



Monday 20th May 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), Ian Hamilton (IH), Will Collin 9WC), Loretta Stewart (LS) Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Mike Shaw (Member of the Public)

1.01 Apologies - George Robertson (GR), Lynne Lewis (LL)

1.02 Welcome – PS welcomed all present to the meeting.

2.00 MINUTES OF MEETING – 15th April

2.01 Amendments and Adoption- Approved (Proposed HC, Seconded AS)

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

2.03 Singular matters arising - None

3.00 POLICE REPORT

3.01 JB had circulated a report from PC Ross.

The report was based on incidents between 15th April and 20th May in the Dunbar Community Council area.

Road Safety

On the morning of 17th April a driver was stopped and ascertained to be driving without insurance. They were charged accordingly, and the vehicle seized.

Antisocial Behaviour

There have been numerous calls regarding ASB, mainly in the vicinity of Lochend Woods but also calls regarding youths in the wider area coming and going from the woods or attending shops and takeaways. Groups of 60 plus teenagers, many drunk, are gathering mainly on Friday evenings. Police and ELC ASB Team are aware and the area is being prioritised for attention.

Litter

There have been litter issues associated to the youth ASB with smashed bottles etc on roadways and in the woods.

Theft

Overnight 15th-16th April a yard off High Street was entered and power tools to the value of £800 were stolen.

On 26th and 29th April at Newhouse Avenue an elderly lady was the victim of bogus workmen who conned her into believing she required roof repairs and whilst in her house stole cash. A positive line of enquiry is being followed up.

On May 10th there were multiple thefts of bikes, computer equipment, phones etc from homes, sheds and cars around Dunbar. One male has been arrested and another arrest will be made in the near future. Some property has been recovered including 5 bikes and a computer.

3.02 CAPP Priorities from 9th May

- Speeding
- Youth issues (mainly at Lochend Woods)

Following the last DCC meeting JB had passed on concerns about parking along Brodie Road which block sight lines when exiting side roads. IH noted other places where signs and vegetation are blocking site lines. He will pass details to JB for action.

IH/JB

JB had noted a red van which has been parked without moving for many weeks on Belhaven Road. It is registered to a keeper in Edinburgh. It is legally parked but is at risk of causing an accident/being hit.

Many concerns have been raised about youth activity, particularly fires and littering at Lochend Woods.

Concerns have been passed by JB to the Police about speeding in Yosemite Park and Simpson Avenue. This of particular concern near the playpark.

3.03 Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on June 12th at Dunbar Police Station.

LS will be on holiday, but matters can be passed on via her to PC Ross.

4.00 **ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

4.01 Norman Hampshire

1. Actions from last meeting

- a) ELC funding of Community Projects following demise of Civic Pride Fund
NH noted that discussions continue on the future of funding for Community projects. There will be a gap between the ending of the Civic Pride Fund and anything new coming into place.

- b) Amenities Priorities
NH noted the need for discussions on what can/cannot be done by Amenities and to balance the wishes of Dunbar CC with ELC officer plans. PS agreed to circulate information and draw up a small meeting group to discuss further.

- c) Programme for delivery of pavement at Beveridge Row. Recent works by Scottish Power/BT Openreach indicate the urgency of a safe pedestrian pathway.

NH noted that information is still needed from the Peter Brett Associates Consultation on the wider Belhaven area. There would be no point in installing a pathway if works are to be done at nearby junctions.

2. Report

- a) SESPLAN 2 has been rejected by the Scottish Government as a full Traffic Impact Assessment had not been available. It had previously been suggested that this information could have been in the form of Supplementary Guidance. Reps from the SESPLAN authorities are to meet to discuss the way forward.
- b) Bottle Deposit Scheme. The Scottish Government are proposing to introduce this whereby Traders repay deposits to customers who return bottles and cans. NH noted implications for the current recycling systems as glass is the most valuable item recycled. He also noted concerns as to how the scheme might work in practice e.g. for small shops, bottles sold in Scotland would attract deposit payback but those coming from Berwick would not.
- c) A1 Litter. This continues to be an issue. The contract, currently with AMEY, is due for retendering in August. ELC are keen to see clearer guidelines on how the work is done and for the contractor for the trunk road to work with ELC to ensure that litter is cleared from the route.

SB noted that Viridor are keen to receive reports on any lorries to/from their site losing litter.

JB noted that some litter, particularly plastics, seem to blow from contractor lorries to local building sites.

4.02 Sue Kempson – no further comments

4.03 Paul McLennan – No Report

4.04 Questions to Councillors

1. Cuts in public toilet opening hours

There was discussion about this. NH noted that the situation would be monitored. He mooted that charging may need to be considered in the future. It was noted that charging by Scottish Borders Council had not brought in the expected revenues and that Network rail had ceased their charge for the toilets at Waverley Station.

