



Monday 15th July 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

MINUTES OF MEETING

1.00 SEDERUNT

Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS) (Treasurer), Jacaquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Herbert Coutts (HC), Will Collin (WC), Loretta Stewart (LS), Lynne Lewis (LL), George Robertson (GR), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cameron Ritchie (Press)

1.01 Apologies – Graham Adams (GA), Ian Hamilton (IH)

1.02 Welcome- PS welcomed all to the meeting

2.00 MINUTES OF MEETING – 20th May

2.01 Amendments and Adoption – Approved (Proposed HC, Seconded GW)

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 – No written report had been received

3.01 CAPP Priorities from 12th June

- Speeding
- Youth Issues
- Dangerous parking near Summerfield Road Junction

Concerns =Dangerous driving at one way system. There continue to be frequent incidents of drivers driving the wrong way. There had been a recent accident near the Craft Shop and many near misses. JB had reported to ELC who are to look at possible safety improvements. Dashcam footage of a recent near miss had been passed to the Police who had followed up.

3.02 Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on July 24th at Dunbar Police Station
LS will attend and members can forward concerns to her.

4.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS

4.01 Norman Hampshire – Not present. No report.

4.02 Sue Kempson

SK noted that she had attended the recent DCC Awards, Civic Week events and the Yeomanry parade. She said that the events showed Dunbar at its best and stated “Well done Dunbar”. She said such events and the hard work of local people made her proud to be linked to the community as a Councillor.

4.03 Questions to Councillors

1. Update on the Peter Brett Consultations. DCC members wish to know the actions proposed by ELC. SK noted that she would try to find out what was

- happening. SK
2. Response to Graham Adams Letter re Funding for Corn Exchange Repairs. GA had written to ELC Chief Executive, Angela Leitch, to request funding for works. This would allow GAs team to do considerable repairs. There had not been any response. Work cannot continue without monies. If ELC are not to assist, alternative funding will be needed. GR noted that DELAP funds are under pressure from requests. PS
 JB had circulated a paper on Common Good funds and Assets which had been presented to ELC in June 2019. This showed that Dunbar Common Good Fund is the smallest by far of those across East Lothian. A Consultant was to be appointed to survey common Good assets and their repair needs. PS agreed to contact Mrs Leitch.
 3. Charges for Road Closures. GR noted concern that charges are to be introduced for temporary road closures e.g. for the Civic Week Parade. This would normally be £360 per closure but he had heard it may be £180 for Community Councils. He suggested that ELC should consider not charging for civic events and he wished the situation to be clarified. SK agreed to do this. SK

5.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT

5.01 Report circulated by JB

Town Maintenance Issues

- 1) Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. Condition is declining.
- 2) Hospital Road – still needs repair. Further concerns passed to ELC May 2019. There is now a very deep ditch close to the hospital entrance.
- 3) Bridge to Nowhere – steps badly eroded and crumbling. Repaired June 2019.
- 4) Collapsing walls along Hospital Road – still an issue. Further complaints from the public via Facebook. Halhill 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 August 2018. Chased 25/5. Cleared June 2019.
- 6) Via Facebook. Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend Housed. This is DCDC land. Had been discussed at recent DCDC Trustees meeting as concerns also raised by DCWG who manage the woodland on behalf of DCDC. It was agreed that SB and HC (DCDC Trustees) will discuss further with DCWG and The Ridge. A DCWG member had propped up the Herres fencing to prevent access by potential vandals.
- 7) Drainage (standing water not reaching drains) in Boroughdales/Belhaven Road. Dropped kerbs unusable. Passed to ELC. Still needing attention on 23/5. There are similar issues in Summerfield Road near the junction of Belhaven Road. ELC have advised that the areas have subsided. Need attention but limited funds. Doug Haig has agreed to raise at his quarterly meeting with roads.
- 8) Pot holes at junction of Duke Street/Belhaven high Street- caused by water erosion due to the blocked drain. Passed to ELC. Chased June 2019.
- 9) Pot holes in Knockenhair Road – passed to ELC. Chased June 2019.
- 10) Pot holes in Belhaven Road near Church. Passed to ELC. Chased June 2019.
- 11) Vandalised road sign at Salisbury Walk. Graham Brotherston had ordered a replacement in March 2019.
- 12) Bus stop near Grammar school – has been missing glass and information since 2018. Chased on 13/5,11/6, 26/6.
- 13) Dust from earth mound at local building sites. Passed to ELC. Environmental

