



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

#### 1.00 SEDERUNT

Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), (Graham Adams (GA) (Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS) (Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), George Robertson (GR), Herbert Coutts(HC), Will Collin (WC), Ian Hamilton (IH)  
Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cameron Ritchie (Press)  
Rev Keith Mills, Loretta Stewart, Carole Hood (Members of the Public)

#### 1.01 Apologies

Cllr Kempson, Stephen Bunyan, Lynne Lewis, Gill Wilson

#### Welcome

Loretta Stewart, Carole Hood– interested in joining  
Andrew Morris – Dunbar On Air

#### 2.00 GUEST SPEAKER

#### 2.01 Andrew Morris – Dunbar On Air

- Mr Morris gave background to the Project to establish a radio station for Dunbar and surrounding areas e.g. East Linton and the Lammermuir villages. He had previously started the Facebook page Dunbar Online which is well used by the community. There will also be a Website. Initially the station will be Internet based. Mr Morris has applied to OSCR for Charitable status. Premises are being sought. GR asked about content. This will be a mix of music, chat, local information. DCC and others could have slots to advise on their work etc. AS asked if the station would be ready for Civic week. Mr Morris hoped that it would. Members thought the station was an ideal opportunity to promote the work of DCC and offered their support. Mr Morris is also to visit East Lammermuir CC. It was agreed that JB will be the link person between Dunbar On Air and DCC.

JB

#### 3.00 MINUTES OF MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> January

#### 3.01 Adoption – Approved (Proposed AS, Seconded GR)

#### 3.02 Action review- All items had been attended to or in hand with Agenda updates

#### 3.03 Singular matter arising - **DCC Vacancy**

Loretta Stewart and Carole Hood were in attendance having expressed an interest in joining DCC. PS welcomed them to observe and if still interested they

CH/LS/PS

could contact her for follow up arrangements to be made. HC noted that although there was only one voting vacancy DCC could co-opt other people.

#### **4.00 POLICE REPORT**

JB had advised PC Ross of the new arrangements for attendance at DCC.

##### **4.01** JB had circulated a written report from PC Ross.

###### *Road Safety*

Jim and Jemima had been deployed throughout the ward. They will continue to be utilised regularly. On occasion they will be replaced by real police officers with real speed guns.

###### *Antisocial Behaviour*

The Dunbar Problem Solving Partnership continues regarding the youth issues in the Ashfield area and the area is still receiving attention from Police and Community wardens. The number of youths involved has greatly reduced and it seems that young people have stopped coming in large numbers from other towns.

###### *Litter*

No related incidents.

###### *Theft*

Overnight between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January a white Ford Transit and contents was stolen from Goldenstones Avenue. It is still outstanding. On the same night a Ford Transit at Winterfield Golf Club was broken in to and a drill set stolen. About 3am on 10<sup>th</sup> February persons broke into Dunbar Post Office, gained entry to the safe and stole from within. Investigations are ongoing with a positive line of enquiry.

##### **4.02** CAPP Priorities from 14<sup>th</sup> February

- Brodie Road closure
- Dog fouling near West Barns Bowling Club
- Ashfield Park and Lochend Woods – identify possible site for a youth shelter

GR noted that the CAPP had been told of an £80 fine being given to a dog owner for fouling. PS noted that the public should report if they witness an owner letting their dog foul.

##### **4.03** Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Dunbar Police Station

#### **5.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

##### **5.01** *Norman Hampshire*

NH noted that the ELC budget had been agreed. This had not been easy. Cuts need to be made but at the same time services have to be provided to a growing population and new statutory responsibilities are expected from Scottish Government. Council Tax will rise by 4.79%.

HC asked is ELC will consider introducing a workplace parking charge as proposed in the Scottish Government Budget. NH advised that this was not being considered at this time.

HC asked if ELC would consider a Tourist Tax as is being introduced in Edinburgh. Again NH indicated that this was not presently under consideration.

##### **5.02** *Sue Kempson* – not present

##### **5.03** *Paul McLennan* – not present

5.04 **Questions from DCC to Councillor Hampshire**

*Toilets* – NH noted that, rather than closing facilities, the staffing hours at the main toilets will be reduced. This will be monitored.

JB asked for an update on the toilet situation at Lauderdale. NH advised that a number of people had expressed interest in the café tenancy which would enable the park toilets (inside the café) to be opened.

*Civic Pride Fund Grants*. NH noted that he did not know when these would be awarded.