2. Removal of play equipment (slide) from Parsonspool playpark. Residents had been told it was in poor condition and that it will not be replaced. There was a suggestion that children could use facilities at Lauderdale Park or Bleachingfield. However, Bleachingfield is over a busy road and Lauderdale Park is not open 24/7 like Parsonspool. Residents are keen to see a replacement. JB noted extensive support on Dunbar CC social media for a similar facility. This may be something for DELAP to consider. PS had previously circulated some ideas.

3. Programme for works at Back Road/Shore Road etc following Peter Brett study. Information still awaited.

5.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT

5.01 Report had been circulated.

Town Maintenance Issues

- 1) Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. Four Seasons have entered administration. Not clear how this will affect them funding a repair.
- 2) Hospital Road – still needs repair. Further concerns passed to ELC. There is now a very deep ditch near the Hospital entrance.
- 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 to see if a handrail can be added to the steps between Shore Road and the beach.
- 4) Collapsing walls along Hospital Road. Still an issue. Further complaints from the public via Facebook. Hallhill Developments say the stretches concerned are now the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon. JB has passed concerns to the developers.
- 5) Blocked drain at Castle Street near Dolphin Hotel – passed to ELC.
- 6) Via Facebook. Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House. Concerns that the structure is prone to vandalism. It is DCDC property. Passed to ELC. Kate Darrah of The Ridge has offered to speak to DCDC/DCWG re potential assistance to make the structure safe. Kate would wish DCDC to contact her. JB had contacted DCDC Trustees (Chair Cllr Hampshire) and asked for contact to be made with Kate.
- 7) Via Facebook. Lack of pavements and streetlights at the persimmon development. Some lighting and temporary paths are now in place. However, concerns continue about contractors operating near pedestrian areas.
- 8) Drainage (standing water not reaching drains) in Boroughdales/Belhaven Road. Dropped kerbs unusable. Passed to ELC. Still needing attention on May 3rd. There are similar issues in Summerfield Road near the junction

with Belhaven Road and Shore Road. ELC advise that the areas have subsided. Need attention but limited funds.

- 9) Potholes at junction of Duke Street/Belhaven High Street – caused by water erosion from the blocked drain. Passed to ELC.
- 10) Pot holes in Belhaven Road near Church – Passed to ELC
- 11) Pot holes in Knockenhair Road – passed to ELC
- 12) Blocked drains on Letham Road, Park Avenue and Graham Place. Passed to ELC on 12/2. Chased with Tom Reid on 3rd April. Now cleared.
- 13) Vandalised street name sign at Salisbury Walk. Passed to ELC on 5/3. Replacement ordered on 7/3.
- 14) Bus stop near Grammar School – has been missing glass and information since 2018. Chased again on 13th May.
- 15) Dust from earth mounds at building sites. Passed to ELC. Environmental Health Officer visited but still issues. Being monitored.
- 16) Missing/damaged Toby tops in Countess Road. Passed to Scottish Water on 9th April.
- 17) Damaged/loose drain cover on pavement near High Street vets. A number of people have fallen as it is raised up from the pavement and wobbled if stood on. Reported to ELC on 9th April. Tom Reid has asked Calum Redpath to investigate. Similar faulty covers in west Port have also been reported.
- 18) Uneven road surface in Brodie Road following drainage works by Advance Construction for Persimmon. Passed to ELC on 14th April. An Inspector was to visit.
- 19) Soundproofing issues against A1 at Gospatrick Grange – passed to ELC. It seems soundproofing was not part of the original planning conditions. Residents remain unhappy. Residents waiting on NH to arrange a meeting with Planning.
- 20) Damaged grit bin near Cherry Trees nursery. Passed to ELC for replacement on 16/5.
- 21) Benches in poor condition near Cherry Trees nursery. Barry Craighead of DELAP has been approached about replacement.
- 22) Unfinished cycle lane painting in Belhaven High Street. Passed to ELC on May 16th.
- 23) Cala Ransom strip in Beveridge Row – Cala asked to trim it on 16th May.
- 24) Dangerous drains in Lochend Woods – Halhill developments have arranged a contractor to fence around the deep ditches.
- 25) Need for extended white line at Belhaven Church. This was requested some years ago. ELC asked if current white line painting can include this on 16/5.

Meetings

Bus Forum – 26th April

The meeting was chaired by Provost McMillan in the absence of Cllr Hampshire.

New Services. Eves are now running to 130 on some journeys to Brodie Road (near Fairbairn way) and Broxburn. Take up has not been as good as hoped. At present the service is hail and ride as bus stops with information are still to be erected. It will be some time before buses can travel further along Brodie Road due to the lack of space for bus turning etc. It was noted that lessons had been learned for the future about designing new housing with public transport provision in mind.

