



Monday 18th March 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

Minute 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), Herbert Coutts (HC), Will Collin (WC), Ian Hamilton (IH), Gill Wilson (GW), Lynne Lewis (LL).
Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cameron Ritchie (Press)
Rev Keith Mills, Loretta Stewart (LS) (Members of the Public)

1.01 Apologies George Robertson (GR)

1.02 Welcome

- Tony Thomas APT Planning and Development for Dunbar Golf Club
- Loretta Stewart – Prospective DCC Councillor

2.00 GUEST SPEAKER

2.01 ***Dunbar Golf Club Development Plan – Tony Thomas***

Mr Thomas outlined the history of the proposals to build a new clubhouse and other facilities at the Club. This will include enabling housing to help fund the development. As well as a new clubhouse there will be a driving range and putting course.

Planning Permission had been agreed some years ago. However, changes to the proposals were now felt, in discussions with ELC Planners, to be different to those agreed. Thus, the application process is to commence again.

There will be a public consultation session from 3-8 pm on 26th April at the Dunmuir Hotel. Based on public views submitted it is hoped to submit a formal planning application in August/September 2019.

In the meantime, plans have been approved regarding access to the site. Due to changes in the speed limit in the locality, previously approved changes to the access are no longer required.

Mr Thomas shared maps and pictures of the proposed development.

PS invited discussion with Dunbar CC members.

The Golf Club hope to engage with Cala to develop the housing element.

The work will progress in phases. Houses at the Deerpark will be built first. Properties on the site of the current clubhouse will be built later. It is hoped to be building the first houses at the Deerpark in 2021 and those at the current clubhouse in 2022/2023.

As the development is to enable development of the Clubhouse and other facilities there is no requirement to provide affordable housing.

PS noted the need for active travel connections to the schools and town centre. There will be connections to the John Muir Way.

The Clubhouse will be open to the public for meals etc.

In the future accommodation may be built e.g. a hotel.

JB noted issues of sewerage infrastructure problems at other housing developments in the area. Mr Thomas said it would be hoped the developer would take account of such

matters. PS noted that the East Beach must not be compromised in any way. There was some discussion of housing design e.g. energy efficiency. Mr Thomas agreed to send e mail images to PS for circulation to members. PS thanked Mr Thomas for his presentation.

3.00 MINUTES OF MEETING – 18th February

3.01 Adoption – Approved (Proposed GA, Seconded AS)

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

3.03 Singular matters arising - **DCC Vacancy**

Nomination for consideration – Loretta Stewart (LS)

LS had attended the February DCC meeting. Following that she had submitted a formal application request. She had also met with PS. In discussion with members she gave further information about herself. She expressed a keenness to work for the local community where she has lived and worked for many years. She was interested in representing DCC at CAPP and in helping to publicise its work.

LS was asked to briefly withdraw whilst members discussed her application further. There was unanimous support for her application. Proposed SB. Seconded GW.

LS was welcomed as a full member of the Community Council. JB will advise Lilian Pryde of her details. She will also advise PC Ross regarding CAPP.

JB

4.00 POLICE REPORT

4.01 *Report*

JB had circulated a written report from PC Ross. This was based on incidents between 17th February and 18th March 2019.

Road Safety – no related incidents.

Antisocial Behaviour

The Ashfield Problem Solving Partnership continues. There had been very few related calls.

There had been numerous complaints about one family in Floors Terrace. They had been evicted by ELC.

Litter – No related incidents

Theft

Overnight between 24th and 25th February milk had been stolen from doorsteps in Martinez Way.

On 3 consecutive dates between 27th February and 1st March 3 bikes had been stolen from the grounds of Dunbar Grammar School. A positive line of enquiry is being followed up.

Overnight between 3rd and 4th March an attempt was made to break into a house in Murray Court.

There had been a number of shoplifting reports, mostly of alcohol, at the Co-op in Countess Crescent and at ASDA.

Vandalism

On the evening of 22nd February a car had been vandalised whilst parked at Halhill car park.

Overnight from 24th – 25th February a house window had been smashed at Brunt Court.

4.01 CAPP Priorities from 14th February

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

4.02 Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on Tuesday 19th March at Dunbar Police Station

Issues to be raised at the CAPP were discussed.

Lorry Movements at Cement Works Junction. GA noted concerns about this. Lorry

drivers, generally travelling to/from Viridor are taking chances when crossing the junction. JB noted that concerns about this had been a reason for ELC Planning committee to reject the ERF in 2009. Concerns have regularly been raised at the A1 Action Group and Viridor Liaison meetings about the volume of traffic crossing the junction.

