



Monday 15th April 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

MINUTES OF MEETING

1.00 SEDERUNT

Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS) (Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Herbert Coutts (HC), Will Collin (WC), Loretta Stewart (LS), Lynne Lewis (LL), Ian Hamilton (IH), George Robertson (GR)
Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Mike Shaw (Member of the Public)

1.01 Apologies - None

1.02 Welcome – PS welcomed all present to the meeting.

3.00 MINUTES OF MEETING – 18th March

3.01 Adoption – Approved (Proposed GA, Seconded GW)

3.02 Action review – All items had been attended to or in hand with Agenda updates.

3.03 Singular matters arising - None

4.00 POLICE REPORT

There was no written report for the meeting.

4.01 CAPP Priorities from 19th March

LS had attended.

- Speeding
- Safety of A1 Cement Works Junction
- Dog Fouling

4.02 *Dog fouling* .GR noted that he had met Gordon Whitelaw and James Scott from Landscape and Countryside who were out on a “poo patrol.” Checks have been carried out at parks and currently there is thought to be much improvement. JB noted that Belhaven streets remain a problem and dog poo may lie on the pavement for some weeks. She had spoken about this to Community Warden, Jimmy Wilson, who had noted that hot spots were being patrolled to try and identify those who do not pick up.

4.03 *Speed Reactive signs* are to be moved to new positions. JB noted that many drivers continue to ignore the 20mph limit through Belhaven.

4.04 *Parking at new Persimmon Sales Office* Concerns had been raised by members of the public– Checked by PC Ross and colleague on 15/4 but no issues identified. The situation may be more difficult at weekends when the office is open.

4.05 Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on Thursday 9th May at Dunbar Police Station

Issues to be raised by DCC Rep

- Speeding on main roads into Dunbar

LS

5.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS

5.01 *Norman Hampshire*

Cockenzie Power Station Site. NH noted that agreement has been reached with Inch Cape Offshore Ltd for use of part of the site for a Substation in connection with their windfarm to be built off the Angus coastline. The rest of the site remains available for mixed use.

Old Craighall – Planning consent was given on 26th March for a mixed use development including an Innovation Park which is part of the Edinburgh City Deal. This will bring jobs to that part of East Lothian.

East Beach – Marine Scotland have advised that an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be needed. Thus, planning consent can be given for the works. It is hoped that work on the Groyne etc will begin in the early summer.

5.02 *Sue Kempson* – no report

5.03 *Paul McLennan* – no report

5.04 Questions to Councillors

Lauderdale Café Members were pleased to hear that a new tenant has been appointed. Toilet access was queried. NH said that the toilets, which are inside the café, will be available to the public when the café is open. External access to the toilets is not easy to arrange as the building is timber and there would be concerns about vandalism etc at times when the café was not manned.

Civic Pride Fund Withdrawal (See also Financial Report) Concerns were raised that applications made in Autumn 2018 had not been honoured, especially when projects like the Town Centre tenement painting were ready to progress. NH said that the decision had been made to enable savings in the Departmental Budget. GR and other members noted concerns that spending on some projects leads to cutbacks in other areas e.g. DELAP's Amenities Budget where to have work done from the DELAP wish list leads to other works not being done.

NH will speak to the ELC Officer responsible, Eamonn John regarding future plans for funding community projects and endeavour to obtain a list of proposed infrastructure/maintenance projects so that Area Partnership and others might have input in how scarce resources are used. This list has been requested repeatedly by the Area Partnership on behalf of all Ward CCs.

Pavement between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane Concerns were raised that this is still to be provided although it was a Condition for the Cala Homes planning consent in February 2017 and Cala say they had given the money to ELC for the work to be done. JB had had contact with Marshall Greenshields of ELC who had referred to a new crossing being put in near the Cala Homes. He had also said that other works in Belhaven were to be considered as part of actions to be drawn up from the Peter Brett Active Travel consultation. These would be in collaboration with SUSTRANS. SB said that the pavement was required and that the new crossing should be viewed as an extra rather than an alternative.