Community Hospital. JB had noted the limited bus services to the new hospital. Prentices had run 3 buses an hour but had stopped running the town service there in early 2019 and thus there are only 2 buses an hour. JB noted that the access from the bus stop was via a pot holed road with no pavement and across the construction site. This was particularly dangerous for anyone trying to travel with a wheelchair. Prentice's noted that people seemed to find it easier to go by car due

to the poor access. NHS Managers do not seem keen to allow buses into the hospital campus which detracts people from using public transport. It was also noted that the bus stops are very dirty, and the pavements around have been left very uneven.

Infrastructure – a number of new stops are to be provided with increased room for information. Some of these will be in west Barns and Belhaven. The stop near Dunbar Grammar School which has been without glass for over a year following vandalism is to be repaired., The outdated information on onward bus journeys at Dunbar Station will be removed to avoid confusion. Harry Barker of the Community Rail Partnership will arrange this.

Public Transport Survey. This was being conducted by Peter Brett Associates. It closed on May 10th.

Next meeting – November 22nd.

Crowdfunding -30th April

This had been hosted by Emmi Koivisto who is the mentor for the Tyne Esk Area for Crowdfunder UK. This Organisation gives support and advice on crowdfunding. Pages can be set up linked to their main website. JB had circulated materials available on how to plan, create and run a crowdfunded project.

Hallhill Tenants and Residents Association – 30th April

The new organisation is affiliated to East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel. It covers the Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon homes. It is represented on DELAP.

As well as JB Cllr Kempson was present and Sue Cairns from ELTRP.

A Committee was established with Terry Prior elected as the Chair. The Committee has been liaising with the builders and the factors Hacking and Paterson as well as ELC and others.

There are various issues.

- a) Not all roads are adopted. Persimmon have been very slow to erect lighting and build pavements. The road dug up for the drainage work in the Spring has been left with a very uneven surface. JB had noted that she had contacted ELC about this as contractors are meant to leave the road in good order after utility works.
- b) The Persimmon playpark is not yet built.
- c) Some contractor vehicles are speeding on the old A1 which brings them in to conflict with pedestrians.
- d) There are issues with parking e.g. around the new Persimmon sales office.
- e) Hospital Road out to the A1 is in very poor condition. JB had noted that ELC are reluctant to resurface it until construction work is completed.
- f) The access junction onto the A1 is potentially dangerous. JB had noted that Transport Scotland had been unwilling to allow its improvement at the time the slipway off the A1 into Belhaven had been improved. Cllr Kempson had suggested that the road should be blocked off altogether. However, as a historical right of way and given the limited other options for traffic flow from Dunbar to the A1 this could prove difficult to achieve. Terry prior had said he would raise again with Alan Stubbs of ELC. It was noted that there would be an A1 Action group meeting on June 7th.
- g) There is poor signage on the estates and delivery drivers, emergency services etc are getting lost.
- h) Noise from the A1 is a big issue. It seems that noise abatement was not a condition of the Planning Permission. However, readings seem to have been inaccurate. Residents still wish some mitigation of the noise. Cllr Hampshire was to have arranged a meeting with Planning Enforcement.

Belhaven Hospital League of Friends – 6th May

For many years the Group has raised funds for the comforts of patients and staff at the Hospital. This year they had raised funds to upgrade the kitchen at The Haven Café. Gordon Miller retired as Chair. He will be replaced by Irene Laidlaw (if she agrees). JB had updated on the re-provisioning process. She had spoken of the setting up of the DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group and invited members to take part.

Bakery AGM – 8th May

The Bakery has had some staffing changes over the last year. There are 2 new bakers – Dariucz and Stephen. Colin and Stella McLellan now share the Management role.

New lines have been added. Products have proved popular with workmen on local building sites. Further wholesale outlets would be beneficial.

Turnover has been good. However, the costs of ingredients have been rising. Staff costs have also risen e.g. due to changes in Pensions legislation. It is not certain what the effects of Brexit will be.

An ELC Shop Doctor Grant has been used to replace worn out equipment.

The shop had received an award for the Most Improved Business at the Plunkett Best Business Awards in London.

It had been hoped to arrange young apprenticeships. However, it seems ELC are no longer funding such opportunities for young people. Other options will need to be explored.

Erica Wimbush stood down after 3 years as Chair. Chrisann Morrison has recently taken over as Treasurer. Other Management committee members have continued. New Committee members would be welcome.

There are now more than 1000 shareholders. More are always welcome.

Sustaining Dunbar – 13th May

The Co-working sessions at the Town House continue on Fridays.

The asset transfer from ELC to Sustaining Dunbar of the Old Housing Office for a Co-working base will not be progressing. Alternative premises are being sought.