- Health Officer visited but still issues. Being monitored.
- 14) Missing/damaged Toby tops in Countess Road. Passed to Scottish Water on 9/4. One replaced. Other chased on 25/5 and 8/7.
 - 15) Damaged/loose cross drain cover on pavement near High Street vets. A number of people have fallen as it is raised up from the pavement and wobbles when stood on. Reported to ELC on 9/4. Tom Reid (Head of Infrastructure at ELC) asked Calum Redpath to investigate. Chased on 11/6, 7/7 and 11/7 after reports of another fall.
 - 16) Uneven road surface at Brodie Road following drainage works by Advance Construction on behalf of Persimmon. Passed to ELC on 14/4. An inspector was to visit.
 - 17) Soundproofing issues against A1 at Gospatrick Grange. Passed to ELC. It seems soundproofing was not part of the original planning conditions. Residents remain unhappy. Raised at A1 Action Group on 7/6.
 - 18) Damaged grit bin at Seafeld Crescent. Passed to ELC on 20/5. Replaced May 2019.
 - 19) Damaged grit bin near Cherrytrees Nursery. Passed to ELC on 16/5. Removed. Will be replaced in due course.
 - 20) Benches in poor condition near Cherrytrees nursery. Barry Craighead of DELAP will renovate.
 - 21) Unfinished cycle lane painting in Belhaven High Street. Passed to ELC on 16/5. Repainted 25/5.
 - 22) Advertising signs/other blockages to junction sight lines around Dunbar. Passed to ELC May 2019. One hedge has been cut back.
 - 23) Overgrown Calamagrostis strip in Beveridge Row. Calamagrostis asked to trim it on 16/5. Chased 2/7. Will be sorted – possibly in the longer term by a permanent pathway which was part of the original approved planning proposal.
 - 24) Loose drain cover in disabled car park near Dunbar Primary. Passed to Scottish Water on 25/5. Chased on 2/7. Scottish Water say it is the responsibility of ELC. Passed to ELC on 4/7. Very dangerous.
 - 25) Blocked drains in Spott Road and Queens Road. Passed to ELC on 30/5.
 - 26) Uneven pavement in Westgate. Trip hazard for Day Centre users. Passed to ELC on 23/5. Raised Toby cover passed to Scottish Water on 26/6. Chased 12/7.
 - 27) Deep hole in Brodie Road – near Persimmon sales office. Reported 23/5 to Persimmon. Many other maintenance/infrastructure issues at the Persimmon development raised by residents. Advice given.
 - 28) Overhanging tree at Station Road. Large branches being knocked onto the pavement. ELC tree Officer was to inspect 4/7.
 - 29) Deep ditches in Lochend Woods. Halhill Developments contractors are to install permanent fencing to make the area safe.
 - 30) White line near Belhaven Church – extension had been requested in 2017. Completed June 2019.
 - 31) Blocked drains on Edinburgh Road between Belhaven and West Barns, causing flooding of pavement. Passed to ELC on 30/5.
 - 32) Blocked drain near 105 Summerfield Road. Flooding risk. Passed to ELC 9/6. Had been visited by ELC on 30/6 but no work completed.
 - 33) Uneven slope at crossing in West Port. Reported to ELC on 11/6 after a number of serious falls with injury by pedestrians. ELC were to inspect.
 - 34) Drainage near Lethendry, North Road. Extensive flooding during heavy rain in June. Passed to ELC 16/6.
 - 35) Overgrown path between Beltonford and Smokehouse on A199. Passed to ELC on 16/6. Chased on 7/7. ELC will attend but short of staff.

- 36) Condition of property/garden at Fairfield/Beveridge Row. Previously raised with Environmental Health who had extensive involvement. The owner has died. Garden being cut back. Copious rubbish to be removed from garden and house. House is to be sold.

Services

Car Charging Points – New charging points have been installed around Dunbar. Station charging point (different system) is still out of order. The Rapid Charging Point as ASDA has been removed for construction works. Concerns from electric car owners that there is no longer a rapid charger in Dunbar as the new ones are slower than the ASDA one. Also, that A1 traffic will need to go through the town to access a charger at Bayswell Road. Passed to ELC and Paul Wheelhouse MSP (Energy Minister) as well as Chargeplace Scotland who run the system for the Scottish Government.

Station Bike Racks. These had been removed. JB had contacted Alan Brooking who had spoken to the AMCO sub contractor. The existing racks were to be made accessible as soon as possible once work had been completed to demolish a disused shed. This had been achieved.

Bus service to Brodie Road. Concerns raised that following the change in the DGS school day the 130 is leaving Molly Keith Place too late for pupils to get to school on time., raised at RELBUS on 12/6. JB had passed to ELC and Harry Barker, Chair of RELBUS, will chase up with ELC.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line. Still required.

Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane. Still needed. An enquiry had also been made by a new resident about safe cycling between west Barns and DGS. Information had been given and reference made to the Active Travel/Climate change (which includes active travel) Consultations.

Idling Vehicle Engines (particularly taxis) at Station and Elsewhere. There had been further contact with Tom Burr, the environmental Health Officer involved. Spot checks will be taking place. Publicity had appeared in the media.

Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces. Contacts continue.

The Middlemass Road plots had not sold on June 19th. Next Auction is 1st August. Concerns have again been raised about the misleading marketing information. As the catalogue is on line and bids can be made on line it may be that the sales are covered by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA). JB had 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 referred to Planning Enforcement and Environmental Standards by JB. Building Control does not cover playparks. It is noted that Stuart Pryde of ELC had raised concerns about the maintenance of the playparks with Planning in 2016. JB raised concerns with the Health and safety executive but they have advised that the responsibility lies with ELC, The Residents Association are to write to the ELC Chief Executive to request support. In the meantime, residents cannot appoint a new Factor of their own choosing as they do not own the plots of land. Residents Committee members have visited Haddington CAB. Legal action seems to be the only way forward. JB has continued to liaise with them, Has advised then to contact Iain Gray MSP as there are other Greenbelt situations in Scotland and the wider UK.