NH agreed to speak with ELC Officers regarding the timescale for delivery.

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6.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT (circulated pre meeting)

6.01 *Town Maintenance Issues*

- 1) Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. Building Control have been asked to chase up with Four Seasons as it is in a precarious state.
- 2) Hospital Road. Getting worse. Dangerous for cyclists. Further complaints from the public via Facebook.
- 3) Bridge to Nowhere. Steps badly eroded and crumbling. Spoke with Tara Sykes on 4/4. She will look into repair. It seems a previous repair had eroded again. It is difficult to get cement to bond when tides keep covering the affected steps. Tara will also look into erection of a handrail and general maintenance at the steps down to the beach.

- 4) Collapsing walls along Hospital Road. Belong to Halhill Developments. Further complaints from the public via Facebook.
- 5) Via member of the public – erosion damage to wall, pavement and road by water/debris from the Cala site. Being chased with ELC and Cala.
- 6) Via Facebook. Flooding in wet weather near Lethendry, North Road related to blocked drains. Cleared.
- 7) Blocked drain at Castle Street near Dolphin Hotel. Chased with Tom Reid on 3/4.
- 8) Blocked drains in Belhaven High Street leading to erosion by debris. Chased with Tom Reid on 3/4. Cleared on 15/4.
- 9) Via Facebook. Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House. This is DCDC land. Passed to ELC as there are concerns about vandalism. Kate Darrah of The Ridge has offered to speak to DCDC/DCWG re potential assistance to make the structure safe.
- 10) Via Facebook. Lack of street lights/pavements at the Persimmon development. ELC will pursue Persimmon. Raised with Peter Brett associates as a deterrent to active travel. Also risks to pedestrians from building plant near footpaths.
- 11) Various broken street lights. Reported to ELC. Still need repair.
- 12) Drainage issues (standing water not reaching drains and flooding dropped kerbs areas) in Boroughdales/Belhaven Road. Passed to ELC. Still needing attention on 3/4.
- 13) Pot holes at junction of Duke Street/Belhaven High Street – caused by water erosion due to the blocked drain. Passed to ELC.
- 14) Broken Give Way sign at the junction of Summerfield Road and Belhaven road. Passed to ELC in November 220018. Repaired on 12/4.
- 15) Pot holes in Belhaven Road near Church – passed to ELC
- 16) Pot holes in Belhaven High Street/Edinburgh Road. Passed to ELC.
- 17) Pot holes in Knockenhair Road. Passed to ELC.
- 18) Damaged Toby top in Belhaven High Street (near Pumpkin Patch). Passed to Scottish Water. Repaired on 5/4.
- 19) Blocked drains in Letham Road, Park Avenue and Graham Place. Passed to ELC on 12/2. Chased with Tom Reid on 3/4. Park Avenue and Graham Place now cleared. 3 drains in Letham Road still blocked.
- 20) Broken chevron sign at Broxburn. Passed to ELC on 11/2. Repaired.
- 21) Vandalised road sign at Salisbury Walk. Quote for a replacement requested by Graham Brotherston of ELC on 7/3.
- 22) Dust from earth mound at Halhill building site. Passed to ELC. Chased up on 7/4. Walker Homes residents reported similar issues from the Robertson/Avant site at Newtonlees. Also passed to ELC Environmental Health Officer, David Hogg. He visited Cala, Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey on 9/4. He reiterated the need to ensure that their site dust suppression is appropriate for the works ahead. The Persimmon soil tip was particularly mentioned. He saw the soil mounds but was unable to locate the agents. As the mounds are close to housing he had contacted the Head Offices to request details of their suppression provisions and site contact details. He had since spoken to the Robertson site manager. They had told him that their soil tips are to be moved shortly as the area is designated for a goods compound and housing. He was hoping to start putting building foundations in the area soon. The Avant Manager had confirmed this intention.
- 23) Missing/damaged Toby tops in Countess Road. Passed to Scottish Water on 9/4.
- 24) Missing sewer cover, stagnant standing water and other hazards in woodland near Dunbar Primary Lochend campus. Barriers that had been in place had

been moved. This woodland belongs to Halhill Developments. The area is prone to flooding as drainage has been altered by building developments nearby. Dead trees are being thinned out. Contacted Ian Craig at Ross Developments who asked Halhill Developments engineers to investigate. The sewer has now been covered and safety barriers were erected on 10/4. A timescale has been requested for drainage works in the area. DCWG had been told they would be completed by February 2019 but they remain ongoing.