Dunbar Trades Association – 14th May

Information Sharing. Packs were handed out to members with information on Tourist attractions, businesses etc. it is hoped that these will be kept to hand in businesses, shops, hotels etc as an aid to staff passing on visitor information. The main information points the Dunbar are the John Muir Birthplace and the Town House. However, when they are closed visitors still welcome information about what to do, where to stay etc.

A fun quiz was held to further gather information on facilities in the local area.

New ideas will be added to the information held by ELC by jo Moulin and Tracy Robertson.

Events. The *Stone stacking* had been very successful with much positive publicity for the town.

Lothians and Border Horse Parade – JB had noted the initial plans for events on July 6th.

Battle of Dunbar 1650 Soldiers. A Summer exhibition will be held at the Town House from July to September.

Next Meeting- June 11th. Acting DELAP Area Manager, Doug Haig, has accepted an invitation to attend.

Services

Car Charging Points – Paul Wheelhouse MSP still looking at issues of maintenance and compatibility of different card schemes. The Station charging point is still Out of Order.

TSB Bank – Will be cutting to 2 days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from July. The Haddington Branch will be cutting to 4 days at the same time.

Toilets. There has been much concern in the town about the cuts to toilet opening hours.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line. This is still being looked at. Raised with Peter Brett Associates.

Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane – This was a condition of the Cala planning approval in February 2017. Cala say they gave ELC the contribution in 2017. Still needed. ELC say they will not commit to works until the actions are agreed from the Peter Brett Associates consultation on Back Road and wider Belhaven issues.

Idling vehicle engines (particularly taxis) at Station and elsewhere – There has been further contact from Tom Burr, the Environmental Health Officer involved. Signs are now up at the Station and on the High Street. He will visit local taxi firms and link with staff at ELC. He hopes to do further spot checks. Vehicles seen idling for more than 3 minutes can be reported. JB has spoken to a Traffic Warden and contact will be made with their management to see if they can issue warnings/fines. Information has been passed to Tom Burr and Alan Kelly, the ELC Transport Compliance Officer on taxis who have been witnessed idling since the signs were erected.

Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces. Contacts continue. The Middlemass Road plots had not sold on May 2nd. Next auction is June 19th. Concerns have again been raised about misleading marketing information. As the catalogues are on line and bids may be made on line it may be that the sales are covered by the Advertising Standards Authority. JB has contacted ASA.

The playpark near 37 Wilson Place remains in a dangerous condition. The playpark in Wilson Road owned by John Friel has now been locked off without warning. This has been reported to Environmental Standards and Planning Enforcement by JB. Building Control does not cover playparks. It is noted that Stuart Pryde of ELC had raised concerns about maintenance of the playparks with Planning in 2016. Committee members had visited Haddington CAB. Legal advice seems to be the only way forward.

Beveridge Row Closure- May 15-16 2019. This involved a diversion via unclassified Hospital Road and the unclassified road from West Barns to Eweford which are both in poor condition and narrow. ELC were asked by JB if repairs would be made prior to the diversion being put into place. However, they were not.

Maharajah Duleep Singh Dunbar Connections. Contacts are continuing to renew the memorial to Lt Col Sutherland at Dunbar Churchyard.

Lothians and Border Horse Parade (Scottish and Northern Irish Yeomanry)– July 6th. JB had had contact with Captain Alan Hume, the Commanding Officer. He is keen to make use of local information e.g. booking the Town House, caterers etc. Enjoy Leisure have given permission to use land near the Pool and Lauderdale House for mustering and a recreating an old photograph.

JB had attended a special meeting of ELC on May 14th. Unanimous agreement was given by Councillors to award the Freedom of East Lothian to the Yeomanry. This will be at a Civic reception at Dunbar Town House hosted by Cllr Goodfellow, the ELC Armed Forces Champion, on July 6th. Along with the Parade and an exhibition of artefacts it will be part of a big event for the town.

After the meeting JB had been advised by Steph Kerr of ELC Community Planning that a meeting will be held with the Yeomanry at the Bleachingfield on June 5th. Invitations will be sent to community groups and individuals who may be interested in being involved with the event.

Playpark at Parsons Pool. There had been much concern that the slide had been removed by ELC at short notice. Residents had been told by ELC staff that it was beyond economic repair and that it would not be replaced by ELC. Residents would be keen to see a new slide type activity on site.

Speeding on Brodie Road, particularly around Yosemite Park and Simpson Avenue. This is close to a playpark. Residents are seeking measures to slow speeding cars. Passed to ELC and Police.

Matters arising/questions:

1. Queens Road Wall. HC noted concerns given the position of Four Seasons. He suggested that ELC should arrange repairs and charge the owners for the work.
2. IH noted the time taken by JB on Town Maintenance issues. NH noted that ELC depend on reports from the public on matters that need to be attended to.
3. PS had purchased notecards for use by the Secretary. Cost £30.