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

Playpark at Parsonspool – residents would still like a replacement slide.

Speeding on Brodie Road – around Yosemite Poark and Simpson Avenue. This is

close to a playpark. Residents seeking measures to slow speeding cars. Passed to ELC and Police. Peter Forsyth of ELC has said that although ELC prefer not to use speed cushions they could be discussed with residents on request. JB had advised residents.

Parking at Bridge to Nowhere. There had been many public complaints after double yellow lines appeared. About 5 unmarked spaces had been left as requested by DCC in June 2018. Keith Scott of ELC had advised that it is a section 2 TRO which means that people with Blue badges are allowed to park on the yellow lines. It had been suggested by JB that a sign indicating that blue badge parking is allowed might be beneficial although Keith Scott had said that this information is in the Blue Badge guidelines which are given out on issue of a badge.

Winterfield Park Shows (7-9 June) There had been many contacts from concerned residents. Friends of Winterfield (FOW) were concerned that given past problems of damage to the park and disturbance that they had not been informed of the shows coming. Concerns were raised about loose dogs belonging to show workers. JB had contacted the Dog Warden who had visited and warned the owners. There were problems of underage drinking, youth antisocial behaviour and damage to property, particularly on 7/6. JB has passed these to Police, Licensing. Community Development Worker and others.

Dangerous driving at One way System. Numerous reports including witnessed accidents and near misses. Passed to ELC and Police. ELC were to investigate to see how the area might be made safer.

Parking at Bowmont Terrace- A member of the public had raised concerns about safety in this area and suggested double yellow lines. JB had contacted ELC. They would not consider parking restrictions in this area. A TRO would be likely to face objections from residents who have no off street parking and it would be difficult to enforce.

Dead Badger at Newtonlees. This was reported on June 27th by a member of the public. Reported to Countryside Ranger and Wildlife Crime Officer (WCO). WCO had attended. Injuries consistent with being hit by a vehicle. The animal must have tried to return to its sett as not near the road.

Pigeons at Spott Road Rail Bridge. This is Network Rail property but in the past ELC had had permission to erect netting. The birds have now got through it. Guano is making the pavement very slippery, particularly in wet weather. JB had spoken to Scott Hood, former ELC Pest Officer and Shona Grant at ELC Environmental Protection. The issues will be investigated.

5.02 Matters Arising/Questions

GR noted how long responses/actions may take on some of the town maintenance issues raised by JB. Other members shared concern that there had been little/no improvement following the discussion with Angela Leitch some months before. JB noted that there is a variation between Departments as to the response. PS agreed to write to Angela Leitch.

PS

6.00 **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Circulated by e mail

6.01 Financial Statement

AS had circulated the information to 31st May prior to the June DCC meeting. He had further circulated the information to 30th June.

The General Fund stood at £7452.14. Included within this was a restricted Priorities Fund of £6651.68, leaving an unrestricted General Fund of £800.46 at the end of June.

Several thousand pounds had already been recovered since VAT Registration.

AS will circulate the 2018-19 Accounts. Any comments should be passed to him.

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. Some of the Colts would like to come on October 21st. Members agreed to this. Information on the Fixture list will be sent when available.
2. Payment of £1000 had been made over for the War Memorial Project.

JB

New Applications

1. Dunbar Archery - £500 for Junior equipment. Agreed by e mail. Paid. Ratified.
2. Dunbar Table Tennis Club - £150 for new table. Agreed by e mail. Paid. A letter of thanks had been received. Ratified.
3. Dunbar Churchyard – £200 for Wildflower planting. GR had bought some seeds. The balance will be payable to The Ridge who will submit an invoice.
4. Fraser Stewart- £690 to assist with costs of a photographic exhibition. There was discussion about this. Further information had been requested e.g. venue.
5. SESCOT- £500 for Radio Station set up. (JB declared an interest). This was agreed subject to confirmation of OSCR registration. It was felt that the Station may assist in promoting activities in Dunbar as well as the work of the Community Council/DELAP. The DESCOT contribution to Civic week Funday was noted. AS will contact Andy Morris.

AS

6.03 Funding Enquiries

JB had sent a form to Cath Finlayson of the Craft Studio.

6.04 ELC Funding to CCs

AELCC Meeting with Sharon Saunders re finances. AELCC reps meeting on 20/5. A report had been circulated by Ralph Averbuch.

7.00 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS7.01 Christmas Lights GA had circulated a report

- The team had erected High Street bunting and banners in challenging weather conditions. They will be taken down in September to tie in with the Christmas Lights pull test.
- Upgrade works have commenced.
- A structural engineer had been engaged to see if an additional sign can be added for Community Windpower who will only grant further monies if they have their own display.

The Bank balance at the end of the month was £11056.68

7.02 Civic Week – report circulated by GR

This had gone well with a variety of events.

GR was thanked for his work as Committee Chair. He paid tribute to the hard work put in by the Team.

Thanks were given to the Coastal Rowing Club who had supplied a skiff.

Thanks were given to Fraser Stewart who had taken photos/video. It was agreed to pay him £100 from Civic Week funds.

AS had already circulated financial information on Civic Week. The Tombola and Quiz Night had raised around £1000 – a good start to the 50th Anniversary of the event in 2020.