- 25) Damaged/loose drain cover near High Street vets. A number of people have fallen as it is raised up from the pavement and wobbles if stood on. Reported to ELC on 9/4. Tom Reid has asked Callum Redpath to investigate. Similar faulty covers in West Port have also been reported to ELC.
- 26) Via Facebook. Litter blowing out of uncovered skip at Persimmon building site. Passed to ELC on 15/4.
- 27) Via Facebook. Very uneven road surface in Brodie Road following drainage works at Persimmon site by Advance Construction. Passed to ELC as utilities work by contractors on the roads should be completed to a safe standard.

6.02 **Services**

Car Charging Points – Paul Wheelhouse MSP is still looking at the issues of maintenance and compatibility of different card schemes.

Scottish Power – Roadworks appeared on Belhaven High Street in mid march. These were related to water seeping from a leaking water hydrant into a link box which had exploded. JB had had contact with ELC, Scottish Power and the contractor (Clancy) to get the works completed as they made the footpath difficult to negotiate. JB kept local residents informed of developments.

6.03 **Other**

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line. These are still being considered but need Sustrans funding. Raised with Peter Brett Associates. Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane (see 5.04). This is still required. It was a condition of the Cala Planning Permission in February 2017 and Cala have paid the S75 Contribution to ELC to do the work.

Idling Vehicle Engines (particularly taxis) at station and elsewhere. JB had had further contact with Tom Burr the Environmental Health Officer involved. He hoped to erect a sign at the station by 15/4. He will continue to do spot checks in Dunbar.

6.04 **Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces.** Contacts continue.

The Middlemass Road plots had not sold on March 21st. They have been reduced in price to £12,000. Next auction is May 2nd. Concerns have again been raised about the misleading marketing information.

The playpark near 37 Wilson Place remains in dangerous condition. Building Control advise that playparks are not covered by the Building (Scotland) Act 2003 and thus they cannot compel the owner to make the area safe. They have passed concerns to Environmental Protection for advice. JB keeps residents updated. MP/MSP are aware of the situation.

6.05 **Beveridge Row Closure – May 15/16 2019.** This involves a diversion via unclassified Hospital Road and the unclassified road from West Barns to Eweford. These are both in poor condition and narrow. ELC have been asked if repairs will be made prior to the diversion being put into place.

6.06 **Maharajah Duleep Singh- Dunbar connections.** Contacts are continuing to renew the memorial to Lt Col Sutherland at Dunbar Churchyard.

6.07 **Lothians and Border Horse Parade- July 6th.** JB had had further contact with Captain Dietrich Zank who had been linking with the Provost and Lord Lieutenant about this event. Provost McMillan and ELC Officers had told JB not to attend a meeting on March 20th. Plans are progressing. The organisation still hopes to

arrange Freedom of the Burgh. Traffic regulation Orders are being progressed and there will be an on site meeting regarding safety etc. Information has been requested on ownership of some areas of land where the unit will want to muster and JB is looking into this. The owner is thought to be Enjoy Leisure and Bill Axon has been contacted.

SB enquired if DCC had received official notification of the Lothians and Border Horse Parade from ELC. JB advised that to date all information on the event had been via Captain Zank.

6.08 **Pub Watch.** Following Facebook contact from Hope Webb of Forth 1 Radio JB had recorded an interview supporting this initiative. JB had been involved as an ELC Councillor/Licensing Board member in a previous Pub Watch initiative in Dunbar which had worked well.