6.00 TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail

6.01 *Financial Statement*

General Fund

The bank balance at the month end was £12,848.84 (last month £2144.12).

Included in the balance is a restricted Priorities Fund of £11,709, leaving and unrestricted General Fund of £1,139.84 at the end of April.

The VAT return for last year had been lodged but the refund had not yet been received. The sum is in excess of £3,700. The 2018/19 Accounts will not be closed off until the money has been received.

The Sgt Penn Memorial transactions were completed at no cost to Dunbar CC thanks to a kind donation.

6.02 Local Priorities Fund

Updates

1. Dunbar Colts – JB had written to invite to a future meeting and to ask for information on the fixture list so that DCC members may attend.

New Applications

Dunbar Pipe Band Competition – Had been held on 11th May. £500 requested. With good background information. Approved.

Funding Enquiries

Approaches have been made by Dunbar On Air and a new Dunbar Archery Club section for juniors.

It was agreed that any applications before the next business meeting in July would be circulated by e mail. If agreed they could be ratified at the July meeting.

- 6.03 AELCC Meeting** with Sharon Saunders and Jim Lamond of ELC re finances. AELCC reps meeting with them on 20/5. Ralph Averbuch, Chair of AELCC will circulate information after the meeting.

7.00 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.01 Christmas Lights

GA had circulated a report.
All repairs are complete, and work is moving to upgrades.
Community Windpower (Be Green) will only look to give further monies to the Lights for either the Corn Exchange or Winter Lights if they can have their own light and approve the design.
The bank balance had fallen from £14,239.99 to £11,576.89 as planned expenses had been paid in April.

7.02 Civic Week

GR had circulated a report by e mail
The full programme is now live on the Civic Week website. It is about to go to the printers. There will be house to house distribution
GR will be arranging a rota of marshalling duties.
The bank balance at the month end was £5,581.74 (last month £5,681.74).
Viridor Waste Management had again given a kind donation.
Dunbar on Air will be providing PA etc for the Fun Day.
SB had located the trophy for the Quiz which will be taking place after a gap.

8.00 DCC INITIATIVES

8.01 War Memorial Project (HC) HC had circulated a Report.

- HC had met with History Society members on 3rd May. A display will be arranged at the Museum, this will include information about those individuals whose names have been added to the memorial.
- The Creetown granite previously used is no longer an option. Bob Heath had suggested an alternative Nordern granite. It was agreed to proceed with this through Robertson Memorials.
- A further WW1 name has been suggested by a member of the public. This will be investigated.
- Information on the names proposed for addition is carried on the Dunbar CC website. Posters are around the town. East Lothian Courier had published a useful article.
- In addition to the War Memorial Trust applications have been sent to local organisations/businesses to seek funding assistance towards adding the cost of names to the memorial.
- The Scottish HQ of the Royal British Legion has been informed by the Dunbar Branch of the restoration and enhancement work being carried out. Reps from Scottish HQ are due to visit in the Summer.

8.02 Airfields Trust – Plaque for Belhaven Sands (JB)

- Tara Sykes is waiting to hear from her colleagues about placement of the plaque.

8.03 Corn Exchange Repair (GA)

- Beams have now been replaced by ELC. However, more work is needed to repair surrounds.
- Electrical installation is underway.
- Further funding sources will be needed soon to allow progress to continue.

8.04 Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)

- SB had circulated letters requesting funding for the restoration of the gravestone of Sgt Penn to various bodies. The Masons Lodge agreed to fully fund the restoration. Sgt Penn had been a member in his lifetime. Payment for the work had been made to Robertson's Monumental Masons. Lothians and Border Horse propose to lay a wreath on an annual basis.

8.05 High Street Painting – (GA)

- Work at West Port is due to be completed w/c 20th May. This will see the end of the project.