The bank balance at the end of June was £7896.22.

8.00 DCC INITIATIVES

8.01 War Memorial Project (HC)

Meetings had taken place.

- There had been further discussion about additional names.
- There has been consideration of the material and wording of the plaque needed to record the extra names.
- A small exhibition about the project is on display at the Town House.

£1000 had been paid over (See Local Priorities)

8.02 Airfields Trust – Plaque for Belhaven Sands (JB)

- JB is waiting for Landscape and Countryside staff to collect the plaque. Tara Sykes was making arrangements.
- JB advised that no costs are expected for the installation as the plaque will be replacing a previous information board at Shore Road.

JB

8.03 Corn Exchange Repair - GA had circulated a report

- Work has been progressing.
- All DELAP funds had been used. Be Green (Community Windpower) will not assist. Cllr Kempson had suggested another DELAP application. Angela Leitch, ELC Chief Executive has been approached for further funds. (See 4.03).
- Further internal lights have stopped working. Thus upgrading is urgently needed to allow the Team to have light to work by.
- Roof leaks have been reported to ELC

8.04 Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)

- George Robertson had circulated photographs of the restored memorial for Sgt Penn. Lothians and Border Horse propose to lay a wreath on an annual basis.
- George, Will and Val Collin had met with Gordon Whitelaw, Kate Darrah and Ridge gardeners regarding wild flower planting at the Churchyard. The Ridge will assist. Planting started at Sgt Penn's memorial in time for the Yeomanry Parade on 6th July. This could be a long term project given the size of the churchyard. Initial funding was requested and agreed. (See Local Priorities applications)
- WC and Val have been involved in watering the new plants.

8.05 High Street Painting – GA had circulated a report. Current programme completed.

Around 1400 litres of paint were used to complete the work over 15 months with many voluntary man hours by the team.

A copy of all the colours used has been retained.

8.06 Improved Community Links (PS/All)

- Noticeboard at Hallhill SB has arranged for DCC use. PS will follow up.
- Publicity Videos – Contact from Adam Holt a professional videographer – would film events to showcase Dunbar for a fee.
- What's On. Information now in noticeboard.
- Facebook page followers continue to grow with casework questions which are handled by JB. Currently 953 likes.

PS

8.07 Community Resilience (IH) – Update

There had been flood warnings in June . JB had circulated information on Social Media and elsewhere from Kevin Sewell and Sandy Baptie at ELC.
Sandy Baptie had circulated information about a Resilient Communities Conference in Cambuslang on 11th September.

8.08 DCC Annual Awards – June 17th

These had gone well. Winners were appreciative of their awards and certificates. Pauline Jaffray had sent a Thank You card .

9.00 AREA PARTNERSHIP

9.01 Meeting of East Lothian Community Planning Partnership Governance Group May 22nd.

DELAP Vice Chairs JB and Barry Craighead had attended along with Acting Area Manager, Doug Haig.

The Group oversees Community Planning in East Lothian and is chaired by Angela Leitch, the Chief Executive. As well as ELC officers it includes reps from partner agencies like Health, Fire and Police.

The draft DELAP Area plan was presented. Group members were interested to hear of DELAP projects including the High Street painting and summer school and to hear of the work of the Young Peoples and Health and Well Being sub groups. The Group were very pleased to see the presentation given by GR to the DELAP Annual meeting and it was suggested that other Area Partnerships should consider producing similar information.

Doug Haig will continue to develop the draft along with DELAP members.

9.02 Business Meeting June 24th

Further funding awards had been made to a range of projects including renovation of Dunbar Tennis Courts at Winterfield Park.

Some large funding requests from the Education Budget had been deferred by ELC. These related to ongoing costs to fund staff and would have taken most of the budget.

Members were asked to consider priorities for the forthcoming plan.

Updates were given on the Young Peoples and Health and Wellbeing sub groups.

9.03 Disabled Access to Belhaven Bay Beach

- Full applications required to Marine Scotland and Planning. Project on hold

9.04 Next Education Sub-group Meeting -July 17th

Next Health and Wellbeing Sub-group meeting – August 21st

Next Business Meeting – August 12th

GR noted that many applications were coming in for funding.

Ideas were being sought for future projects e.g. for the Roads budget and for future priorities for the updated plan.

10.00 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS

10.01 Health and Social Care Provision

Re-provisioning – JB and GW had attended a meeting at QMU on June 4th. This had included Reps from the 3 areas affected (Musselburgh, North Berwick and Dunbar). Alison MacDonald, Chief Officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership had reminded those present of the reasoning behind the re-provisioning of older facilities.

Information was given on the process in which East Lothian IJB will be partners with Hub South East to bring the project forward. Hubs are the model for Capital Funded projects across Scotland.

A Project Board has been set up. There will be reference groups in each locality to consider the kind of facility required. It will be important to work with local communities. It was noted that good communications are essential including with those who may not have internet access.

There was a presentation on the model of dementia care that has been developed in the Netherlands e.g. Hogewyk near Amsterdam.

The first stage is a Feasibility Study and the Development of an overall business plan in order to secure funding.

Health and Wellbeing Group of Area Partnership – 11th June

There had been a further discussion about the priorities as discussed with Helen Harper by JB and GW on 14th May.