6.09 GR commended JB on her continued diligence on behalf of the community. This was echoed by HC and others.

7.00 TREASURER'S REPORT (Circulated pre meeting)

7.01 Financial Statement

General Fund

The Bank Balance at the month end was £2144.12 (last month £2390.55). Without the restricted Priorities Fund monies there was an unrestricted General Fund remaining of £150.12 at the year end.

7.02 Local Priorities Fund

Included in the bank balance of £2144.12 was a restricted priorities fund of £1994. In April £9860 Local Priorities Fund had been received. Following payment of £145 to Dunbar Colts the Local Priorities balance is £11709 which includes £1000 committed to the War Memorial project.

Project Updates

Parkrun- The activity is proving popular on Saturday mornings.

Dunbar Colts – The £145 entrance fee for the Edinburgh Cup had been paid as agreed. Thanks had been received. The Colts would like to come to a DCC meeting to report on their activities and their use of the grant.

It was agreed that JB will invite them to a DCC meeting after the tournament in August. Information will also be sought on the match schedule so that DCC members might see the team in action. **JB**

New Applications

Civic Week - £2000 awarded

Christmas Lights -£2000 awarded

7.04 Civic Pride Fund

An application was submitted for further Town Centre Painting and for High Street Banners in November 2019. It was found in March 2019 that applications would not be considered as part of ELC financial decisions. There will be no Civic Pride Fund in the next Financial year. Concerns about the loss of the Fund, on which local projects had been planned, had been raised at the AELCC meeting on March 25th. Sharon Saunders had agreed to investigate. See also 5.04

7.05 Insurance – the Annual Premium had been paid to Zurich.

7.06 Annual sub had been paid to RAGES by JB who had been repaid.

8.00 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.01 Christmas Lights

- Report circulated by email
- The Fundraising Quiz on 30th March had been very successful and raised in excess of £600

- Maintenance is progressing well. Re-organisation of the Corn Exchange is underway as access is now available to upstairs.
- The bank balance at the month end was £14,239.99 (Last month £10,107.69) A DELAP grant of £4140 was received in March. All funds are already ringfenced for specific projects
- The Committee bought 10 market stalls during the month for £450 which will be used for community events.

8.02 **Civic Week**

- Report circulated by email
- The Bank balance at the month end was £5681.74 (same as previous month). Expenditure for Civic week 2019 will start to come through in May. Be Green had given a donation of £1500.
- The Royal Court has been chosen
- Volunteers will be needed on the day for the procession and Fun Day events. A volunteer is also sought to arrange a Tombola.
- A wide range of events is being drawn together for the week. They will include a Quiz for which prizes will be required.

9.00 **DCC INITIATIVES**

9.01 **War Memorial Project** (HC)

- The Group had met on April 9th.
- Further additional names had been discussed.
- Information on the proposed additional names had been placed on the DCC website and Facebook page by GR.
- An extensive article had appeared in The Courier on 10/4.
- Arrangements will be made to install a plaque for the extra names.
- A rededication ceremony will be considered.
- Further meeting to be arranged.
- PS commended HC and The Courier for a very interesting article

9.02 **Airfields Trust** – Plaque for Belhaven Sands (JB)

- JB had met with Pauline Jaffray on 28/3 and visited the plaque installed by East Lammermuir CC at Skateraw. This was on a stone sourced by and carved by Gardiner Malloy. Photos had been circulated. Cost had been around £2500. Some of this had been from the Crystal Rigg Windfarm monies which are not available to Dunbar CC. Advertising consent had been required (£101 for a Community Council)
- JB had met with Tara Sykes, Countryside Ranger on 4/4.. A potential no/low cost option for placement of the plaque had been identified at the Bay overlooking the site. Tara will discuss with ELC colleagues and get back to JB.
- JB had updated Mr Bannerman of the Airfields of Britain Memorial Trust on progress.

9.03 **Corn Exchange Repair** (GA) Report had been circulated.

