP. Some activities/events that have brought visitors into town have also been told that grants will not be available e.g. stonestepping. Again, they have been told to find alternative monies in order to go ahead. Some of the big businesses are not part of large national/international concerns and are no longer willing to assist as in the past. JB suggested some options e.g. Viridor Community Benefits, housebuilders and ASDA.

*Survey.* A Survey Monkey is to be sent to members to see what they would like from DTA.

*Marketing.* A new "Visit Dunbar" leaflet is in production. There is some publicity on East Coast Buses. There is information at Edinburgh Airport. JB noted that Visit Scotland were seeking use of "Dunbar – The A1 Resort" for on-line marketing. Efforts still need to be made to attract people from the new housing into the town. It was suggested that an East Lothian Gift Card to be spent locally might be given as a housewarming gift by developers rather than a bunch of flowers.

*East Lothian Gift Card.* This will be continuing. At present it can only be bought on-line via the ELC website. If not used within 12 months £2.50 per annum will be deducted and go to the purveyor – East Lothian Investments Ltd which is an arms length company of ELC.

*CARS.* It is hoped to hear the outcome of the Ridge/ELC bid soon. If all is OK work can start in April.

*Crunchy Carrot Buy Out.* An application has been made to the Scottish Land Fund for partial funding. If this is successful remaining funding could be raised by sales of community shares.

*Community Catalyst.* Use of the old computer shop as a business incubator is still held up. It is hoped it will become operational in 2019.

*ATMs.* Issues discussed. There can be problems for locals and visitors when the 2 external High Street ATMs are out of action. Problems have increased since the removal of the RBS machine.

*Hanging Baskets.* It is hoped to go ahead in 2019 in co-operation with The Ridge and Dunbar in Bloom.

*Town Centre Parking Charges.* It was thought, but not certain, that these will not come into effect in Dunbar following the DTA petition.

*20mph.* Members remain unhappy with the extent of the 20mph zone.

### **Viridor Liaison – January 16<sup>th</sup>**

This was the first meeting held at the new ERF building. As it is not yet formally handed over it was not possible to take photos. On a future visit it is hoped it will be possible to visit the control room.

*Landfill.* Operations continue. However, there has now been a reduction in the waste received as Edinburgh waste is now going to a new FCC incinerator at Millerhill. Efforts are being made to find new sources of waste. It was noted that not all waste can go to landfill.

*ERF.* Commissioning has continued. The plant is now dealing with capacity levels of waste e.g. on 16/1 it was 925 tonnes. 18/1 was expected to be 1150 tonnes. This is around 40 lorry loads a day.

*Road Safety.* There were further discussions about the safety of the junction/A1. Road safety is part of the induction for drivers coming to the plant.

*Noise.* SEPA had followed up complaints in December. These seemed to be related to venting after a turbine tripped. Noise monitoring had been conducted by Viridor and had been analysed. SEPA will continue to monitor.

*Heat Plan.* There is still no Heat Plan in place. Viridor have to provide SEPA an updated report in the coming weeks. It was noted that the proposed new housing at Halhill North will not be linking to the plant. It was noted that Viridor reps had met with Cllr Hampshire and Provost McMillan to discuss possible options.

*Litter.* Problems on the A1 continue. Rubbish may not all be attributable to Viridor. Amey will be contacted as they are paid to keep the road tidy.

Following litter complaints at Barns Ness staff from the site had been litter picking. Not all litter was from the landfill e.g. discarded sandwich packaging.

*Medical Waste Disposal.* It was noted that HES, the specialist firm, was no longer in operation. It was confirmed that Viridor does not have the required permit to dispose of medical waste at either the landfill or ERF.

*Community Benefits.* Sue Anderson, the Community Benefits Officer, has been visiting schools and other community groups. There was discussion about funding options for local groups/activities. A range of bins and other equipment had been given to Dunbar Against Litter. A range of work experience/apprenticeship opportunities is being developed. A Visitor Centre is being fitted out.

### **Rail Forum- January 18<sup>th</sup>**

This was a large meeting with Cllrs Hampshire & Goodfellow and Peter Forsyth from ELC along with reps from Scottish Borders Council, Scotrail, Network Rail, RAGES, East Lothian Community Rail Partnership (CRP), Paul Wheelhouse MSP and others.