- 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.

In addition it was felt important to be aware of needs for different patient groups e.g. dementia, autism, mental health, learning disability.

It was also felt important to map current provisions/services. Helen Harper had spoken of a Database called Ketzo Kids. Information giving on services to the Community in various forms was thought to be important. It was noted that not all people are on line.

Frances Rawlinson gave an update on the Patient Participation Group at the Medical Centre. This model is to be duplicated further afield across East Lothian.

Next meeting August 21st.

East Lothian Community Hospital- JB and GW attended an update meeting at the site on June 4th. It is hoped to move patients from the old Roodlands building and other hospitals including Midlothian Community Hospital in September. Works will then begin to demolish the old Roodlands to create space for landscaped grounds and further car parking. Concerns were again noted about the poor public transport to the Hospital although it was noted that a new pavement was being built between the bus stop and the entrance.

Information was given on volunteer opportunities e.g. the WVS café and with carers of east Lothian who are moving their base from Musselburgh to the new Hospital.

Belhaven Hospital Community Hub. A public event had been held on July 3rd. JB and GW had attended.

There will be space for locally based staff.

There could also be a base for Community groups. Suggestions will be welcomed by Caroline Johnston (Unit Manager) or Lorraine Cowan (Acting Head Nurse).

10.02 **DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach**

PS had circulated minutes from a meeting on 10th July.

Groyne and Southern Breakwater

Tenders for the work were being evaluated by RHDHV and ELC. It was hoped a tender would be awarded shortly provided assurance was given on the certainty of a Marine Licence being granted. This was anticipated on/before mid September.

There was a good supply of rock armour at the quarry.

It was hoped work would commence on/before Mid September and take about 8 weeks to complete.

It was expected that the mid section of Lamer Street would need to be closed off for use as a contractor's compound.

Residents likely to be affected will be contacted. ELC will nominate a "go to "

person.

Dave Northcott will liaise with Neil Clark at ELC to agree a kelp removal strategy.

East Beach Sea Wall Defences and Northern Breakwater.

Appointment of a consultant is pending as it has to be considered as part of the whole project fundign package.

Kelp Clearance

The most recent clearance had not been fully successful. Further review of management is needed.

Next Meeting – 14th August

10.03 Winterfield Park

Friends of Winterfield (FOW) AGM was held on May 21st at Belhaven Church Hall.

Gordon Miller had been replaced as Chair by Esther Hughes.

Concerns were raised by FOW in early June that a Fun Fair was given permission to take place in June without them being notified by ELC, particularly given past issues of ground damage and noise.

Concerns were raised by FOW that loose dogs belonging to the fun fair were causing problems at the park. After contact from JB Assistant dog warden James had visited on 7/6 and advised the owners to keep the dogs under control.

Concerns were also raised by nearby residents about problems of Youth behaviour at the Fun Fair including under age drinking, vandalism and property damage. An 7th June 6 Police Officers and the Community Warden were present as around 50 young people were causing problems.

There has been no further information from Bruce Allison at ELC about a consultation on Winterfield Park .

10.04 Station

New Platform Construction

IH had sent a Report from his meeting with Allan Brooking, Network Rail Community Liaison Manager.

The new platform will be on the far side of the 2 existing main lines. Due to the length of the new trains a platform could not be built on the site of the old one. This will need a much larger bridge than in the past. Construction materials will need to be off loaded in the car park and moved across the tracks at night once power has been turned off and the overhead lines dropped.

Around 21 parking spaces will be lost in the car park during the duration of the project. This is likely to have an impact on nearby streets.

At present Network Rail are not planning on providing pedestrian access from the south side of the station although Mr Brooking thought ELC wished this to be incorporated into the design.

Travel Information

Following contact by JB the outdated information on onward travel from the station had been removed and replaced with a new poster.

11.00 PLANNING AND LICENSING

11.01 Planning matters to note:

1. Halhill North. 00920/P. Formal application awaited. Ian Craig of Halhill Developments has advised that there has been a delay.
2. Golf Club - Application still to be submitted.
3. Cala- Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.
- 5 Advertising hoardings for housing developments at Brodie Road and Spott Road. Individual house sales are also being advertised some distance from the properties, including on the A1. 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. Discussions ongoing with a contractor and Andy Scott re installation
- 8 19/00584/P -Demolition of the Nineteenth, North Road and replacement with another house on the same footprint. JB had circulated plans. ELC had been advised by JB that DCC had no objections.
9. 19/000596/P. Alterations to former Dolphin Hotel to form hostel accommodation, manager's flat. JB had circulated plans. Members were supportive of the plans. This level of accommodation is needed in the town e.g. for backpackers on the John Muir way. It will bring the prominent building, that has long been empty, back into use. JB agreed to advise ELC of DCC support for the application.

11.02 ELC Local Development Plan – Coast and Countryside Supplementary Planning Guidance. Information had been circulated on this consultation by JB.

11.03 Scottish Government Planning Bill

JB had attended the closing sessions at Holyrood in June. This Bill had been the most amended Bill in the history of the modern Scottish Parliament.