LS

JB will raise again at Viridor in April and the A1 Action Group in June.

JB

Dog Fouling – JB noted a number of problem areas.

5.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS

5.01 *Norman Hampshire*

NH noted the continued financial issues for ELC.

NH noted proposals for major developments near Queen Margaret University. This will include changes to the road junction. If approved at the March 26th Planning Committee there are likely to be significant disruptions to road movements from East Lothian into Edinburgh for at least a year.

A new Local Development Plan is in preparation

5.02 *Sue Kempson*

- There was discussion about the future provision of Health and Social Care Services including GPs and dentistry following PS's letter to Councillors.
- There was discussion about the need for sites to be found for the re-provision of Belhaven Hospital.

5.03 *Paul McLennan – Not present. No report.*

5.04 Questions to Councillors

- *Back Road and Active Travel Consultations*. Members had attended these sessions. Peter Brett Associates will provide reports for ELC to draw up action plans. JB noted concern that there were still outstanding actions from those drawn up by the 2015 East Lothian On the Move Consultation.
- *CARS Application*. This had been deferred. Concerns were raised that the roof of the Abbey Church, which was to have been a beneficiary of the funding had collapsed during Storm Freya.

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 it up as it is in a precarious state.
- 2) Hospital Road. Still needs repair. Dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. Peter Forsyth has advised that some potholes will be repaired but the road will not be resurfaced until housing construction work is complete. Raised with Peter Brett Associates. It is to be a diversion route for a Beveridge Row closure in May.
- 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 staff 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. Raised with Peter Brett Associates as an issue for active travel in the area.
- 5) Via member of the 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. Still blocked on 18/3.
- 9) Via Facebook. Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House. This is DCDC land. Passed to ELC. Further concerns from the public on 17/3.
- 10) Via Facebook. Lack of street lights and pavements at the Persimmon development. Alan Stubbs at ELC says Persimmon must deal with this as the roads are not adopted. ELC to pursue Persimmon. Raised with Peter Brett associates as a deterrent to active travel. Also risks to pedestrians from building site plant near footpaths.
- 11) Various broken street lights. Reported to ELC. Still need repair.
- 12) Drainage (standing water not reaching drains) in Boroughdales/Belhaven Road. Water renders the drop curbs impassable. Passed to ELC. Raised with Peter Brett Associates as a barrier to active travel.
- 13) Broken/missing lighting bollards at the rear of the Bleachingfield Centre. These have been replaced by wall mounted lights.
- 14) Broken Give Way sign at the junction of Summerfield Road and Belhaven Road. Passed to ELC in November 2018. Still needing repair on 18/3.
- 15) Pot holes in Belhaven Road near Church. Passed to ELC.
- 16) Pot holes in Knockenhair Road. Passed to ELC.
- 17) Damaged Toby top in Belhaven High Street (near Pumpkin Patch). Passed to Scottish Water. Has been ordered from iron foundry.
- 18) Blocked drains in Letham Road, Park Avenue and Graham Place. Passed to ELC on 12/2.
- 19) Broken chevron sign at Broxburn. Passed to ELC on 11/2.
- 20) Vandalised road sign at Salisbury Walk. Passed to ELC on 5/3. Graham Brotherston requested a quote for a replacement on 7/3.
- 21) Dust from soil bunds near new housing developments. Passed to ELC on 19/3.

Given the number of blocked drains- usually blocked by build-up of debris (some so deep grass is growing in the silt) JB has had contact with Tom Reid, Head of Infrastructure at ELC. He has asked Calum Redpath of Roads to investigate. JB has asked how often gulleys should be sucked and streets/gulleys swept. An answer is still awaited. The work still needs to be done.

6.02 **Community Services Issues**

Car Charging Points – Most of the local points are still out of order, Paul Wheelhouse MSP is still to feedback on the lack of connectivity between Scotrail machines with those supported by the Scottish Government backed scheme. Further points in Dunbar are still awaiting planning approval. Concerns have been raised about the accessibility of the points at ASDA.

Broadband – A member of the public has raised concerns about broadband speeds in the Gospatrick Grange area. The concerns have been passed to Terry Prior of the Halhill Residents' Association.

Banking. RBS has changed its van days. Times are now 11-12 on Wednesdays and 10.55-11.40 on Saturdays.