Main areas of discussion.

**Scotrail Poor Performance.** An apology was given by Scott Prentice of Scotrail for cancellations, delays etc. Problems were said to be due to delays in the arrival of new trains, driver training and some Waverley based drivers moving to Trans Pennine Rail. It takes a year to train a replacement driver.

**Dunbar Improvements.** It is hoped that works on the new platform will be on site on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Parking.** Initially Foggo's Yard will be used for construction vehicles etc. It is hoped it will be possible to have an extended station car park after construction has ended – late 2020/early 2021.

**Access.** Discussions are ongoing with the owner of Ashfield House regarding pedestrian access to the platforms/across the line from north to south.

**Bus Access.** It might be possible to consider this in the future. Scotrail would like to encourage use of public transport to stations.

**East Linton Station.** Discussions are progressing. It is hoped a station can be delivered by 2024.

It was noted that if regular services are provided to East Linton the number of cross border services from Dunbar may need to be reduced. At present 80% of the journeys from Dunbar are to Edinburgh. It was suggested that an option might be more regular services to Berwick/Newcastle to connect to ongoing trains. Another option would be a new Parkway station for longer distance trains somewhere in east Lothian. It was not thought a reduction in trains to NE England/London would be popular as Dunbar is well used by people from the surrounding area. This would need consultation.

**STEC (Connections to England)** Improvements are being considered on cross border links to Newcastle.

**Trans Pennine Railways.** They are considering a service from NW England to Berwick or Newcastle. This would include Dunbar and potentially East Linton. National Transport Strategy 2. This is at the Overview stage. This will include East Lothian options.

**Electric Car Charging Points.** All Scotrail charging points are out of action following a machine fire. It was noted that the Scotrail system cards (Chargemaster) are not compliant with most Scottish Government supported machines. Paul Wheelhouse MSP will follow this up.

**Vehicles Idling, Particularly Taxis.** Issues at Dunbar and current actions to reduce them were raised by JB and Allison Cosgrove of the CRP. Compliance with legislation is part of Scotrail taxi permits to enter stations. Scott Prentice of Scotrail will check the situation at Dunbar and take necessary action. Permits could be removed from offending taxi drivers. Cllr Goodfellow will raise at the ELC Licensing sub-committee which is discussing the updating of local taxi contracts.

### **Services**

**Lack of Post Boxes south of the railway line.** Royal Mail are still to install a new box on Brodie Road near Moray Avenue.

**Car Charging Points.** Most of the local points have been out of order. ELC are working on this. As noted above JB raised problems at the Rail Forum of Scotrail machines using a different car provider to most machines in Scotland. Scotrail units are all out of action following a fire at a machine elsewhere in Scotland. The issue will be taken up by Paul Wheelhouse MSP.

**Bus Services to New Housing.** The 130 is now going further along Brodie Road. Linda Neill, Sales at Fair Acres had contacted regarding services to Robertson/Avant. JB had noted that there have been discussions but so far no operator identified. An Operator must feel it is economically viable to take a detour away from ASDA/Spott Road.



**East Coast Buses.** Drivers have been refusing to stop at Belhaven Road (near 30/32). This is an official stop with a flag, but it is not on their voice announced system. JB passed to ELC who advised East Coast Buses that it is an official stop and should be added to the system. A timetable is now in place at the stop. There has been some improvement.

**Dunbar Medial Centre.** Due to an IT upgrade by NHS Lothian services will be limited 21/1-25/1 at all 3 practices. JB had published information on this to local social media.

### Other

**Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line.** This is still being looked at. It is part of discussions with Sustrans on a number of safe routes. Morag Haddow of ELC has been in contact regarding destinations for signage.

**Safe Footpath Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane.** This will be a route between the Cala Homes and Belhaven/DGS. However, it was not part of the works done by Cala for safety between the site and west Barns Primary. It was a condition of the planning permission in February 2017. Cala say they paid ELC for the work to be done. Iain McFarlane is asking for a timetable for the work from Grant Talac.