There was concern by many MSPs that after many years of public consultation and Holyrood discussions there was little change to the Status Quo. In particular there were concerns about the continued disparity in the rights of appeal where Developers can appeal and local communities affected by development can continue.

Labour, Greens and Liberal Democrats all voted against the Bill but it was passed by the greater number of Conservative and SNP members voting for it.

11.04 Licensing Matter to Note

Hectors, 32a High Street. Application for Provisional Licence

JB had circulated this. It had been agreed to support the application subject to Planning Permission being granted for a new Family restaurant in what had been the Post Office.

12.00 **MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Day Centre

21st May JB, GW and SB had attended.

Service user numbers remain steady.

Work on damp in the lounge had been completed.

Broken rhones and missing tiles have been replaced by ELC Repairs to the outside walls are considered to be decorative and the responsibility of the Day Centre Committee.

Concerns were noted regarding trip hazards on the uneven pavement outside the centre which service users need to use to get into the centre. JB agreed to raise this with ELC Roads.

Discussions continue about funding for Transport. The ELC grant has been increased for the day Centre to pay the transport provider direct. However, transport provision has been impacted by ELC changes to the school day.

A strawberry tea was planned for June 8th.
An Open Day is being planned for Civic Week.
Arrangements are being made to convert to a SCIO
The AGM was planned for June 26th at 7 pm.
June 6th Meeting with Bryan Davies of EL Health and Social Care Partnership. GW, JB and SB had attended.
This focussed on funding/transport issues
AGM – June 26th. GW, SB and JB had attended
GW continues as Chair with JB as Vice Chair and Richard Smeed as Treasurer. SB remains on the Committee.
There was discussion about the funding situation, particularly with regard to increasing ongoing transport costs.
Service users and families remain happy with the service.
Manager, Jamie McNeil gave a report on the variety of activities.

Lothians And Border Horse Parade – June 5th

IH,SB, JB and GR had attended a meeting with Army Officers. Provost McMillan, Cllr Kempson and ELC staff to discuss plans for the Parade on July 6th
There were discussions as to how the Dunbar Community, might play a part,
JB had passed information onto DTA.

A1 Action Group – June 7th

JB had attended.
In the absence of Cllr Hampshire (who was at another meeting) the meeting was chaired by Cllr Akhtar. Those present included Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Cllr Kempson, Transport Scotland staff, Council Officers, SESTRANS Rep, Terry Prior from Halhill Residents Association and others.

Developments South of the Border – An update was given on the planned dualling and other improvements in Northumberland.

Strategic Transport Planning Review – This is looking at strategic planning for transport developments across Scotland. There will be Regional Working Groups including for the SESTRANS area.

Borders Junction Safety Improvements – an update was given.

East Lothian Issues – Through the Edinburgh City Region Deal investment will be made to improve the junction at Craighall and access to QMU. JB noted continued concerns about junction safety at Eweford and the Cement Works. It was noted that issues have been impacted by the level of housing development in Dunbar which puts added pressure on road safety. Adam, from Transport Scotland agreed to arrange contact by Transport Scotland staff with JB and Terry Prior as it was agreed by those present that there were lessons to be learned regarding the impact of development on road infrastructure and safety.

Eweford – In the past the slip road off the A1 had been improved as a planning condition. However, transport Scotland had not allowed the improvement of the slip onto the A1 which remains a T junction into fast traffic. Peter Forsyth of ELC suggested that residents should not be using the farm underpass as it is not of sufficient standard. However, residents from the west end of the Halhill development prefer to use it rather than go through the estate to Spott Road. Closing the Eweford junction could lead to objections from the public due to the level of use. It was suggested that any development at Halhill North should be dependent on the junction being made safer.

Cement Works – Concerns continue about slow lorries crossing the dual carriageway. It was noted that some vehicles from Tarmac are causing a problem. Concerns were again raised about pressures on the junction from new housing and the impending development at Newtonlees/Broxburn.

Noise - There was discussion about problems at Halhill housing. Retrospective noise abatement measures are proving difficult to obtain at current housing. Again, it was thought that this should be a condition at new developments.

Dualling – Those present agreed that lobbying should continue for the dualling of the remaining single carriageway of the A1 in Scotland.

SESCOT (Dunbar On Air) 10th June

JB had attended.

This was the first meeting of Trustees. A Committee was elected with Any Morris as Chair.

It was agreed to change the name to South East Scotland Radio (SEScot) as it was felt to be less Dunbar centric and more representative of the transmission area to be covered.

Registration was awaited with OSCR. A bank account was being processed. A website and Facebook page were already in place.

Applications were being made for funding. It would also be possible to raise monies by advertising – initially on the website but also on air once internet broadcasting begins.

Premises were being sought.

The first outing for the new station was to be Dunbar Civic Week Funday.

Dunbar Trades Association – 11th June.

JB had attended. Doug Haig (Acting DELAP Manager) and Richard Baty of ELC Economic Development had both been in attendance.

Hanging Baskets – due to be delivered. The Ridge would be watering them.

Dunbar in Bloom (DIB) – Further planters were to be put into place on the High Street. DIB will maintain them. DIB were hoping for a Gold Award this year in the Beautiful Scotland awards.

Banners – DTA were pleased to see that they had been erected along with bunting. Thanks were given to the Team for their work. Some had been damaged. It was suggested that it may be possible to get them repaired e.g. by a tent repairer.