In addition, a Community Banker, John Blair, is now available at the Bleachingfield on Wednesdays from 12-2. He will be able to arrange private paced to discuss individual banking matters. He can handle non cash transactions on site. He can arrange home visits.

6.03 **Other**

- i. **Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line.** These are still being looked at. Raised with Peter Brett Associates.
- ii. **Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane.** Timescale still sought from ELC who had the money from Cala in 2017. Raised with Peter Brett Associates.
- iii. **Idling Vehicle Engines (particularly taxis) at Station and elsewhere.** There has

been further contact with Tom Burr, the Environmental Health Officer involved. He had visited the station in late February and seen a taxi idling with its radio blaring and the driver smoking. He had followed up by speaking to the Station Duty Manager and to the Taxi Firm. It was the same taxi driver who had been previously reported for ignoring environmental requirements to the ELC Transport Compliance Officer. Tom Burr had found that the British Transport Police had also been conducting checks. He will link with them when he can.

He has permission from Scotrail to erect signage on the wall next to the Taxi Rank at the Station. This will go up as soon as he can manage.

He will do spot checks as far as he can, but he covers a number of local authority areas.

He has arranged for signs at the car park at Halhill as there has been a problem with idling coaches. He will also monitor the High Street Taxi Rank.

Signs are already in place at the Taxi Rank near the former RBS and near Lloyds Pharmacy.

He will contact ELC Licensing about incorporating environmental requirements into licenses.

- iv. ***Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces.*** Contacts continue. JB had attended the Residents' Association AGM on February 27th. The Middlemass Road plots remain for sale having failed to sell on February 7th. The next Auction is on March 21st. Trading Standards have told the Auction House to amend the wording of the catalogue which, suggesting that the plots are investment opportunities and Freehold, is misleading. The wording has been changed but is still inaccurate. Trading Standards suggest 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 Greenbelt maintains the playpark should have been removed. They say that they 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. Children are still accessing the dangerous playpark which concerns residents. The issue has been passed to Building Control to see if they can request the owner to make the area safe. The residents cannot hold public liability for the playparks as they do not own them, but they are concerned about the implications if a child is injured and they are meant to maintain the areas within their title deeds.
- v. ***Road Closure Brodie Road – 11/2-15/2 and 18/2-3/3.*** There was much further contact with the public and with Advance Construction. Advance stated that they had been advised to use the diversion route via the A1 junction by ELC officers. Urgent repairs were made by Amey to the potholed junction area. Advance were able to alter the restrictions to use a traffic signal on Brodie Road.
- vi. ***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.
- vii. ***Maharajah Duleep Singh- Dunbar connections.*** JB had met with Gordon Whitelaw of ELC who had arranged repairs to the grave of Dr Sutherland's niece and brother/sister in law. The family in Australia are considering a marker for Mr and Mrs Sutherland. The family would prefer a separate headstone for Dr Sutherland on his actual burial site. This will be possible and ELC will provide a base for a new stone. Peter Bance, the author, has a photo of the original stone erected by Princess Bamba to her husband which has gone AWOL. He will provide this for a replica to be produced. He can seek funding and trusts that the grave will be a tourist attraction for those interested in Indian/Sikh history. JB has made

the DTA and History Society aware of the connections.

- viii. **Lothians and Border Horse Parade – July 6th**. JB has had contact with Dietrich Zank who has been linking with the Provost and Lord Lieutenant about this. JB has also spoken to Pauline Jaffray the Deputy Lieutenant and DTA Secretary who was not aware of the plans. JB will attend a meeting at ELC on March 20th.
- ix. **Confusing Speed Signs in Spott Road** – Clarification has been sought from ELC.
- x. **Building Vibrations in Friarsbank Terrace**. A member of the public had expressed concerns about the potential damage to buildings. ELC had been contacted. They said that they could not restrict use of the road unless abuilding was at imminent risk of collapse. Building Control accepts that vibrations may be felt but they do not have powers to restrict vehicles that might be causing the vibrations. They suggested that the individual should obtain the services of a structural engineer to install gauges to measure the vibrations. Traffic surveys will be part of the evaluation of the 20 mph experiment. The resident had been advised by JB.

7.00 TREASURER'S REPORT

7.01 **Financial Statement**

AS had submitted a detailed spreadsheet. This information was felt to be helpful by members and he will continue to circulate in this form.

7.02 **General Fund**

The Bank balance at the end of the month was £2390.59 (last month £565.25).