**Idling Engines (particularly taxis at Station).** Being chased by Environmental Health. It seems the Officer involved in monitoring emissions etc is based in West Lothian and he covers a number of authorities. Information from the CRP meeting has been passed to ELC staff. It seems Edinburgh taxi licences include working regarding complying with environmental legislation which includes turning engines off. British Transport Police are following up. It is hoped signage will be provided and spot checks made. On the spot fines can be given by Environmental Health Officers/Police/BTP as there is both civil and criminal legislation in place requiring drivers to turn engines off after no more than 2 minutes. Following a situation with a taxi on 15/1 Alan Kelly ELC Transport Compliance Officer will be visiting the taxi firm/driver involved. Issues were discussed at the Rail Forum,. Scott Prentice of Scotrail will follow up to see if compliance with legislation is included in Taxi permits to enter the station area. Permits could be removed from those that do not comply. Cllr Goodfellow will raise at the Licensing Sub-Committee.

**Crossing at Middlemass Road near to Moray Avenue and Playpark.** A member of the public has suggested a crossing in the area. Passed to ELOC.

**Safe crossing at Belhaven High Street.** The central islands have been widened following a request from residents.

**Picnic Benches at Lauderdale Park.** Concerns from a member of the public that new benches are taking up much of the greenspace that children play on. These benches had not been discussed with DCC/DELAP. Passed to ELC Amenities.

**Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces.** There had been follow up of the meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Cllr McLennan was seeking advice from ELC legal Services. JB had been seeking ownership details of the sold off areas from Greenbelt. The plots in Middlemass Road remain for sale. Trading Standards are chasing up. Residents are keen to meet with Greenbelt and others. Greenbelt have not responded. There is ongoing legislation at Westminster as factoring is a UK wide issue.

**Noise from Viridor ERF.** Complaints passed to Viridor and SEPA. Resident also given SEPA complaint number. SEPA had investigated. It seems the noise was due to venting after a turbine tripped. Viridor have been monitoring noise levels.

**ATMs in High Street.** Concerns that external High Street machines are often out of order/out of cash, particularly at weekends. Raised at the DTA meeting. Richard Baty of ELC Economic Development made aware.

**A1 Litter.** Ian Gray MSP has been dealing with this along with others. JB had spoken to Paul Wheelhouse MSP. He said that a Ministerial Question had been

raised about the problem. He has personally seen litter blowing from lorries leaving Viridor and will contact them. He will also contact Amey who are paid to keep the area tidy as part of their contract with Transport Scotland.

## **7.00 TREASURER'S REPORT**

7.01 **Financial Statement.** This had been circulated.

### **General Fund**

The bank balance is £3335.21 (November £1840.60)

The amount includes a grant from Viridor Credits of £2850 for expenditure on the War Memorial Project. This grant has now been repaid to ELC.

7.02 **Local Priorities Fund – New Applications**

- The Ridge -£125 towards a Christmas Lunch – had been agreed by e mail. Thanks had been received-.
- Dunbar Primary School – i-pads No form has been received to supplement the e mail request. No award made.
- Restoration of the Gravestone of Sir Reginald Wingate in Dunbar Parish Churchyard. Robertson Memorials have quoted £343.48. £200 has been provided by the Royal Artillery Council and paid into the General Account. This can be transferred to the Local Priority Fund. Alasdair had written to thank them for this. Shortfall of £143.58 requested by George Robertson by e mail and approved George had circulated further information from Robertson Memorials. Invoice for £286.32 (net of VAT) has been paid.
- Dunbar Dementia Carers Support Group – request for £250 towards ongoing activities etc. Approved.

### Local Priorities Fund – Updates

- St Anne's Peace Garden – AS had written to offer the requested £500 subject to other funding being received for the project. A letter of thanks had been received from the vestry. AS has written for an update. Money to be transferred to the Church.
- Halhill Pipe Band Competition. No information received following requests. Declined.
- Pop Up Jims. Now in use.
- East Lothian Foodbank. Declined following November concerns.
- Dunbar Against Litter – Thanks for the £600 grant received
- War memorial monies – £1000 passed to ELC.
- Lilian Pryde has indicated that monies cannot be carried over into the new financial year. AS suggests that outstanding monies should be made over to the Christmas Lights/Civic Week funds as they will have ongoing financial needs. Agreed.
- Cllr Hampshire indicated that Lilian Pryde will not be replaced when she retires as Community Councils link person. Community Councils will need to take on direct management of their Local Priorities budgets. This could lose the ability to pay through ELC and save VAT payments.