- Door replacement had started but not completed. There is no sign of Musselburgh Roofing returning.
- ELC are to advise on beams being replaced.
- Work has started on electrics.
- A leak has again been reported to Neal Irvine.
- An application for £5000 has been made to Be Green for the upgrades.

9.04 **Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation** (GR/SB)

- SB had arranged some work on the stone of Sgt Penn by ELC.
- GR had circulated a costing for renovation by Robertson Memorials of the inscription. This will be £297 ex VAT. Funding towards this will be sought. Suggestions for potential funders were given. In the meantime, it was agreed

- that DCC would cover the costs so that the work can be completed. The money can then be refunded once donations are received. GR will arrange the work.
- JB noted that the current Lothians and Border Horse contingent appreciate the work on the monument. In future years they would hope to place a wreath at the stone and others connected with the organisation at Remembrance.
 - ELC, having repaired some monuments, are concerned about the cost of upgrading further graves than those already agreed.
- 9.05 **Community Council Chair Nameboard** (PS)
- Now hung in the Council Chamber. Project completed.
- 9.06 **High Street Painting** (GA)
- Further works had begun in the West Port. There had been some delay due to weather conditions and walls needing more preparation work than expected. The community Response continues to be very positive. Just Giving donations in the month amounted to £489.71. Sadly, funds have run out. The Civic Pride grant that had been applied for will not be available. Another £1326 is needed to complete the works. The costs of repainting the West Port will be included in May's accounts.
- 9.07 **Improved Community Links** (PS/All)
- Noticeboard at Hallhill . SB has arranged for DCC use. PS will follow up.
 - High Street Noticeboard – PS and GA are still working on this.
 - Web Promotion – GR is working on this. Photos of members were taken at the end of the evening for the website.
 - Social Media – The Facebook page continues to attract new followers with
 - useful interaction on a number of community concerns and information
 - sharing.
 - LS is drawing up a list of community groups/contacts.
- 9.08 **Community Resilience** (IH) - Update
- JB was seeking interest for a visit from local community councils to the hub at Penston House Macmerry which would oversee any event at Torness. Likely date is afternoon of 8th May. JB, AS, PS, LS, IH expressed an interest. JB will arrange.
- 9.09 **DCC Annual Awards**
- Pippa had circulated information on nominees with a grid for voting. She will collate results and circulate for final decisions to be made.
- 10.00 **AREA PARTNERSHIP**
- 10.01 **Next meeting – Annual Public Meeting – 9th May**
- Following an introduction to DELAP by Doug Haig and an update on projects by GR there will be a presentation by the Fashion School on their intergenerational work. GR encouraged DCC members to attend.
- Next Business Meeting** - April 29th
- 10.02 **Benches**
- Granite benches have been installed in Dunbar High Street.
- 10.03 **Disabled Access to Belhaven Bay Beach.**
- PS had circulated a paper. Tom Reid, Head of Infrastructure at ELC had circulated a response. Funding will need to be sourced for a project to go ahead. There are also limitations to ELC officer availability to link with permissions from SEPA, Marine Scotland etc.
- 10.04 **Parish Churchyard –**
- Gravestone stabilisation is ongoing. Gordon Whitelaw has indicated that it could take a number of years to complete.
- 10.05 **Back Road**
- Pavement works complete

JB

PS

11.00 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS

11.01 Health and Social Care Provision

Integrated Joint Board

Alison McDonald has been appointed as the Director of the East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership to replace David Small.

Cllr Fiona O'Donnell is the new Chair of the IJB. Peter Murray is now Vice Chair.

Re-provisioning

PS had written to Councillors SK and NH to note the need to identify local sites asp. JB had circulated an update from Jane Ogden-Smith. The IJB have secured a grant from the Scottish Government to enable a scoping exercise to progress. Progress is thought to be positive and it is hoped it will soon be possible to go back to communities in Dunbar, North Berwick and Musselburgh to work on new facilities that meet local needs.

It is expected that the Project Team will give an update to the May 2019 IJB meeting.