- Bunting and banners will be erected on Sunday 26th May. Marshalls for the street would be welcome from 8am.
- 8.06 Improved Community Links (PS/All)
- Noticeboard at Hallhill. SB has arranged for DCC use. PS will follow up.
 - High Street Noticeboard – Complete. Thanks were given to GA.
 - What's On. Thanks were given to LS for her work on this. The information will be installed in the Notice Board by PS. PS
 - Facebook page followers continue to grow with casework questions which are handled by JB.
- 8.07 Community Resilience (IH) - Update
- A visit had been made to Penston House on May 8th by PS, JB, AS, LS and IH. They had met with Sandy Baptie and Kevin Sewell the ELC Emergency Planning Officers.
- a) Resilience Planning for Community Emergencies. There was further discussion about this. At present IH is the first community point of contact for ELC in the event of an emergency e.g. weather, accident and JB a Deputy. A 2nd Deputy is required. There was discussion about the tasks that would be needed to be carried out by community volunteers and the support that could be expected from ELC officers and others e.g. equipment, information. CCs are asked to produce emergency plans for their area and have as note of available volunteers and assets e.g. access to 4 x 4 vehicles. IH had said he is working on this.
- b) A visit had been paid to the Torness Emergency Planning Hub and a discussion held about how any emergency at Torness would be dealt with. EDF Fund the Operations Centre at Penston House which has to be on a ready for use basis 24/7. In the event of an incident officers from a range of organisations would be deployed to the Hub. Police Scotland would have the co-ordination role. Torness is said to be a low risk facility.
- Following the events at Fukushima in Japan the UK Government is to strengthen contingency arrangements. In the past emergency plans had to be made for a 3 Km radius. The range has now been extended to 30 kilometres. New REPPIR (Radioactive Emergency Preparedness and Public Information Regulations) are being drawn up. In particular plans have to be considered for locating the most vulnerable citizens and ensuring public safety including any need for evacuation of the area.
- c) JB had noted the arrangements by Viridor to accept and incinerate medical waste. Sandy Baptie had not been aware that this had begun. JB had agreed to pass on the statement from Viridor when available. She had done this.
- 2) IH noted he continues to work on the Emergency Plan.
- 8.08 DCC Annual Awards
- Selections had been agreed and invitations issued by PS for the awards event on Monday 17th June.
- JB had booked the Community Room and the Council Chamber from 6.45. Awards will be presented in the Council Chamber and the Reception will be in the Community Room.
- A Programme had been circulated.
- LS and GA will do Meet and Greet. LS will attend to catering. PS will arrange drinks. GR will take photos.
- IH queried the rationale for choosing award recipients e.g. length of service in a role. He had withdrawn a recommendation for an Award. PS noted criteria could be reconsidered for a future year. WC queried if it would be better to have a meeting to discuss nominations rather than make decisions by email.

9.00 DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP

9.01 Business Meeting April 29th

Funding was agreed for a number of projects. It was agreed that 2 high cost educational projects will be discussed by the Education subgroup and be brought back for a decision at the next meeting.

Concerns were expressed about the withdrawal of the Civic Pride Fund by ELC. There was discussion of issues related to the logistics of the Amenities Budget which funds time for men and machines rather than being actual monies to allocate. It was felt it would be helpful to know what the Amenities Team priorities are in comparison to those that DELAP may prefer to see done.

Winterfield Park. JB and GR noted that Bruce Allison of ELC was preparing another consultation. A meeting was to be held on May 7th. Concerns were raised as to how meaningful a consultation might be given that there is no readily available funding for some of the wish items e.g. toilets, changing facilities.

East Lothian Partnership Forum. JB and GW had attended. One workshop had been on food poverty. There are plans to set up a network for organisations working with those in food poverty. Information had been given on use of the East Lothian Foodbank by Area Partnership. Use was high in Musselburgh but only 4% in the DELAP area. JB noted that this report did not fully reflect Foodbank use. East Lothian Foodbank is based in Tranent which is difficult to access from Dunbar. Dunbar also has its own Foodbank which is well used. Doug Haig (Area Manager) said he would feed this back.

Past Projects. GR noted that the new pavement surface in Back Road is starting to deteriorate. He will raise this with ELC.

9.02 Annual Public Meeting May 9th

This had been well attended. Further information is on the DCC Facebook page. Acting Area Manager, Doug Haig, had given an overview of the role of Area Partnerships in East Lothian.

GR had noted some of the projects that had been funded including High Street Painting, Summer School, Barry Craighead benches, The Ridge, Promenade renewal, Back Road footpath, Schools support worker, Support from the Start and many more.

The evening had ended with a fashion show by the intergenerational project at Dunbar Fashion School which has linked school pupils from DGS and Knox Academy with groups for older people in the area which had included those with dementia.,

9.03 Disabled Access to Belhaven Bay Beach.

- PS is awaiting responses from Marine Scotland and SEPA.

9.04 Next Business Meeting – June 24th

10.00 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS

10.01 Health and Social Care Provision

Re-provisioning – A meeting will be held for the 3 areas involved with reps from the SE Hub funding body at QMU on June 4th. JB and GW will attend.

Health and Wellbeing Group of Area Partnership

JB had circulated notes from Jane Ogden- Smith from the March 13th meeting on the Strategy.

Jane Ogden Smith had provided names of those interested in forming a group to JB. JB had contacted them with an update.

JB and GW had met with Helen Harper on May 14th to discuss a future meeting and the way forward for the sub=group. JB had circulated a note from the meeting. It was thought there were 3 areas to look at

- a) Re-provisioning
- b) Future proofing of services & infrastructure – links between planning and services
- c) Local projects e.g. use of the former Customer Service Area at the Bleachingfield as a resource for those with dementia.