7.03 **Christmas Lights**

The balance stands at £11,830.11. (November £12, 144.51.)

An application had been submitted for further Painting and for High Street Banners.



- 7.04 **Civic Week**  
Balance £5661.74. (last month £5661.74)
- 7.05 **DCC Computer**
- Set up and in use. Thanks to GR for his hard work.
- 8.00 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 8.01 Christmas Lights – GA had sent a report
- Lights successfully switched on. Very well received by the public.
  - Lights taken down weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January. During the take down opportunity was made to paint 2 of the gable ends on West Port.
- 8.02 Civic Week- Further support is sought.
- 8.03 Insurance cover for DCC Events  
There are issues for those erecting Christmas Lights etc. A small group will take this forward.
- 9.00 DCC INITIATIVES**
- 9.01 Armistice Centenary Celebrations  
JB had sent notes of thanks to those who had assisted.
- 9.02 War Memorial Restoration - HC had circulated a report.
- Meeting on 15/1. There had been further discussion of names that might be added from WW1. So far 10 names from WW1 and WW2 meet criteria for addition.
  - It is noted that members of the public may be aware of further names but to date nobody has come forward following press/social media coverage.
  - Next Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 9.03 Airfields Trust – Plaque for Belhaven Sands
- Plaque delivered to JB
  - Advertisement consent required
  - JB taking forward. Has had initial discussion with Pauline Jaffrey who had organised a similar monument at Skateraw. Neil Clarke of ELC is willing for it to be sited at Shore Road.
- 9.04 Corn Exchange Repair GA had circulated an update report.
- Roof repairs commenced
  - GA has made contact with ELC to propose further works to be carried out by volunteers with ELC support. Response awaited. The situation becomes more critical e.g. main hall tubes are not working and the Christmas Lights team are needing to use temporary tripod lights. The projection of costs to redo electrics is about £15,000. Fund raising will be needed once approval is given. Labour will be by the Christmas Lights Team.
- 9.05 Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation
- JB, GR and WC had met with Stuart Pryde and discussed options for 2019. It was agreed that the use of weedkiller around the base of stones will cease. Missing soil will be replaced and grass resown on the bare patches to stabilise the soil. Grass will not be strimmed around gravestones. Wildflowers will be sown around stones in the old churchyard either side of the path to the church entrance as this is the bit which most people see. Funding will need to come from the DELAP Amenities Budget. Stuart will need to cost the project for funding to be approved by DELAP.
- 9.06 Provosts Portraits – Restoration

This is in hand with the Town House Working Group. HC noted the need to confirm ownership of the portraits.

9.07 Community Council Chair Nameboard – a small board is to be arranged in the Council Chamber. PS will take forward.

9.08 High Street Painting

- Works nearing completion
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9.09 High Street Noticeboard

- PS will seek to have the glazing replaced and board re-organised. Graham Brotherston of ELC Property Services has suggested a cost of £153.20 for an ELC glazier to do the work. Graham Adams is to look at the board before work is confirmed.

## 10.00 AREA PARTNERSHIP

10.01 Back Road – Safe Route Project – Following discussions it will only be possible to make a pavement between Knockenhair Road and Kirk Park at this stage. It is hoped further monies may come from Sustrans.

10.02 Cliff Top Trail – Wren had declined to fund. GR had circulated their feedback. Resurfacing work had been done to the path following the grant from Suez.

10.03 Disabled Access to Belhaven Bay Beach. PS had been in discussions about this. She will continue to lead on this project.

Parish Churchyard – See 9.05

10.04

Next meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> January

10.05

## 11.00 COMMUNITY LINKS

11.01 Improving Communication in Our Community

PS had circulated a paper with ideas for improving DCC communications with the Dunbar public.

There was discussion about this.