*Brodie Road Closure* – There was discussion about the management of this. NH said that the responsibility for communication with the public lay with Persimmon and their contractor (See Secretary 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. Four Seasons Estates Manager in Glasgow now says their structural engineers feel the wall is OK. Building Control have been asked to chase up as it is in a precarious state.
  - 2) Hospital Road. Still needs repair. Getting dangerous for cyclists. Many public concerns. Peter Forsyth has advised that some potholes will be repaired but the road will not be resurfaced until housing construction work is complete.
  - 3) Bridge to Nowhere – steps badly eroded and crumbling. Passed to ELC.
  - 4) Collapsing walls along Hospital Road. Passed to ELC. Building Control will follow up. The walls belong to Halhill Developments. JB had spoken to Halhill Developments on 15/1. There have been further complaints from the public via Facebook as loose rocks are falling onto the road which cannot be seen in the dark.
  - 5) Via member of public -damage to pavement, wall and road due to water/erosion from Cala site. Being chased with ELC.
  - 6) Via Facebook – Flooding in wet weather near Lethendry, North Road. Seems to be due to blocked drains. Passed to ELC.
  - 7) Blocked drain at Castle Street near Dolphin Hotel- passed to ELC. Still blocked on 12/2.
  - 8) Blocked drains in Belhaven High Street leading to erosion by debris. Passed to ELC on 4/2.
  - 9) Via Facebook. Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House. This is DCDC land. Passed to ELC.
  - 10) Via Facebook. Lack of street lights/pavements at the Persimmon Development. Alan Stubbs at ELC says Persimmon must deal with this as the road is not adopted. ELC to pursue Persimmon.
  - 11) Various broken street lights. Reported to ELC. ELC respond that they will repair when resources allow. Some have been broken since October 2018. Some lights are not on the ELC interactive map for reporting. Glen Kane at ELC has noted that only lights maintained by ELC Roads are on the map. Lights maintained by other ELC teams are not.
  - 12) Drainage- standing water in Boroughdales/ Belhaven Road. This prevents use of the dropped curb. Passed to ELC.
  - 13) Broken/missing lighting Bollards at Bleachingfield Centre. Passed to centre manager/ELC. In hand
  - 14) Broken Give Way sign at the junction of Summerfield Road and Belhaven Road – passed to ELC November 2018.
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- 15) Pot holes in Belhaven Road near Church - reported to ELC
- 16) Pot holes in Knockenhair Road – passed to ELC
- 17) Missing Toby Top in Letham Gardens – reported to Scottish Water. REPLACED.
- 18) Damaged Toby Top in Belhaven High Street (near Pumpkin Patch). Passed to Scottish Water.
- 19) Blocked drains in Letham Road, Park Avenue and Graham Place. Passed to ELC on 12/2.
- 20) Broken Chevron sign at Broxburn. Passed to ELC on 11/2.

Given the number of blocked drains – usually blocked by build up of debris (some so deep that grass is growing in the silt) JB had had contact with Tom Reid, Head of Infrastructure at ELC. He had asked Calum Redpath at Roads to investigate. JB had asked how often gulleys should be sucked and streets/gutters swept.

JB had had further contacts with ELC about the “Report It” section of the ELC website. East Lammermuir CC had also raised concerns. Members of the public had also raised issues about various points of website functionality. ELC had advised that issues are being looked at.

### **Meetings**

#### **Dunbar Community Bakery- February 11<sup>th</sup>**

2 new bakers have been appointed. They are currently working on the night shift.

The Bakery are considering offering an opportunity for a modern apprenticeship for a young person e.g. school leaver.

The AGM will be on May 8th. New Directors are required.

#### **Dunbar Trades Association – February 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Dunbar On Air* – Andrew Morris spoke of the background to this local radio initiative. It will initially be a digital station. He is hoping to enrol a small number of trustees and apply for charitable status to OSCR in the coming weeks. He is seeking premises.

*CARS* – The decision on the Application is still awaited.

*Dunbar Rail Services* – There was concern about a future loss of long distance services once the stations reopen at East Linton and Reston around 2024. JB had noted the discussion at the January Rail Forum and had advised that any changes would require consultation and authorisation by transport authorities. There were no firm proposals for reductions in service.

*ATMs* – WHICH have produced a report on the widespread loss of ATMs across Scotland making it difficult for people to access their cash. There is a consultation exercise on social media.