Included in the £2390.59 was a restricted Priorities Fund of £1994 leaving an unrestricted General Fund of £396.54.

In the current year to date a grant had been received amounting to £970. Expenses to date amounted to £909.01. There was a current year surplus of £60.99.

With March being the year end AS asked for any outstanding expenses to be lodged at the meeting.

7.03 **Local Priorities Fund**

Update

The remaining monies had been transferred to DCC for local management.

St Anne's Church had applied for planning permission for the garden area.

Parkrun- There had been a trial run using the equipment on March 16th. This had gone well. It is now proposed to have weekly sessions – 9.30 on Saturdays at Halhill. All welcome. JB agreed to place publicity from LL on Facebook.

Dementia Carers Support Group – a letter of thanks had been received.

New Application – *Dunbar Colts*. It was agreed to fund the £145 entry cost for the Edinburgh Cup but not the fun day activities. It was agreed that AS would write to advise that as the Community Council had funded entry for 2 years running further payments should not be presumed given the number of other community groups who may request funding in the future.

AS

7.04 **Civic Pride Fund**

An application had been submitted for further Town Centre Painting and for High Street banners in November 2019. A decision was still awaited. NH noted a delay as Stuart Pryde, the responsible officer, is preparing to retire. The applications are still pending. Concerns were noted as groups are depending on funding for works to go ahead.

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

7.06 **Internet Banking** – the facility was now operational for both the General Account and the Civic Week Account

7.07 **VAT**-The amount of VAT due but not yet recovered was £181.30 which would supplement the Community Council's funds.

The principal beneficiary will be the Christmas Lights account.

7.08 **Business Debit Cards**

It was agreed that Dunbar Community Council should apply for Business Debit Cards for Dunbar Community Council account and for the Dunbar Civic Week Committee account.

The adoption of Bank of Scotland's standard Terms and Conditions for the issue of these Debit Cards was agreed.

8.00 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.01 *Christmas Lights*

- GA had circulated his report. Repairs were progressing well despite the congested space. With the roof being completed items of the display will be moved to their normal storage positions to allow work to progress.
- Fundraising Quiz – 30th March, 7.30pm at Dunbar Bowling Club
- Other sources of funds will be considered.
- The bank statement at the month end was £10,107.69 (last month £10,932.89. Included in the amount is the restricted fund for the Christmas Lights Capital Upgrade project.
The Christmas Lights currently showed a small surplus of income over expenditure but this was likely to be reversed by the year-end as the team repair the lights.
Due to public generosity towards High Street painting there was a surplus of £1924.19 of income over expenditure. The funds were to be applied to the purpose for which they were given.

8.02 *Civic Week*

A report had been circulated by e mail.

Eileen Moore is organising Fun Day events and working on a range of activities for the week.

A possible volunteer has come forward to help with the Royal Court. Sarah Covey is assisting in the interim. The Royal Court will be smaller this year. The Court will be chosen on March 22nd

The Bank balance at the end of the month was £5661.74 (last month £5661.74).

GR and AS will attend a SAG meeting.

It was suggested that the Queen and her Court may lay flowers at the War Memorial over the weekend of events rather than on a school day.

9.00 DCC INITIATIVES

9.01 *War Memorial Restoration (HC)*

HC had circulated an update.

- HC, JB, IH, WC had met on March 5th.
- There had been further discussion of potential names for addition.
- The current list of names for addition will be shared to DCC. Approval will be sought for their addition to ELC as owners of the Monument.
- Publicity will be sought in The Courier and the History Society will be asked to assist in case there is further public information on those identified for addition/further candidates. Publicity can also go on the DCC website and social media.
- Bob Heath will be asked to give a quote for one extra name plaque. It had previously been thought that 2 may be needed.
- WC Had noted that the wire at the monument had damaged some wreaths. This will be looked at.
- Next Meeting April 9th
- HC will see Pauline Smeed about an exhibition on the project.
- HC had met with Cameron Ritchie to discuss publicity including some of the individual stores of those named on the memorial.