Social Media, particularly Facebook was thought to be important. GR asked that members consider liking the Community Council page which he and JB administer. This has many followers and is a major source of queries.

The Website is well followed.

There was discussion about noticeboards. The town centre and community centres may be more appropriate than on the pathway between Halhill and Countess Road.

Newsletters are an option but tend to give more out of date news than local people want. Social media is very up to date.

Discussion will be continued.

### Health and Social Care Provision

*Belhaven* – Following the IJB meeting on 13/12 that had been attended by JB and GW a request had been made to ELC and NHS Lothian to progress appointing a Project Board with a local project team. Community concerns about the future of services have continued on social media.

*Short Breaks* – JB had sent feedback on the ELC short breaks statement. Her comments had been taken on board and alterations made. JB had circulated the new draft and responded to ELC.

*Carers' Strategy* – ELC have drawn up their Carers Strategy. Consultation on the Action Plan to implement it was held from December 10<sup>th</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>. Via the

Online Consultation Hub. Jacquie had circulated the document for comment. JB had sent a personal response.

*IB Strategic Plan 2019-22* – This is subject to consultation via the ELC Consultation Hub (survey monkey) from December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 20<sup>th</sup>. JB had circulated the document.

*Dementia Friendly Meeting Centres* – JB and GW had attended a meeting of the Dementia Friendly East Lothian (DFEL) Dunbar Friendship Group on December 21<sup>st</sup>. This was arranged by Sue Northrop of DFEL. It was attended by people from a range of organisations in the town who support people with dementia and their families as well as people with dementia and their carers. Those present spoke of the work they have been doing e.g. Jacqui Burke spoke of the multi age work at the Fashion School and Robin Hamilton talked of the work Rotary and the DGS Peace group are planning to do as an intergenerational project. There are plans for the various groups to do more networking to help support people locally. East Lothian will be part of a Meeting Centres Support Programme with the aim of building on and enhancing what is already available in the area. There will be further gatherings in 2019.

*Haddington Community Hospital* – Colin Will a local author/poet has been appointed to consult on ward names. He had been in contact for ideas on groups to consult about this. Hospital Staff will choose the names. Jacquie had given suggestions.

#### 11.03 Community Resilience

IH has had preliminary conversations around the community. He is setting up a Working Group. He noted that a plan will need to include beyond the town as some important facilities e.g. the medical centre serve an area beyond the town. JB noted that West Barns CC wish to be included in the planning as there are common issues e.g. flooding.

There had been a major power cut on December 1<sup>st</sup> related to problems at the Dunbar substation. Over 9,000 homes had been affected. JB had liaised with Sandy Baptie at ELC about this and provided information to the community via DCC and other Dunbar social media.

#### 11.04 DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach

Pippa had circulated notes from a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December. It is hoped to start work on the groyne in the Spring subject to necessary approvals.

Damage to some of the rock armour is to be made good.

Jacquie had circulated information on the planning application from ELC for the works. (See 12.01/14). DCC views were requested. JB will submit support.

**JB**

#### 11.05 Community Promotion

**Dunbar Community Bakery** had won the Better Business Award at the Plunkett Awards for Rural Community Initiatives in London on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. PS had sent congratulations.

**DTA** – had held a Small Business Saturday event on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The December meeting had been cancelled.

**General** – Anna Gault a Press Officer at Visit Scotland had asked for permission to use footage from “Dunbar- the A1 Town” for promotional purposes e.g. Social media. A request had also come from Kate Foubister of the National Library of Scotland for access to be granted to the recording. This had been agreed.