Invitations will be sent to those who have expressed an interest in joining the group to a meeting at 4 pm on June 11th.

East Lothian Partnership Forum. JB and GW had attended this event at Queen Margaret University which had focussed on Health and Wellbeing.

There had been interesting presentations on Health Inequalities and The East Lothian Health and Social Care Strategic Plan. GW and JB had attended workshops on Dementia Meeting Centres, a pilot system to direct patients to the right care at the right time at Musselburgh Health Centre and on food poverty.

East Lothian Community Hospital- an update meeting will be held on June 4th at the Morrisons Construction Office at the site.

10.02 DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach

PS had circulated updates from meetings on April 10th and May 2nd

Groyne and Southern Breakwater

Planning permission for works had been granted

Tender is to be issued to RHDHV. They have issued a draft programme that indicates a 76-day construction programme that will begin in August. The start date will be dependent on the granting of the Marine Licence.

ELC will identify a site for a contractor's compound. This will include the closure of Lamer Street at the Assembly Rooms and/or use of the Amusement Arcade site.

East Beach Sea wall Defences and Northern Breakwater

RHDVH will be appointed for the new sea defence works. OOB E will be a subcontractor.

The scope of the project will extend north to Cromwell Harbour and, for landscape design purposes, include consideration of linkages from Dunbar High Street via Silver Street.

A masterplan is important to manage piecemeal repairs and interventions to the sea defences. However, due to a moratorium on capital projects by ELC the northern breakwater is likely not to be built until after 2020.

Beach Recharge.

NH still wishes this to be considered. He has confirmed local knowledge of a sand bar lying off Cromwell Harbour.

10.03 Winterfield Park

Bruce Allison had cancelled the meeting planned for May 7th to look at the proposed consultation. JB had heard from Esther Hughes, Secretary of Friends of Winterfield (FOW) Esther had had a phone call from Stuart Pryde on May 3rd to say that the consultation was being put on ice to allow for an in-house discussion on ways to future proof all parks in East Lothian. This will seek to include the views of the different Friends groups that have been established. He had noted to Esther that the Park will be more widely used for sports. This will make toilets and changing facilities, top of the FOW wish list, even more important. Stuart had suggested that DELAP may be able to assist in finding funds.

FOW members had met on 7th May. They had discussed the situation. There was disappointment about the hold up in progression. The Park is likely to see increased use for sports and school pupils. Toilets are felt to be essential, but it was queried if their provision should be the responsibility of ELC rather than

volunteers. JB has noted the limitations on DCC/DELAP for raising /administering funding for major projects at the park.

FOW AGM is planned for 7.30 on May 21st at Belhaven Church Hall.

11.00 PLANNING AND LICENSING

11.01 Planning matters to note:

1. Hallhill North. 00920/P. Formal application awaited. Ian Craig of Hallhill Developments had advised that there has been a delay. A revised programme is being developed. In the meantime, work is ongoing on background works e.g. a Transport Assessment.
2. Golf Club. Members had attended public consultation on April 26th. Some members of the public had noted concerns e.g. height of new builds near Roxburgh Park.
3. Cala- Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.
4. 19/00113/P,19/00167/ADV – Alterations to convert former RBS Bank to sweet shop. Approved 23/4.
5. Advertising hoardings for housing developments at Brodie Road and Spott Road. JB had contacted ELC on 15/4.
6. Newtonlees/Gladman. Pre application discussions for a detailed plan are ongoing between ELC and a housing developer.
7. Bear. The sculpture is complete. Costs for enabling works are being discussed. There will be a meeting in June to arrange an installation date.

11.02 *Planning Implications for Services*

Concerns have increased following Planning approvals of care homes out with the Local Development Plan at Musselburgh and North Berwick. There are implications for services, particularly Health and Education.

This area will be a theme for the DELAP Health and Wellbeing Subgroup.

12.00 MEETINGS ATTENDED

12.01 Viridor Liaison May 7th

JB and SB had attended at short notice. Detailed information is on the Dunbar CC Facebook page.

The meeting had been attended by Liaison Group members, Viridor staff, Cllr Kempson, Cllr Hampshire and Wendy Rayner of NHS Scotland who is the UK lead for NHS Waste Management.

Information was given on a change to waste disposal at Oxwellmains. This follows the withdrawal of HES Services for the disposal of medical waste across the UK. The change was stated to be of a temporary basis until a new permanent contract is in place by August 2019. Oxwellmains had been chosen due to its state-of-the-art technology.

The change was out with the operational contract agreed with SEPA. SEPA had agreed not to action any noncompliance penalties in the circumstances.

Medical waste will be coming to Oxwellmains by road. This will be from Health Boards in the south of Scotland. There will be 5 or 6 loads a day. Waste from Northern Health Boards is going to Shetland.