- 9.02 ***Airfields Trust – Plaque for Belhaven Sands (JB)***
- No update report
 - JB will arrange to meet with Pauline Jaffray and Neil Clarke.
- 9.03 ***Corn Exchange Repair (GA)***
- GA had circulated a report.
 - Roofing work is complete. There had been 2 leaks and GA had been assured that they were fixed.
 - DELAP had approved a funding application for the electrical and plumbing upgrades.
- 9.04 ***Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation***
- SB was progressing restoration of Sgt Penn’s memorial.
- 9.05 ***Community Council Chair Nameboard (PS)***
- Complete. PS showed it to members. To be hung by ELC in the Town House.
- 9.06 ***High Street Painting (GA)***
- A Report had been circulated. Further works are proposed for week beginning 29/3 subject to weather. This will commence at the West Port. The result of the Civic Pride application is still outstanding. A TTRO application will be required.
- 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.
 - Links with DTA – PS and GR had met with Pauline Jaffray and Philip Mellor. The DTA will discuss further if they feel further co-working would be valuable. It is hoped that this first meeting might lead to the formation of a High Street team to further the work of enhancing and promoting Dunbar High Street.
 - Web Promotion. Information on FROG had been circulated by JB. The WOEL website is still to be harnessed.
 - Social Media – The Facebook page continues to attract new followers with useful interaction on a number of community concerns and information sharing.
 - PS is collating information on community group contacts.
 - LS is interested in progressing DCC links with the community.
- 9.08 ***Community Resilience (IH)***
- No update report
- 9.09 ***DCC Annual Awards***
- Bowe Cup and Community Award have been reinstated at Hallhill
 - Hallhill cabinet requires repair. PS/SB to action
 - Photos and recipient information to be provided by PS
 - Nominations are sought. WC had had contact with DGS. The Head Teacher wishes more teachers to be involved in suggesting nominations than the small group WC has worked with in the past.
 - Nomination information will be placed on the website and social media.
- 10.00 AREA PARTNERSHIP**
- 10.01 ***Meeting held on March 11th 2019***
- A number of funding requests had been considered and approved.
 - Next meeting – Annual Public Meeting – May 9th
 - Next Business Meeting May 13th
 - There was more discussion about the establishment of a Health and Well Being Sub Committee.
- 10.02 ***Benches***
- Benches made by Barry Craighead, had been installed at Parsonspool Playpark and Victoria Street.
 - Granite benches are due for installation in Dunbar High Street shortly
- 10.03 ***Disabled Access to Belhaven Bay Beach***

JB

- PS had met ELC Officers (Sharon Saunders, Tom Reid and Dave Northcott) on March 6th. They had discussed options. PS had circulated information on possible designs. She will work further on a paper for ELC. An article will be prepared for The Courier.

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 are ongoing
- Public consultation events had been well attended. The Consultant report to ELC is due by end of March

10.06 **ELAP Meeting**

GR and JB had attended a joint meeting of AP Chairs and Vice Chairs on February 25th. There had been discussion of common issues e.g. budgets, linkage with Council Officers.

Reps from Musselburgh had noted their experiences of participatory budgeting in helping to decide some priority spending. They had used a specialist consultancy company to assist with this including on-line materials. George had shared information on this. It would involve a lot of work for it to function locally.

11.00 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS

11.01 Health and Social Care Provision

Integrated Joint Board – Meeting 28th February

JB and GW had attended.

Community Hospital. Miriam Anderson had given an update. Wards are expected to open in the new building from September. Some services will be repatriated from West Lothian, Edinburgh etc. There is office space for Community groups e.g. Carers of East Lothian will move to the new facility.

JB had noted the poor provision for public transport to the site. The bus stop is some distance away and pedestrians need to negotiate potholed road without a pavement/the building site to get to the departments. Wheelchair access from the car park and the bus stop to the outpatients department is also difficult.

JB also noted continued concerns that the new hospital will not have a Minor Injuries facility despite the increasing population of East Lothian.

Cllr Kempson had noted the risks of cyclists using the old railway walkway near the site. *Reprovisioning of Belhaven etc* – It was confirmed that East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership was working on a proposal with Hub South East and partners to scope the project requirements in re-provisioning the facilities. They were working on an application for funding to support the project's feasibility. They should report back to the IJB in April or May. The project will continue in line with a co-production approach. JB had requested more information on the setting up of a Belhaven project group. Jane Ogden-Smith had stated that this will be after the go ahead is given for the Hub South East Project.

Health and Social Care Strategy Workshops

JB and GW had attended a Breakfast event in Musselburgh on 7th March.

This had looked at the main themes of the strategy and it's Golden Threads. There was discussion about possible barriers to progress in improving local health and social care services e.g. poor rural transport, funding, communications. It was noted that the strategy needs to be written in an accessible way e.g. not using jargon. Mention was made of the setup of Themed work groups e.g. on Re-provisioning, carer support. These will look to include representatives from communities.