The Local Project Groups outlined in the December IJB paper will work closely with and include members from the relevant local Health and Wellbeing subcommittees to ensure alignment with local health and wellbeing plans. It would be hoped to include representatives from other key local and county wide groups e.g. Friends Organisations, Dementia friendly east Lothian, Carers organisations and other community interest groups. The IJB want to ensure that a wide range of voices from the community are partners in planning and delivering the projects.

Dementia Friendly East Lothian Spring Gathering JB had attended on March 26th. Much of the meeting had looked at the areas of the East Lothian Strategy related to Dementia.

There was concern that there should be sufficient investment to ensure post diagnosis follow up for those that wish it as promised by the Scottish Government. Concerns were raised about facilities for certain groups e.g. younger people, people with learning difficulties.

Concerns were raised about the suggestion of one specialist dementia unit to cater for all of East Lothian.

Concerns were raised about transport issues for those seeking resources and the needs of those who lose their driving licences due to dementia.

Matters raised were to be raised by Sue Northcott and others with ELC/IJB staff.

There was also discussion about the setting up of Dementia Meeting Centres with external speakers.

Health and Wellbeing Group of Area Partnership

Jane Ogden- Smith is still to provide notes from the March 13th meeting on the Strategy. She is still to provide names of those interested in forming a group to JB.

How the Health Service Works- JB had circulated information on this event -6-8.45 pm on 25th April at Bleachingfield Centre

11.03 ***DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach***

- PS had circulated an update from March 13th.
- The Marine Licence is still to be determined.
- See Councillor Hampshire comments above

11.04 ***AELCC***

PS, JB and SN had attended a meeting on March 25th. JB had circulated notes from Ralph Averbuch, Chair of AELCC.

Lilian Pryde had been given farewell gifts.

Concerns had been raised about future support mechanisms for Community Councils. These are still to be agreed as discussions are ongoing with ELC staff.

Concerns were raised about the future of the Civic Pride Fund.

JB had again raised issues about the ELC website "Report It" functions. Sharon

Saunders had noted that improvements are being worked on. Issues regarding the Planning Portal and how ELC engages with CCs on planning matters are still being worked on.

12.00 PLANNING AND LICENSING

12.01 *Planning matters to note:*

1. Halhill North. 00920/P. Formal application awaited
2. Golf Club – Public Consultation event to be held on April 26th at Dunmuir Hotel. PS had sent Tony Thomas a note of concerns from the DCC meeting on 18/3.
3. Cala- Still waiting on timescale for footpath to be built between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. Raised with Peter Brett Associates by JB. See Secretary Report and 5.04.
4. 18/01319/P – Ashfield House – approved on 26/3 subject to planting to create screening between the new house and Kings Court properties. JB had given advice to Kings Court residents for which they had been grateful. 18/0390/PCC – Groyne and Rock Armour works at East Beach. Decision pending
6. 19/00082/PCL – Charging points on land near Westgate toilets. Approved under delegated powers.
7. 19/00124/P, 19/00151/ADV and 19/00123/LBC (Part retrospective) (Masons Arms, Belhaven). – Approved under delegated powers on 29/3
8. 19/00113/P, 19/00167/ADV Alterations to former RBS Bank to change to Sweet Shop JB had circulated information. She had submitted supportive views from DCC. Still to be determined.

12.02 ***Consultation on Supplementary Planning Guidelines on SUDS systems.*** Being run by ELC from 8/3-19/4. JB had circulated documents. She noted issues about continued maintenance of sites by factors and safety at some current sites related to unfenced deep water bodies. It was agreed that DCC will not make a corporate response but individuals may make submissions if they wish. **ALL**

12.03 GA noted concerns about the proliferation of housing developer flags and signs at Spott Road and Brodie Road. JB agreed to pass concerns to ELC **JB**

12.04 ***Licensing matter to note*** – Brig and Barrel – new arrangements approved on 28th March.

13.00 MEETINGS ATTENDED

13.01 ***Day Centre – April 2nd***

JB, SB and GW had attended.

Clients continue to change as some move on to long term care arrangements and new people start to attend.