*Dunbar Post Office* – had been closed for a couple of days following a break in. This had caused issues for some businesses trying to get floats/pay in monies. The internal ATM had not been accessible.

*DELAP Benches*. JB had noted the benches being made by Barry Craighead. DTA members will consider other potential sites. Concerns were raised by some members about the design of the DELAP benches for the High Street which had been given planning permission by ELC.

*Hanging Baskets* will be going ahead. ELC will supply the planted baskets. The Ridge will maintain and water. Dunbar In Bloom are also involved. The cost to provide baskets to DTA members who do give a payment towards them will be around £2000. Funding is being sought e.g. from Viridor. Other funding sources would be welcome.

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*European Stone stacking Competition* – A donation of £5000 had been given. The competition will be held on 20-21<sup>st</sup> April.

*Historic Closes Project* – It is hoped that information might be given at the closes as part of the CARS project

*Town promotion* – the Discover Dunbar leaflet is being updated. Information is being distributed to coach companies. There is information at the Airport.

Features on Dunbar will be appearing in various Johnstone Press publications, ESPC Property Search and the RHS Magazine. JB had noted the visit of author.

Peter Bance, who will refer to Dunbar in his forthcoming book (see below)

*Survey*- A Survey Monkey is to be sent to local businesses to see what they would like DTA to do to assist them

*AGM* – 6.30 on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Dunmuir Hotel

### **Dunbar On Air – February 13<sup>th</sup>**

This was an inaugural meeting. Andre Morris outlined his ideas for the station which would serve Dunbar and its rural hinterland. A number of people agreed to be Trustees. An application will be made to OSCR. Broadcasting will initially be as an internet station.

### **Services**

*Car Charging Points* – Most of the local points are still out of order. ELC are working on this. Paul Wheelhouse MSP is working on the lack of compatibility between Scotrail machines and those supported by a Scottish Government scheme. Further points are to be installed e.g. near the Westgate toilets (See Planning).

### **Other**

***Cycle Paths around housing south of the Railway Line.*** This is still being looked at.

***Safe Footpath Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane-*** Timescale still sought from ELC who had the money from Cala in 2017.

***Idling vehicle engines (particularly taxis) at Station.*** There has been further contact with British Transport Police, Environmental health, ELC Transport Compliance, ELC Licensing and others. Signage is planned and spot checks will be made. ELC are updating taxi licence regulations and compliance with environmental legislation can be included to enable penalties for those taxis who fail to comply. Will be discussed further at the Community Rail Partnership on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

***Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces.*** Contacts continue. The Middlemass Road plots remain for sale having failed to sell on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Trading Standards have told the Auction House to amend the wording of the catalogue which, suggesting that the plots are investment opportunities is misleading. The wording has been changed but it is still inaccurate. Trading Standards suggest that local residents, who pay a gardener to maintain the plots that are being sold, should take legal advice. Greenbelt have given the name of the person who bought the dilapidated playpark near 37 Wilson Place in 2014. They say that the sign suggesting that Greenbelt maintain the playpark should have been removed. They say that Greenbelt cannot remove the sign as they do not own the playpark. However, the playpark was in poor condition before Greenbelt sold it without telling residents. Legally, only Taylor Wimpey can change factoring arrangements. This has not happened. JB has kept residents informed of developments and will attend their meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile private legislation by Helen Goodman MP continues at Westminster.

***Road Closure, Brodie Road – 11/2-15/2 and 18/2-3/3.*** This is to allow drainage

works for the new Persimmon site near Steadings Crescent with a diversion via the U191 and A1 to Spott Road. Concerns had been noted about the dangerous slipway to the A1 which will be under heavier pressure at this time. ELC are still in negotiation with Amey about repairs to this area. Residents have been concerned that information was only given at very short notice on DCC and other local social media. JB had contacted ELC who said it was the responsibility of the developer (Persimmon) and the contractor to leaflet local residents. Persimmon advised that the contractor was Scottish Water but ELC advised it was Advance Construction from Bellshill. Some leaflets were given out at the request of ELC Roads staff after work had started but the area covered was small. ELC have raised concerns with the contractor's Head Office. JB and a number of residents have also raised concerns about the communication with residents and the inadequacy of the diversion route/signage of the diversion. Concerns have also been raised by residents and passed to ELC about workmen starting to operate machinery at 7 am. ELC have advised them not to start noisy tasks until 8 am.

**Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections** – Via the website DCC had had e mail contact from author Peter Bance who has written a number of books on the Maharajah and his family. He is now researching a book on the Maharaja's children. JB and SB met with him along with Joy Dodd of the Antiquarians. JB took him to visit the churchyard where Lt Colonel David Sutherland, the Maharajah's son in law and other members of his family are buried. The grave sites would benefit from some restoration for which funding would be available. A relative in Australia is aware of developments. JB has had contact with Stuart Pryde about what might be done. He will discuss with Gordon Whitelaw and get back to JB.

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## 7.00 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

AS had circulated his report.

*Internet Banking* is now set up and is operational for the General Fund. This needs 2 signatories with separate authorisation for any payments. These are AS and JB.

The facility is being set up for Civic Week but it is not yet operational.

*VAT Registration* – The application is being processed.

### 7.01 Financial Statement

The General Fund balance is £565.25 (January £3335.21)

The grant from Viridor Credits of £2850 for expenditure on the war Memorial had been paid to ELC. A further grant of £4904.10 had been received from Viridor and paid to ELC.

£200 had been received from the Royal Artillery Council for Scotland for the restoration of the gravestone of general Sir Reginald Wingate which had been paid for in full in the first instance by the Local Priorities Fund. This £200 will be returned to the Local Priorities account.

An insurance premium of £119.96 was paid to Zurich Insurance to provide cover for the activities of the Christmas Lights Committee.

Thus the general funds available to DCC at the end of December were £365.25 with an additional £200 in the restricted Local Priorities Fund.

### 7.02 Local Priorities Fund – No new applications

### 7.03 Local Priorities Fund – Updates

The remaining monies have been transferred to DCC for local management. Payments will be made to St Anne's and the Dunbar Dementia Carers Support Group.

The Balance is £2544. Of this £500 is to go to St Anne's and £250 to the Dementia Group. £1000 has been set aside for the War Memorial. This leaves **£794** available for future grants.

- 7.04 Civic Pride Fund  
An application had been submitted for further Town Centre Painting and for High Street Banners. The outcome is still awaited.

## **8.00 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 8.01 Christmas Lights  
GA had circulated his report.  
Maintenance was off to a slow start due to the ongoing roofing works at the Corn Exchange. Electrical upgrade is urgent as temporary tripods are being used because all the main hall lights are out of order.  
Sharon Rapson has joined the Committee.  
The Bank Balance stands at £10,932.89 (January 11,830.11)

- 8.02 Civic Week  
GR had circulated a report following a meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Civic Week will be from 15-23 June.  
There will be a Parade and Fun Day on June 15<sup>th</sup>. DCC members are asked to volunteer as marshalls etc.  
A further team member is required to help organise the Royal Court.  
AS is making funding applications.  
Next meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>

HC asked if the Queen could lay flowers at the War Memorial. GR noted that this could be considered. As with the Tree Planting time out of school would need to be agreed with the school staff.  
The Bank Balance stands at £5661.74.

- 8.03 Insurance cover for DCC Events- AS had circulated information. He had sent details of tasks e.g. for Christmas Lights and Civic Week to Zurich.

## **9.00 DCC INITIATIVES**

- 9.01 War Memorial Restoration (HC)  
• Next Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 9.02 Airfields Trust – Plaque for Belhaven Sands (JB)  
• No update since last meeting
- 9.03 Corn Exchange Repair (GA)  
• GA noted that he is still waiting on permission to go ahead with the works from Paul lanetta of ELC. Internal works cannot start until the roof repairs are completed. NH agreed to ask Paul lanetta to update GA. **NH**
- 9.04 Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)  
• See note at 10.03 below
- 9.05 Provosts Portraits – Restoration (SB)  
• Update-SB was to liaise with THWG
- 9.06 Community Council Chair Nameboard (PS)  
• Graphics agreed. Print and framing required and in hand