Concerns had been expressed locally about the timing and location of the Breakfast

event. Thus, JB had arranged a related event in **Dunbar on March 13th**.

This had been well attended. There was concern that there needed to be local provision. It was also felt that potential sites for a new facility should be identified as soon as possible.

There was discussion of local initiatives e.g. patient participation at the Medical Centre. Concerns were raised about daytime services for young people with physical and learning disabilities including opportunities for employment.

Jane Ogden-Smith agreed to circulate notes from the meeting.

A number of people expressed an interest in joining a Health and Wellbeing Interest Group as a sub group of the Area partnership. Jane Ogden-Smith agreed to pass the contact details of those interested to JB so that a group can be established.

Dementia Friendly East Lothian Spring Workshop – JB will attend on 25/3

East Lothian Partnership- Health and Wellbeing Event- 27th April at QMU. JB and GW will attend

Limits to Growth - PS had written to Peter Murray (IJB Chair) and Alison McDonald – Interim Chief Officer of East Lothian HSCP expressing DCC concern over support for NHS services in light of Dunbar development, including GP and dentistry services. A reply had been received. This noted that the GP and dentistry practices are private rather than NHS run. (see also 5.02)

11.02 DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach

- PS had circulated an update. The Marine Licence planning application is still to be determined. DSHNG has sent notifications to people who said they had not been advised of the application.
- PS will circulate minutes from the meeting of 13/3.

11.03 AELCC

- Lilian Pryde Succession – JB had circulated a report from Ralph Averbuch on proposed arrangements following a meeting of AELCC Office bearers with Sharon Saunders. There had been a number of concerns e.g. a named support person, VAT arrangements. These need further discussion with ELC Officers.
- A Meeting will be held on March 25th to give a farewell to Lilian Pryde. AELCC will arrange gifts from AELCC funds.

JB and GW attended a meeting on 26/2 regarding sex offender support in East Lothian. JB had circulated a note of the meeting. Those attending had been assured that the number of people in community is very small. There is close co-operation between statutory bodies working with sex offenders in the county.

12.00 PLANNING AND LICENSING

12.01 ***Planning matters to note:***

1. Halhill North. 00920/P. Formal application awaited. PS and SK had met residents about noise concerns at nearby Gospatrick Grange estates. Following an Environmental noise assessment an acoustic barrier is to be installed. Similar measures should be considered for the new development. There have been various concerns expressed by the public about the impacts on wildlife, agricultural land and public services.
2. Golf Club – See Presentation above.
3. Cala- Still waiting on timescale for footpath to be built between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. Raised with Peter Brett Associates by JB.
4. 17/00313/PP – Battleblent House (erection of 4 houses.) Local Review Body had rejected the appeal on 21/2.
5. 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. A member of the public has raised concerns about loss of trees following a tree report on 11/3 by a Forester on behalf of the applicants. JB had circulated further information on 14/3. JB had contacted Mike Foy, ELC Tree Officer. ELC Planner, Esme Clelland, had advised that the application had been called in by Cllr Hampshire and will be brought to Planning Committee on March 26th. Jackie had informed the member of the public who will request to address the Committee meeting, having previously objected.

6. 18/0390/PCC – Groyne and Rock Armour works at East Beach. Decision pending
7. 1a Duke Street, Belhaven – Approved under delegated powers on 13/3.
8. 19/00082/PCL – Charging points on land near Westgate toilets. Decision pending
9. 19/00124/P, 19/00151/ADV and 19/00123/LBC (Part retrospective). –Repainting and Signage of 8 High Street Belhaven. Decision pending
These are related to the alterations and signage at the Masons Arms. JB had circulated. SB had been concerned about the mix of upper and lower case on the signage. JB had submitted DCC views on these further applications. JB had spoken to the applicant and discussed his aspirations to be a community hub.
10. 19/00113/P, 19/00167/ADV Alterations to Bank to Change to Sweet Shop
JB had circulated information. She had submitted supportive views from DCC.

12.02 ***Licensing Matters to note:***

1. The Masons Arms, Belhaven - JB had submitted DCC views to ELC. The matter will come to the Licensing Board on 28/3.

12.03 ***Sale of Fireworks***

- Scottish Government On Line Consultation. PS had sent a DCC response. Members had also sent individual responses.
- Event in Edinburgh – 2-4 on 5/3 at New Register House. JB had attended (See Secretary Report)

12.04 ***SUDS Consultation***

Consultation on Supplementary Planning Guidelines on SUDS systems. Being run by ELC from 8/3-19/4. Members should look at this prior to next DCC meeting and consider if a formal response should be made.