ELC are to make some repairs to offset damp issues in the main room. External rhones need repair.

GW and Manager, Jamie McNeill had met with Bryan Davies of ELC to discuss funding. There will be no funding uplift for the new financial year. Funding for transport needs further discussion as some service users come from Lammermuir villages and beyond. Historically ELC have paid the transport directly but the Day Centre will need to assume responsibility. Transport costs are increasing but the funding does not allow for this. GW is to write to Mr Davies.

A range of activities continue which users enjoy.

DCC members noted concerns about the funding situation. HC agreed to assist in making the request for increased transport costs to be met as there could be issues in terms of equalities legislation.

13.02 **DTA - April 9th**

JB had attended

Events

European Stone Stacking Championships 20th-21st April. There is considerable interest from the media both based in the UK and abroad.

Civic Week. A window competition for members will be considered.

Information Exchange. 6.30 on May 14th at Dunbar Town House. Members are invited to provide flyers for distribution. The aim is to give publicity to Dunbar and its wide range of DTA members.

Funding

JB noted that the Civic Pride awards will not be going ahead. DTA would still like their banners to go up on the High Street.

Viridor have given some funding towards hanging baskets. More is needed. It was agreed that funding had been agreed from DELAP.

New Traders

It is hoped to attract new members. The Brig and Barrel will be opening at Belhaven. The Makery has opened in the former Lothian Computers shop. The latter is part of the Calalyst initiative whereby new businesses get an opportunity to set up. If successful ELC will enable them to move to other premises.

Initiatives

DTA would still like to improve historic closes with information boards. Priorities are Lawsons Court where there are issues of security and lighting for residents and Black Bull Close where The Ridge are doing considerable renovation work. DTA are keen not to duplicate closes upgrade initiatives by DCC/DELAP and would appreciate collaboration on projects.

Publicity

Great British High Street 2019. Consideration is being given to an entry.

Facebook. A number of people agreed to assist with the DTA Facebook page.

13.03 **Sustaining Dunbar - April 8th**

JB had attended.

Investigations continue into a permanent *Co-working base*. There are issues with the former High Street Housing Office and other options are being considered.

There is an increasing interest in the Co-working space initiative. Sessions will be changed to Friday mornings at the Town House Community Room.

A Co-working awareness event is to be held in May.

Belhaven Community Garden continues. The lease from NHS Lothian has been extended. A new initiative is to provide an accessible garden area for patients near ward 1. Time is also spent at Dunbar Day Centre and elsewhere on growing projects.

Good Food Nation. Members have been promoting a survey on behalf of the Scottish Government.

13.04 **Tarmac 3rd April**

GR had attended and circulated a report.

There had been a follow up to the Dust Fall Concerns in 2018.

There are sufficient reserves of limestone for around another 33 years.

More and more cement is being sent by rail. Lorries are only used within a 30 mile radius of Dunbar. Current large projects include the Edinburgh St James' Centre and a new harbour in Aberdeen.

There was discussion about road safety at the A1 junction. Oliver Curtin, the site manager, hopes to attend the A1 Action Group meeting in June.

The plant continues to use alternative fuels to coal to reduce its carbon footprint. Investment in the plant continues including the development of a new milling plant.

Output of the plant is expected to increase to 1 million tonnes per year.