This will be low grade and non-hazardous Orange Bag medical waste e.g. wipes, incontinence products It will not include anatomical waste and radioactive/laboratory waste. It will be checked at a Transfer Centre in Glasgow prior to being sent to Dunbar. Once at Dunbar there will be a dedicated bay and grabber for use which will be disinfected at the end of the process.

Liaison group members had noted concern that operations had changed on 6/5 but information had not been shared with the public until 7/5.

Viridor had agreed to issue a public statement for circulation. JB had circulated this.

PS noted an e mail from a member of the public concerned about the incineration of medical waste at Dunbar. JB agreed to respond to them. JB

13.00 CORRESPONDENCE

13.01 **Torness-** Community newsletter

Via Area Partnership – Information on 1st Response which offers support to those in Crisis or distress

Via Area Partnership – Baillie Gifford Community Award Grants

Via Area Partnership – Invitation to Planning Democracy Conference in Glasgow on May 11th

Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading

Miriam Anderson -Community Hospital Update event – 5-7 pm on 4th June

ELC Roads – TTRO for Seagull culling

Community Councils- Unconventional Oil and Gas (Fracking) Addendum Consultation

Via Facebook – Jane Murray – Concerns about dangerous walls along Hospital Road. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Hannah EK -Concerns about Idling Taxis at High Street and Station. JB had responded.

Via Area Partnership – Information Session on Increasing Access to Free Sanitary Products including funding opportunities– 10 am on May 20th at Brunton Hall

Via e mail, Esther Hughes, Friends of Winterfield. Update about consultation on the park

Sarah Duignan, Network Rail – update on new platform works at station

Twinning Association – Newsletter

Ralph Averbuch, AELCC- Concerns about reductions in public toilet opening hours. AELCC had passed concerns to Sharon Saunders at ELC. Passed to Tom Reid at ELC.

Ralph Averbuch, AELCC – Queries about funding for Christmas Lights. JB had responded.

Ralph Averbuch, AELCC- New Divisional Commander for Police Scotland. Chief Superintendent John McKenzie will replace Lesley Clark on her retiral.

Via Facebook – Brenda Cunningham- Query about funding for new Archery Club. JB had responded.

Scottish Government – Investing in Communities grants

Area Partnerships – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Consultation

Scottish Government - Local Governance Review- Response due from Cabinet Secretary on 16/5. Further information circulated on 16/5.

Via Facebook, Cheryl Bell- Removal of play equipment at Parsons pool. JB had responded.

Kate Darrah, The Ridge – Invitation to Workshop on Traditional Skills Training Centre proposals on 20th May. GR and JB unable to attend. PS also invited.

Ralph Averbuch, AELCC – CC reps needed for meeting with Sharon Saunders on Managing CC Finances – May 20th – JB had responded

Via Facebook, Wendy Logan – Speeding in Yosemite Park/Simpson Avenue – JB had responded.

Ralph Averbuch – BT proposals for withdrawal of public phone boxes. Further information will follow on boxes that BT plan to remove from service.

Ralph Averbuch – next meeting to be held in September. Date to be confirmed.

Via Area Partnership, Home Energy Scotland – Information event for Private Sector Landlords.

Via Facebook- French Williams – Concerns about speeding on Brodie Road near Yosemite Park flats. JB had responded.

Veterans Scotland – Newsletter

Via e mail – Garry. Concerns about medical waste incineration at Viridor.

Via e mail – Linda Logie. Concerns about dust fall at Tarmac.

14.00 AOB

- 14.01 **Station** – work began on the new platform on May 7th. The first phase will be to build a project office and compound. During May vegetation and redundant buildings and track will be cleared. It is hoped that the new platform which will serve northbound trains will be operational by December 2019. IH agreed to meet with Allan Brooking, Community Liaison Manager of Network Rail, to gain more information about the project. He will feed back to Dunbar Cc. IH
- 14.02 **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Consultation** – It was agreed not to make a Dunbar CC response. Individuals could respond if they wished.
- 14.03 **Transport Consultation.** JB had circulated a link to this consultation by Peter Brett Associates on behalf of ELC and published it on social media. She had responded as an individual. The consultation closed on May 10th.
- 14.04 **Dust Fall.** A member of the public had raised concerns about damage to their vehicle paint from the Tarmac dust fall in 2018. They were seeking contact details. JB agreed to contact. JB
- 14.05 **John Muir Connections.** WC noted that relatives of John Muir had visited the Birthplace and local sites. They had spoken highly of the town and the way in which their ancestor is commemorated. Thanks were passed to Dunbar CC for their involvement.

15.00 DCC MEETINGS

- 15.01 DCC Awards Night 17th June 2019
DCC Full Business Meeting 15th July 2019