ALL

13.00 MEETINGS ATTENDED

13.01 **Twining Association AGM 18th February.**

SB had attended. Jim Wyllie continues as Chair. This is the 25th anniversary year. It is expected that there will be a visit from Lignieres in October 2019. Hosts are sought. DCC members should contact Jim Wyllie if they can assist with hospitality.

13.02 **Day Centre – March 4th – JB, GW and SB had attended.**

The back room has been redecorated by Trustee Andrew Brown and staff members. A new non slip floor covering has been laid.

The heating system continues to have problems.

It was agreed to extend the contract of Maria, who has been covering maternity leave for Erica so that she can continue on particular projects.

The funding details for the new financial year are still awaited.

An application is to be made to convert to a SCIO.

Bryan Davies of ELC is to visit the Centre to discuss transport arrangements

13.03 **Centenary of the Death of Sister Violet Fraser- 5th March – a number of members had attended a short memorial event at the War Memorial. Sister Fraser, a nurse, died in Serbia. She is the only woman on the Memorial.**

13.04 **Public Consultations – General Active Travel Matters (particularly for school pupils) on 27th February and Back Road, Belhaven on 4th March.**

These drop in events were held by Scantec (Peter Brett Associates.) A number of

members had attended and given views e.g. on access routes from new housing schemes, poor repair of roads, pavements and cycle lanes, drop kerbs prone to flooding, broken/non existent street lights, limited public transport to new housing. The consultants are to prepare a report and action plan on behalf of ELC. This is due in late March.

JB had noted that a number of issues remained the same as those raised in the East Lothian On the Move consultation (also by Peter Brett) in 2015.

13.05 **Torness Annual Meeting**

IH had attended. He will circulate a report.

IH plans to arrange a visit to the Macmerry base which would oversee any incident at Torness.

13.06 **DTA AGM – 12th March** (JB attended)

Office Bearers. Philip Mellor continues as Chair and Pauline Jaffray as Secretary. A Treasurer and Vice Chair are still required.

Meeting with Dunbar CC. This meeting had been felt to be profitable as a way to work together in the future.

High Street Matters - a)Hanging Baskets. The DTA were pleased to receive a grant towards these from DELAP. In the future they hope to be able to buy their own baskets and work independently of ELC alongside The Ridge and Dunbar in Bloom.

b) *Banners.* Members were concerned about the proposed replacement of the banners which belong to the DTA.

Armed Forces Day. Members were asked to consider being the new organiser. It was felt that the British Legion would be best placed to manage the event.

CARS – The application had been deferred. More information is required for a new application to be made. In the meantime there was concern that the roof of the Abbey Church (to which some of the funding would have been directed) had collapsed in Storm Freya.

Lothians and Border Horse Parade July 6th – JB had noted plans for this.

Duleep Singh Connections – JB had noted contacts. There is potential for some tourism interest e.g. from the Sikh community.

13.07 **Community Rail Partnership 26th February** (JB attended)

Idling Vehicles. JB gave an update (See below)

Barriers to Rail Travel Survey. A tender is being arranged to secure a consultant for this Customer survey. Chair, Harry Barker will seek funding (perhaps £1000 each) from the 6 Local Area Partnerships.

CRP Posters. Now up at stations although the one at Drem was removed after a week.

13.08 **Fireworks Consultation – 5th March** (JB attended)

This Workshop was one of 25 events being held across Scotland. It looked in detail at the issues regarding Fireworks – their sale and regulation as well as impacts on animal welfare. It was led by Civil Servants from the Scottish Government Community Safety Department. The views expressed along with those from the On-line consultation will be brought together in a strategy document which should be published in late 2019. JB had noted that oversight of licensing etc should not be brought down to Community Councils which do not have the manpower, technical support of the local authorities/Government agencies already involved. There were concerns about the increasing use of the internet to buy Fireworks and thus the difficulties in checking who is buying them. There were also concerns about the misuse of Fireworks in some areas. Concerns were raised about the use of Fire Lanterns although they are not part of the current consultation.

14.00 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Via Ian Hamilton – Scantec (Peter Brett Associates) – Consultation on Back Road.

Event on 4/3 and Survey Monkey.