13.05 **Viridor - 10th April**
JB and SB had attended
Prior to the meeting reps from DCC, west Barns CC and East Lammern CC had had opportunity to visit the fully automated control room at the ERF.
Landfill
Tonnage has decreased. Edinburgh are sending waste to the Millerhill ERF.
Staffing is being reduced.
Landfill is due to end in 2021.
Since the recent fire which destroyed the holding shed all waste is going straight to the landfill. At present it does not seem economically viable to repair the building.
Some electricity is still being generated.
ERF.
The Commissioning phase is being completed.
Some noise issues are being followed up with residents in Innerwick. They may not be related to the plant.
Heat Plan. There is still no information end users. The next report is not due to SEPA until January 2020. A 2019 report has not been required as the plant is only just coming into commission.
Litter. Concerns were discussed. Contractors are given strict information. Anyone seeing litter blowing from a lorry should report it to the plant.
Junction Safety. Concerns about lorry movements had been discussed at Community Councils and CAPP. Any reports should be sent to the plant. Some unsafe movements may be related to contractors from nearby housing estates.
Artwork. A variety of sculpture and murals is being put into place.
Community Benefits. A number of grants had been given
Visitor Centre. Work is underway. It is not expected to have public access to the main ERF building/control room.
Safety. Although not proven the recent fire at the holding shed was probably related to a lithium battery. Residents are advised not to dispose of lithium batteries or devices that use them e.g. laptops, cameras, tablets, mobile phones in household waste.

14.00 **CORRESPONDENCE**

14.01 **Scottish Community Alliance** – Local People Leading
Robert Fisco, Scottish Power – Emergency works in Belhaven
Torness- Newsletter
Pauline Jaffray – STV Coverage of The Ridge Café
Scottish Community Development Centre – Invitation to Seminar on Scottish Community Council Survey
Hilary Smith – Exeter College Oxford /ELC Sponsorship Programme
Claire Goodwin ELC – Invitation to East Lothian Community Partnership meeting on 27/4. JB and GW attending
RAGES- Rages Rag and membership fee renewal request.
Alastair Colley- Further concerns about Litter on A1. JB had responded.
Via Facebook, Siobhan Grealey – Further advice on Planning Committee protocol. JB had responded.
Brake- Newsletters
Jane Ogden-Smith – Invitation to Integrated Impact Assessment Meeting re new facilities at St John’s Hospital on 4th April in Edinburgh
Jane Ogden-Smith – Alison McDonald appointed Director of East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership
Jane Ogden-Smith – update on re-provisioning
Via Facebook – Findlay Cooke – query about barriers at Harbour. JB had

responded.

Sue Northrop – Dementia Friendly East Lothian activities

Planning Democracy – Annual Meeting in Glasgow on May 11th

Captain Dietrich Zank – Seeking Information for Lothian and Border Horse event on 6/7. JB had responded

Via Facebook -Jacqueline Wallace- concerns about state of woodland near Primary School including open drains. Passed to Halhill Developments by JB.

Via E mail- Crowdfunding Scotland – Information event on Crowdfunding in Haddington on 30/4. JB will attend.

Kenneth Bannerman, Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust- seeking update. JB had responded

Sandy Baptie, ELC – legislation for Torness Nuclear Power Station

Doug Haig, ELC – Seeking views on new sites for speed reactive signs. JB and GR had responded.

Helen Harper, ELC – Information on Health Service event at Bleachingfield on 25th April

Via Facebook - Hope Webb Radio Forth 1- Seeking Views on new Dunbar Pubwatch Scheme – JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Stuart Ferguson – Queries about the 20 mph trial. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Euan Davidson – Concerns about condition of Hospital Road and Brodie Road(post drainage works) JB had responded.

Via Facebook-Romie Blair- Concerns about litter from uncovered skip at Avant Homes site. Passed to ELC.

Via Facebook- Romie Blair- Concerns about parking near new Persimmon Sales Office. Passed to Police who had checked out on 15/4 and found no issues. JB had asked for follow up at weekends..

16.00 AOB

- 16.01 **Winterfield Park.** Bruce Allison is to hold a meeting on 24/4. JB had circulated information. PS asked members to pass views on the proposals to her for collation. It was noted that the proposals which include toilets, landscape features and equipment are a wish list. At present there is no confirmed funding. **ALL**
- 16.02 **Twinning.** SB had circulated an English translation of a letter that he had sent to Lignieres to mark the 25th anniversary of the Twinning on 16th April.
- 16.03 **Dr Cassells** has announced his retirement after 35 years of service as a GP in the town. It was agreed that JB would send him a card on behalf of DCC. **JB**

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- 17.01 DCC Business Meeting – May 20th 2019

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