#### 11.06 Dunbar Against Litter – no report

## 12.00 PLANNING AND LICENSING

### 12.01 Planning matters to note:

1. Halhill North. A pre planning public consultation event had been held at Halhill Healthy Living Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Members had attended and made comments e.g. about housing style, tenure mix, transportation, infrastructure. (See 2.01). Following tonight's discussion JB will send views to ELC Planning. Pippa will send JB a note of key points to include. **JB/PS**
2. Golf Club – Plans still awaited
3. NNG Windfarm – Marine Scotland (Scottish Ministers) have approved the construction of a maximum of 54 turbines with a maximum height of 208 metres. Public rights of navigation are extinguished in the area of the windfarm.
4. Playparks/Open Spaces: The Middlemass Road plots had not sold on December 5<sup>th</sup> but are still on the market. Iain McFarlane is clear that they cannot be built on. Trading Standards are following this up. In the meantime, the playpark at Wilson Place has been cordoned off. Kings Meadow Residents Association have not had further contact from Greenbelt. JB had attended a meeting on 8/12 with residents and Cllr McLennan. JB had written to Greenbelt to try to find out who owns the Wilson Place Playpark. Martin Whitfield MP is supportive of new legislation regarding factoring which is ongoing at Westminster. He has had contact with the proposing MP, Helen Goodman, and hopes it can include Scotland.
5. Cala still waiting on timescale for footpath to be built between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.
6. 18/00968/P,18/00967/LBC- Erection of a garage for Flat 2 at Knockenhair House. Rebuilding of a building now in disrepair. Approved.
7. 18/01147/PCL -Newtonlees Cemetery. Jacquie had circulated documents on 7/12. Response had been that the cemetery is supported but that there are concerns about the enabling housing and access requiring people to cross the main road due to limited parking
8. 18/01285/P ASDA extension. JB had circulated documents on 19/12. DCC members had met with Alan Jones of ASDA HQ and Deen Rasul, the local manager, on 9<sup>th</sup> January. ELC have been advised that DCC are supportive. There were requests about cleanliness of the site during construction and checking of parking sufficiency. It had been advised that there was enough parking although Will and Gill had noted issues at peak times. Also noted were improved recycling facilities and better accessibility to car charging points which are often blocked.
9. Seagreen Alpha, Bravo and Inch Cape windfarms. ELC had requested views for ELC to give a response to Marine Scotland on a revised application for 70 metre higher turbines (280 metres) than has been currently consented. Response had been sent to ELC noting that there should be no change to the consented plans.
10. 18/00920/P – Various works on derelict buildings West of 72 High Street (Black Bull Close)- Support submitted
11. Application for house at vacant site, Manor Gardens, Belhaven – Approved.
12. 17/00313/PP – Battleblent House (erection of 4 houses) – The applicant has appealed the decision of refusal by ELC. The Local Review Body will meet at 2pm on 21<sup>st</sup> February to discuss the appeal. Previous submissions from DCC will be taken forward to the LRB. JB had noted continued concerns, particularly that 4 dwellings is overdevelopment of the site. Previous permission had been granted for 2 that were never built.

13. 18/01319/P – Ashfield House. An application for a new house in the grounds of the historic property. There have been discussions for some months with ELC planning about the location of the new build property e.g. due to potential loss of trees. JB had circulated documents on 19/12
14. 18/0390/PCC – Groyne and Rock Armour works at East Beach. JB had circulated information. DCC are supportive. JB will advise ELC. **JB**

12.02 Local Plan – Consultation on Additional Guidance

- Draft guidance circulated. Members had sent individual responses and a joint response had been submitted by PS on behalf of DCC.

12.03 Scottish Government Planning Bill – Proposal for Local Place Plans \*

- a) Survey from PAS on the supports needed for communities to engage with this proposed legislation. Circulated.
- b) Survey (on-line link) via Scottish Community Councils- Anne Kripler a student at Heriot Watt seeking Community Council views and expectations on community engagement in the spatial planning process as part of dissertation work.

**13.00 MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- 13.01 *Winterfield Park* – Jacquie and George had attended a meeting arranged by Bruce Allison of Amenity Services on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Bruce had updated on the outcome of the consultation. He will update the plan draft taking account comments from stakeholders and members of the public. It is then proposed to hold a further period of consultation. Some light touch works are possible e.g. paths. Toilets are seen as a priority.

**14.00 CORRESPONDENCE**

14.01 **Scottish Community Councils** – Newsletter

**Sarah Duignan, Network Rail** – Update on new platform and footbridge at Dunbar Station. A main contractor, Amco, has been appointed.