Battle of Dunbar 1650 Soldiers – A display was to be held in the Town House. There would be a re-enactment of the battle in September and it was hoped it would attract visitors.

Lothians and Border Horse Parade – 6th July. JB gave an update. There was discussion about how traders might mark the occasion e.g. window displays. Richard Baty was not aware of the event but noted that it could attract people to the town.

SESCOT- JB updated.

Civic Week – A Window Competition was being held by members.

Historic Closes – DTA members are keen to see some improvements e.g. lighting and maintenance, initially at Lawsons Court and Melville Close. It was noted that previously there had been discussion with about this with ELC (Cllr Veitch) and DCC. Historic information would also be welcomed. DTA would like to progress this but do not want to overlap with any plans by DCC or DELAP. Kate Darrah noted that this kind of project might be covered by a renewed CARS application for the regeneration of the conservation area.

Pub Watch – This seemed to be going Ok. It was noted that the Brig and Barrel was now open and appeared to be well run.

Railway Station – work had started on the new platform. Concerns were expressed about the reduction in available car parking whilst the works are ongoing. Expansion of the car park in the future by use of Foggo's Yard remains desirable.

East Lothian Gift Card. Richard Baty noted that this card, which can be bought on line was selling well. However, DTA members had seen little/no use of them locally.

Visa Great British High Street Awards – DTA had entered

A1 Safety – JB had noted discussions at the A1 Action Group

High Street Safety – JB had noted contact with ELC about the recent accident at West Port

Youth Issues. There was a long discussion about this. Members wondered how they might be involved in reducing youth anti social behaviour in the High Street and elsewhere in town. Kate Darrah noted that she, Helen Harper (Community Development Officer) and others had been in discussions. Cllr Hampshire had suggested possible options for youth provision including premises.

Adam Holt – Videographer and Digital Media Consultant. JB had given information. She agreed to pass his details to Pauline Jaffray.

RELBUS 12th June

JB had attended.

Services. Concerns were noted about the limited bus services to Haddington Community Hospital.

Issues were noted with the Dunbar Local service (130) since the change in the school day. Children from the Molly Keith area of Brodie Road cannot get a bus in time for school. They live too far from the 120 bus stop and Eve's cannot progress the 120 route further until building work is complete on the estate. JB noted that she had contacted ELC. Harry Barker (RELBUS Chair) will chase this with Andrew McLellan at ELC. Mr McLellan is now based at Kinwega rather than Haddington. Harry noted that all ELC supported services are to be retendered in 2019.

Infrastructure. JB noted that the bus stop near DGS had been without glass for over a year although it had been reported more than once to ELC. Harry agreed to take this up with ELC. Concerns were further discussed about the space available for buses at the changed access to DGS. Harry will take this up with ELC. New bus stops are to be erected in Belhaven, West Barns and elsewhere which will have more space for passenger information.

Information. Updated information was now in place regarding onward transport at Dunbar Station. Harry noted that if this had not been highlighted by JB Scotrail could have been fined by Transport Scotland. A new East Lothian bus map is being produced along with a combined timetable of local bus services.

Roadworks and Congestion. There were still issues regarding operators getting information on roadworks. Recent difficulties in Belhaven due to Scottish Power/BT Openreach works were noted by JB. Morag Haddow of ELC had been in contact with the Roadworks Commissioner to try to get improved information.

Community Rail Partnership (CRP) – June 26th

JB had attended

Funding. Chair, Harry Barker, noted that Scottish CRPs only get £8000 funding per year from Scotrail cf £25,000 a year for English groups from other franchises. This allows English groups to do more. He was disappointed that Local Area Partnerships had rejected the application to fund a Barriers to Rail Travel survey.

Discussion with Allan Brooking, Community Liaison Officer for the building project. He will be in post for about 6-8 months to link to the community on issues that may arise.

Bridge design – he was to be meeting with residents of Salisbury Walk who wish some of the glass on the stairway to be covered to prevent overlooking of their gardens.

Parking. 21 spaces were to be removed on 26/6. There was discussion about longer term parking. Foggo's Yard belongs to Network rail and might be a future option.

Pedestrian Access. Morag Haddow suggested a possible pedestrian route from Spott Road. This may be possible. A route from south of the railway line is desirable. However, at present, land required is privately owned.

Concerns were raised about the one way system. Improvement is needed. This may include a marked pedestrian crossing point at the entry to Station Road.

Bus Access. This is an issue. The station is not DDA compliant due to the distance from the bus stop. It may be possible for buses to lay up at the station rather than near the old medical centre. This can be further considered.

Overhanging tree. Another branch had come off a tree near the Station road junction after being hit by a vehicle. Mr Brooking had spoken with ELC staff working nearby who advised that the area belongs to ELC. JB agreed to contact the ELC Tree Officer.

Idling Taxis – JB had updated on measures to tackle this issue.

Station Garden. Mr Brooking wished to make contact with those maintaining the gardens at the station. In the past Morag Haddow had been involved but it was now thought that the Rotary attended to this. JB agreed to try and get contact details for the Rotary.

20mph 3rd July

HC, JB, IH, LS and GR had attended.

There was a long discussion.