- 9.07 High Street Painting (GA)
- 9.08 Improved Community Links (PS/All)
- A Noticeboard at Hallhill is available near the Twinning Association cabinet.
- 9.09 Community Resilience (IH)
- IH had attended a Scottish Flood Forum event in Perth.
  - Kevin Sewell is now the ELC Resilience Link. I H had made contact with him and will arrange a meeting. IH had noted the need for the resilience area to go beyond Dunbar town.
- 9.10 DCC Annual Awards
- The Bowe Cup and Community Award have been reinstated at Hallhill
  - The Hallhill cabinet requires repair. SB to action
  - Photos and recipient information are to be provided by PS
  - There will be a request for public nominations with suggestions by April. PS will publicise this. WC agreed to use his contacts at the Grammar School. He noted that the school is no longer producing its weekly list of pupil achievements.
  - The Awards will be held on June 15th
- PS/WC**
- 10.00 AREA PARTNERSHIP**
- 10.01 Meeting held on January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Doug Haig is covering for Stuart Gibb
  - There was discussion about budgets.
  - There was discussion about future projects. Members were to submit ideas.
  - Barry Craighead has been providing benches. There was discussion of further sites e.g. Parsonspool. Other sites could be considered. GR noted that a bench was to be repaired by Barry Craighead and himself at Victoria Street.
  - There was further discussion about the set up of a Health and Well Being Sub Committee.
  - It was noted that the Wingate TRA has ceased. A new Halhill TRA has been established.
  - A new Education Sub-group is to be established to make recommendations on funding allocations and project priorities.
  - Budgets for 2019-20 will be the same as for this year.
- 10.02 Disabled Access to Belhaven Bay Beach.
- PS will meet ELC Officers on March 6th
- 10.03 Parish Churchyard –
- Gravestone stabilisation is ongoing.
- 10.04 Work has begun on the Back Road pavement.
- 10.05 Next meeting- March 11th
- 11.00 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS**
- 11.01 Health and Social Care Provision
- *Belhaven* – No further information on the re-provisioning. Meanwhile Ward 1 has been refurbished.
  - *Health and Social Care Partnership Strategy* – JB had completed the online consultation
  - *East Lothian Partnership- Health and Wellbeing Event- 27<sup>th</sup> April at QMU.* JB will attend. GW will be asked if she wishes to go.
- JB/GW**



- 11.03 DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach
- DCC support for works had been submitted by JB.
  - PS had circulated an update.
  - Marine Licence and Planning applications have been submitted for the breakwater and groyne works.
  - Kelp management continues
- 11.04 Community Carrot (Crunchy Carrot Buy Out)- Request for Support  
JB had circulated information from Isobel Knox regarding the proposal to make an application to the Scottish Land Fund for a community buy out of the Crunchy Carrot. DCC members had been supportive. JB had sent a letter of support to enable a Stage 2 application to be made.
- 11.05 Dunbar on Air –  
JB had attended a meeting about Dunbar On Air on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 11.06 Dunbar Against Litter  
No update
- 11.07 AELCC
- Lilian Pryde Succession – A meeting of AELCC officers with ELC staff will be held on 20/2. There was discussion about concerns and questions regarding Lilian’s replacement e.g. about VAT Management, staff support for CCs. PS will pass these to Ralph Averbuch at AELCC.
  - A Meeting is being planned for March 25<sup>th</sup> to give a farewell to Lilian Pryde
  - JB and GW are attending a special meeting regarding sex offenders in the community on 26/2.

PS

## 12.00 **PLANNING AND LICENSING**

- 12.01 Planning matters to note:
1. Halhill North. 00920/P JB had sent initial comments to ELC/Ross Developments. Further comments will be sent once a formal planning application is made. JB had circulated concerns about wildlife habitat from Isobel Knox of DCWG. DCWG would be keen to see a wildlife corridor integrated into the development. Many concerns have been raised from exiting housing areas regarding infrastructure.
  2. Golf Club – A change to access had been discussed at Planning Committee on 5/2. Information had been received on the greater application for housing/golf facilities which will need to be resubmitted due to the level of changes to the application previously consented. A Proposal of Application Notice had been registered on 5/2. (19/00001/PAN) A public exhibition will be held in April. Golf Club reps have been invited to attend DCC on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Cala. Still waiting on timescale for footpath to be built between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.
  4. 18/01147/PCL -Newtonlees Cemetery. Planning permission granted. JB had circulated the Officer report. The submitted views of DCC had not been included. There are various conditions – groundwater studies, an archaeological survey of the 1650 Battle of Dunbar site, junction improvements. A proposed traffic island to enable pedestrians to cross between parking at the old cemetery and the new facility had been rejected by ELC Transportation.
  5. 18/01285/P ASDA extension. Approved on 11/2.
  6. 18/00920/P – Various works to derelict buildings at Black Bull Close. Approved.
  7. 17/00313/PP – Battleblent House (erection of 4 houses.) Local Review Body will discuss the appeal on 21/2.