**BLESMA** – Thanks for donation

**Erskine** – Thanks for donation

**RAGES**- Seasonal Greetings

**Via e mail -Mark James**- Query about housing plans for Belhaven Hospital site in LDP – JB had given information.

**Area Partnerships**- Consultation on IJB Strategic Plan – JB had circulated documents

**Sandy Baptie**- Christmas weather Update

**Via Facebook- Tony Richardson, Meikle Pinkerton**– noise complaint about Viridor ERF, including night times – passed to Viridor and SEPA and gave contact details to him. SEPA had investigated.

**Anna Gault – Press Officer**, Visit Scotland – request to use Dunbar the A1 town footage for promotional purposes. Agreed by e mail.

**Via Facebook - Ewan Reynolds Funeral Director** – Seeking promotion. Advised we do not do advertising by JB.

**Scottish Communities Alliance** – Local People Leading

**Eleni Gourtaki, ELC Transportation** – Contacts for Roadworks -JB had responded

**Morag Haddow, ELC** – Signage for footpaths – Jacquie had responded

**Kate Foubister**, Acquisitions Curator, National Library of Scotland - access to "Scotland the A1 Town" – agreed

**Joan Johnston** -bus issues Lothian Buses refusing to stop at Boroughdales into Dunbar. – passed to ELC/Lothian Buses.

**Lilian Pryde, ELC** – Training Opportunities January and February 2019

**Ralph Averbuch, AELCC** – meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February with Police and Social Work regarding sex offender matters.

**Via Facebook- Neil Allison**- offering to support DCC in getting ELC to improve its IT systems e.g. for reporting potholes. He is having problems with other online systems. JB had responded.

**Via Facebook- Nick Mailer** – traffic lights not working near the railway line on Beveridge Row. Reported to ELC.

**Via Facebook- Lee Thomson**- wishing more dog poo bins at JMCP. Passed to ELC and DAL.

**Sandy Baptie** – Weather update (11/1)

**Moira Porter** – Concerns about ATM availability in the High Street, particularly at weekends. Passed by JB to MSP and DTA.

**Linda Neill, Sales at Robertson/Avant Homes** – seeking information on public transport to the area. Jacquie had responded.

**Via Lilian Pryde – Chris Sillick, Researcher at PAS** – Survey on community support needs to engage in the proposed introduction of Local Place Plans in the Scottish Government Planning Bill.

**Planning Democracy** – Newsletter – Update on the Planning Bill

**Via Facebook, Colin Will** – Ideas for groups to consult for Community Hospital ward names. Jacquie had responded.

**Judy Lockhart, North Berwick CC**- Query about process of adding names to war memorials as they had had a request. Jacquie had sent information.

**Scottish Community Councils** – information on concerns about safety at nuclear reactors in the Clyde estuary (Hunterston). There is to be discussion at Holyrood.

**Sam McComb**- Video of the Health Inequalities talk by Prof Welsh

**Alistair Colley** – Concerns about A1 Litter. Passed to Amey, Viridor

**Stephanie McQueen, ELC Planning** – seeking DCC views on works at East Beach

**Allison Cosgrove** – taxi idling issues at Dunbar Station – passed to ELC and BTP.

**DAL** – Thanks for the grant. Asking how it will be paid.

**Jane Ogden-Smith** – Health and Social Care Partnership Newsletter

**Judy Greenwood** – concerns about incomplete works to path from Beltonford to East Links Family Park (WBCC) area. This is funded by SUSTRANS. Further work being done last week.

**Torness**- Community Newsletter

**Via Scottish Community Councils** – Anne Kripler (Heriot Watt Student) – Survey on Local Place Plan proposals



**15.00 AOB**

**Stuart Gibb (Area Manager)** is on long term sick leave. JB had sent a card. It is not certain how long he will be off. Temporary cover for his post is to be arranged.

**AELCC Meeting 26/2** – This is a special meeting with Police and Social Work regarding issues related to sex offenders placed in communities. JB and GW will attend. JB will advise Ralph Averbuch of AELCC.

**JB/GW**

**Vacancy on Dunbar Community Council** – It was agreed that the continued vacancy will be posted on the Facebook page. Those interested will be invited to observe the next meeting. Cameron Ritchie agreed to publicise the vacancy in The Courier.

**JB**

**16.00 DCC MEETINGS**

16.01 DCC Business Meeting February 18th