Via e mail -Scantec (Peter Brett Associates)- Consultation on safe active travel to DPS/DGS. Event on 27/2 and Survey Monkey

Via Facebook – Finlay Cooke– Concerns about access to car charger at ASDA. Jacquie had responded.

Via e mail Dietrich Zank – Re L&B Parade on 6th July Jacquie had responded

Via e mail – Advance Construction- response to DCC concerns about Brodie Road closure

Miriam Anderson – Community Hospital Update

Torness -- Newsletter

Sue Anderson – Viridor Liaison Group Minutes

Ralph Averbuch, AELCC – feedback from meeting with Sharon Saunders

Ralph Averbuch, AELCC – Feedback on meeting on Sex Offenders

Brake – Newsletter

Jane Ogden- Smith -IJB Updates

Via Facebook – Gordon Kilgour- Concerns about the Condition of the grave of Sgt Penn who had fought in the Crimea.

Via e mail -Venetta Evans – Seeking somebody to take over Armed Forces Day event on 29th June 2019. SB had suggested the Legion might do this. PS had contacted the Legion.

Via e mail – Alistair Colley – Concerns about litter on A1. Passed to Viridor by JB

Via e mail - Christopher Knox – concerns about loss of trees from a proposed Spott Road footpath. Seeking tree planting near Rotary Court. JB had responded.

Via e mail – Paul Gillon – interested in joining DCC. PS had sent information

Via e mail – Frog – a portal for community group listings

Via e mail -Jane Ogden-Smith- invitation to IJB Strategy Workshop on 13/3

Ralph Averbuch, AELCC – query about costs to CCs of hiring halls etc – SB and JB had responded

Via Facebook – Melanie Phillips – query about confusing speed signs in Spott Road. JB had responded

Via Facebook – Romie Blair – concerns about workmen’s barriers at Abbeylands Car park

Via Facebook- Anne Trodden- Damaged street sign at Salisbury Walk

Via e mail – Otallie Ewing – Query about defibrillator sites – JB had responded with information on local defibrillator sites.

Via e mail – Sarah Madden – Concerns about the Halhill North development – impacts on wildlife, woodland, public services. JB had responded.

Kate Darrah, The Ridge – The outcome of the CARS bid.

Scottish Government /Neighbourhood Watch and Others– Safer Communities Safer Scotland advice booklet.

Events Scotland – Funding Opportunities for the 2020 Year of Coastal Waters

Audrey Purves – Concerns about the future of the disabled parking bays at Westgate toilets related to the installation of car charging points. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – William Hutchison. Concerns about Broadband speeds on new estates. JB had responded.

Via website – John Williams. Concerns about the future of the Abbey Church following recent roof collapse. JB had responded.

Leigh Taylor- ELC Planning Policy – Consultation on Supplementary Planning Guidance on SUDS systems

Sue Northcott, DFEL Spring Gathering in Haddington on 10-2.30 at Maitlandfield House Hotel on March 19th

Sandy Baptie, ELC – Weather Update

Scottish Association of Community Councils- Newsletter

Dunbar Support from the Start – Meeting on 20th March. 3.30 at Bleachingfield.

Via Facebook- Siobhan Grealy- Concerns about loss of trees at Ashfield House if planning permission granted for new house in the garden ground. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Donna Muir- Further concerns about the condition of Lochend House Laundry.

Via e mail- John Fyall – Concerns about the re-provisioning of Belhaven -JB had responded.

Improvement Service – Scottish Government Consultation on Animal Health and Welfare Amendment Bill.

Sarah Duignan, Network Rail – Community Drop in Sessions on New Dunbar Platform. 27/3 4-7 pm at the Bleachingfield. 2/4 4-7.30 pm at Dunbar Station

Via Facebook, Jen Noble – Broken Toby Top at Queen’s Place. JB had responded.

16.00 AOB

16.01 Condolences

Cllr McLennan on the death of his father, Jim. Jim had been a recipient of a Community Council Certificate of Merit following many years as a school crossing keeper. JB had sent a card.

Judith Priest (Longstanding Chair of Dunpender Community Council) on the death of her husband, Fergus. JB had sent a card.

Congratulations

Maria Lyall on winning the Evening Times Young Scotswoman of the Year Award. It was agreed that JB would send a card.

JB

16.02 **Clan Dunbar** – Intend to visit on July 27th. SB had started discussions with the History Society. PS and SB will discuss this further. **SB/PS**

17.00 DCC MEETINGS

17.01 DCC Business Meeting – April 15th 2019

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