8. 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
9. 18/0390/PCC – Groyne and Rock Armour works at East Beach. JB had submitted support by DCC
10. 1a Duke Street, Belhaven - Changes to withdrawn application for extension. Plans circulated. Very prominent site in the conservation village. Original application for the existing house had been controversial. The revised application is for a smaller extension mostly rendered to match the existing house. JB had submitted DCC views to ELC  
18/01286/P- DELAP Benches in High Street. Approved.
11. 19/00082/PCL – Charging points on land near Westgate toilets. Plans had been circulated. There had been some public concern about loss of disabled parking bays. ELC Roads had advised that there will be 2 additional bays. The disabled spaces will move slightly to make room for them.
12. 19/00124/P – Repainting and Signage of 8 High Street Belhaven. Jacquie had circulated Planning Documents. (See 12.02). It was agreed to support the application. JB will advise ELC. **JB**

12.02 *Limits to growth* – IH had circulated correspondence with Dr Black regarding pressure on Health infrastructure from new housing. IH also concerned about pressure on other areas of infrastructure. Wishes them to continue to be considered as more housing is proposed. IH suggested a pause in new development to take stock of the situation. JB noted that infrastructure is always raised in DCC responses to major planning applications. PS will discuss further with IH. **PS IH**

12.03 Licensing/Planning Matters to note:

1. The Masons Arms, Belhaven has been closed for many months. It is now being refurbished. It is hoped to re-open as The Brig and Barrel in the Spring. JB had had contact. There has been liaison with ELC about the change of name, structural alterations, repainting etc as this is a listed building in the Conservation Area.  
JB had circulated information from ELC who are seeking DCC comments on a major variation to the premises licence. It was agreed to support the application. JB will advise ELC. **JB**

12.04 Sale of Fireworks

- A Scottish Government Consultation is on line. Some members had completed it.
- Members discussed the document, particularly in relation to views on delegating powers to CCs to manage/determine permissions for fireworks use. There was concern about this. It was agreed that PS would send a composite response on behalf of DCC. **PS**
- Event in Edinburgh – 2-4 on 5/3 at New Register House. JB will attend. **JB**

### 13.00 MEETINGS ATTENDED

13.01 Day Centre – 29<sup>th</sup> January. JB, GW and SB had attended

The new financial allocation is awaited.

Until now ELC have paid for transportation directly to the provider. The Day Centre may need to take on these payments. A change to the grant will be needed to facilitate this.

The Service Level Agreement ends after the next financial year. Efforts will be

needed to maintain funding from ELC. It was noted that an ELC Councillor (unnamed) did not feel day centres should continue to be funded from the public purse. Dunbar Day Centre would seek continued DCC support. Service users enjoy watching films – donations of popular DVDs e.g. musicals would be welcome.  
Day Centre staff are considering an event (open day) for Civic Week

#### **14.00 CORRESPONDENCE**

14.01 **Via Website – Peter Bance (author)**– Seeking information on historical Belhaven resident – JB had responded and met with him.

**Andrew Sutherland (Australia)** – Seeking information on ancestor – JB had responded

**Via FB – Loretta Stewart** – Interest in vacancy- JB had responded

**Via FB – Ewan Reynolds** – interest in vacancy – JB had responded

**Via FB – Fred Bassett**- Fire at Oxwellmains

**Via FB – Darren Wright** – possible home for Dunbar Radio at Corn Exchange – JB had responded

**Andrew Morris** – Information on radio service/query re use of Corn Exchange – JB had responded

**Planning Democracy** – Newsletters

**Planning Democracy** – Annual meeting 7-9 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> February in Edinburgh

**Via FB – Eric Brown** – Concerns about safety of wall/potholes on Hospital Road – JB had responded

**Terry Prior** – issues regarding Halhill North application. JB had responded. PS meeting with TP/SK regarding noise on 27/2

**Scottish Community Alliance** – Local People Leading Newsletters

**Sandy Baptie, ELC** – Weather Warnings

**Brake** – Newsletter

**Torness** – Newsletter

**Sustaining Dunbar** – Co-working at Dunbar Town House

**Dunbar Twinning Association** – newsletter. AGM on 18/2.

**Isobel Knox, Community Carrot** – seeking support for a community buy out. JB had sent letter of support

**Deborah Price, Community Windpower** –Erection of Memorial for lost WW2 Beaufighter on 25<sup>th</sup> April. GR and SB will attend.

**Via Facebook, Ute Penny** – Query about continued cross border rail services from Dunbar. JB had responded.

**Ralph Averbuch, AELCC** – Letter to Sharon Saunders at ELC about replacement for Lilian Pryde.

**Eleni Gigourtaki, ELC** – TTROs for works on Brodie Road

**Sue Anderson, Viridor** – Engineering Apprenticeship opportunities at Viridor, Dunbar

**Sandy Baptie, ELC** – Scottish Flood Forum event in Perth on 16/2

**Scottish Community Development Centre**- Advance notice of event on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to launch a report on the Community Councils study

**Via website – Richard Smeed**- problems with parking in Belhaven Road – GR and JB had responded

**Ralph Averbuch, AELCC** Update

**Dunbar Golf Club** – request to update DCC on plans

**East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee** – Information on Financial Harm Awareness events on 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Via Lilian Pryde -Scottish Government** – Consultation on Hate Crime

**Via Lilian Pryde- Scottish Government** – Consultation on Fireworks Regulations.

Event – 2-4 on 5<sup>th</sup> March at New Register House. On-line consultation available until May.

**Via Website, Gavin Howat**= Concerns about communications on road closure by Persimmon/ELC – passed to ELC.

**Via Direct email – Sharon Rossi** – Complaint re ELC mowing and Foxlake markers. PS and GR have responded directly

**Sue Northcott, DFEL** – DFEL newsletter

**Emma Haltby** -Greenspace Scotland – Tesco Centenary Bag Fund Grants

**Pamela Huntley**- Concerns about plans for car charging points at Kirkgate public toilets – JB had responded (See Planning)

**Terry Prior, Halhill TRA** – Various Brodie Road concerns. JB had responded.

**Via Facebook and e mail**- Various public concerns about the Brodie Road closure – passed to ELC, Scottish Water and Advance Construction (contractor).

**Lilian Pryde** – March 2019 Training

**Linda Fibinger** – Support for 20 mph. JB had responded

**Kevin Sewell, ELC** – He is now the lead for resilient communities.

JB and IH had responded.

**Via Facebook – William Main** – Various town maintenance concerns. JB had responded and passed to ELC.

**Via Facebook – Romie Blair**- Various maintenance concerns – JB had responded

**Neil Simpson, Cockburnspath and Cove CC** – Concerns about Viridor (noise and fire safety). JB had responded

**Via e mail – Susan Davies** – Factoring issues at Taylor Wimpey (Brodie Road) estate. JB had responded and passed to ELC/Halhill Residents Association

**Via e mail – Ron Scott** – Concerns about traffic volume speed leading to building vibration at Friarsbank Terrace. JB had responded. Passed to ELC.

**David Anderson, ELC**- Queries about Lothian and Border Horse- SB and JB had responded.

**Via Facebook – Emma Vance**- Concerns about operating hours of the Brodie Road roadworks. Passed to ELC who had instructed Advance not to do noisy works before 8 am.

**Via Facebook – Suzette McGregor** – concerns about heavy plant movements to new Persimmon site/other Persimmon infrastructure concerns. JB had responded.

**Via e mail – John Creasey**- Concerns about increasing traffic on Beveridge Row. GR,PS and JB had responded.

## 16.00 AOB

16.01 **Re-enactment of Battle of Dunbar – HC** The possibility of this event taking place in September 2019 had been raised in January. DCC had been supportive.

16.02 **Building Site Dust** – GA noted that dust is blowing from large mounds of earth from construction sites over the railway line towards the Tree Scheme. He circulated a photo. JB agreed to raise issues with ELC. **JB**

16.03 **Foxlake Markers**- A member of the public had raised concerns that these were being left at the Country park. And posing a potential risk to walkers and pets. PS and IH will follow this up.

16.04 **Lothian and Borders Horse** – GR had noted an enquiry as to whether the Regiment had ever been given Freedom of the Burgh. JB noted that her son, Huw, is cap badged with the Yeomanry, which is now part of the Army Reserve,

and that he had written a history of the Organisation. They did not seem to have been given the Freedom. GR noted that there are plans for a parade on July 6th. JB said she had had a brief conversation with Army Reserve Officers at Armistice about their ideas for a Parade. A Dunbar Troop had been established in 2018. She agreed to contact the Officers at Redford Barracks for more information.

**JB**

**17.00 DCC MEETINGS**

17.01 DCC Business Meeting – March 18th