Morag Haddow of ELC had sent notes which had been circulated.

ELC has to assess the outcome of the trial. Information is needed in September so that if it is to become permanent there is time to advertise the TRO. Otherwise signs would have to be taken down and put up again.

It was agreed that ELC should take the lead. A survey can go on ELC Consultation Hub with a link to Dunbar CC website. ELC will do speed checks on the areas previously studied.

A leaflet drop was suggested. Morag will see if ELC has a budget for this. The Autumn issue of Living will be published too late.

DCC should consider what role they might play to assist a street survey,

There was also discussion about the boundary of the restricted area. Also, if Kellie Road (still 30mph) should be included.

Sustaining Dunbar – July 8th

JB had attended.

Discussions continue about funding for the Co-working Centre. A decision is still needed on the proposed building.

The AGM will be 7pm on September 3rd at Belhaven Church Hall.

13.00 CORRESPONDENCE

Ralph Averbuch, AELCC – Notes from meeting on Finance with Sharon Saunders and Jim Lamond

Via Facebook-Donna Muir – Further concerns about Old Laundry. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about safety at One Way System. JB had responded. Passed to ELC and Police

Dunbar Against Litter – Card to say thanks for donation towards bins

Scottish Flag Trust – Survey on access by EL Community Councils to flags and flagpoles. JB had responded.

Bruno Peek – invitation to Take Part in VE Day 75 in May 2020

Via Facebook-Alexander Potter – Concerns about dangerous drain at John Muir Campus Carpark. JB had responded

Steph Kerr, ELC Community Planning – Invitation to meeting on Lothians and Border Horse Parade on 5/6. JB, SB and IH had responded

Via Facebook, Liam Coyle – Complaints about requests to ELC for grit bin provision and repairs.

Via Facebook, Sheena Raeburn – Query about 130 bus service to Newtonlees. JB

had responded.

Bryan Hickman, Chair, Cockenzie and Port Seton CC- Information about future of former Cockenzie Power Station. Seeking views.

Ralph Averbuch – Meeting of AELCC on September 4th

Planning Democracy – Newsletters

Via e mail, Emma Torry – Re Sutherland/Duleep Singh connections. JB had responded

Via e mail- Valerie Ash – Concerns about idling engines. PS and JB had responded.

Brake- newsletters

Stuart Pryde, ELC – Farewell message on his retiral

Local People Leading- newsletters

Via Facebook- Gavin Wilson – blocked drain causing flooding on Queens Road. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Helen McWhirter- blocked drain in Spott Road causing flooding. JB had responded.

Via Facebook –Calum Porteus – Flooding near Lethendry. JB had responded

Via Facebook – Karen Bell – dangerous pavement near Police Station. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Linda Fibinger – deep pothole around drain near Jet Garage. JB had responded

Sue Northrop, DFEL – Dementia Awareness Week and ELC Health and Social Care Strategy.

E mail Via Sustaining Dunbar – ELC Consultation on Climate Change Strategy

Via e mail – Debbie Adamson – Concerns about uncontrolled dogs, belonging to workers at Winterfield Park Funfair. Passed to Dog Warden and Police by JB. Dog Warden had visited and warned the owners.

Via Facebook, Finlay Cooke- Tree damaged by Construction traffic and causing obstruction at Station Road. Passed to Network Rail by JB

Scottish Community Councils – newsletter

Via e mail – Information on Co-op Communities Fund

Via Facebook, Alexander Potter- Concerns about bus services to new housing following change to school day by ELC. JB had responded.

Sandy Baptie, ELC- weather warnings re heavy rain 7/6 and 29/6

Pauline Jaffray- Role of the Lord Lieutenant

Via Facebook, Jane Lockett- Concerns about Youth behaviour in area near Winterfield Fair. JB had responded

Via e mail, Esther Hughes, FOW- Concerns about youth issues at Winterfield Shows. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Adam Holt – Offering services as a videographer for a fee. JB had responded

Via Facebook – William Main – concerns about dangerous pavement in High Street after a pensioner injured on 10/6. JB had responded.

Morag Haddow ELC, 20mph limit – Seeking DCC assistance with evaluation of trial period

Via e mail -Cath Finlayson . Query re funding . JB had responded

Community Carrot – information on Shares Offer following Scottish Land Fund Grant. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Ian Hume – Seeking update on Bear Statue. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Ian Hume – overgrown footpath between Beltonford and Smokehouse. JB had responded.

Via e mail, Rosalie Monod – Seeking information on sites for Co-housing project. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Shiona Liddle – problems with air quality from a neighbours woodburning stove. JB had responded.

Torness – newsletter

Jane Ogden-Smith- Public event re Belhaven Hospital Community Hub on July 3rd

Via e mail – Kevin Heffernan- Support for visual arts in Dunbar. Pippa had responded.

Via Facebook – Gillian Tennant – Concerns about parking in Bowmont Terrace. JB had responded

Via Facebook-William Main – Concerns about dead badger – passed to Countryside Rangers and Police Wildlife Officer.

Community Councils- Edinburgh Airport Community Survey

Community Councils – Co-op Centenary Grants

Scottish Community Councils – Scottish Government Consultation on Short Term lets/Air B & B. Edinburgh event on 15/7.

Via e mail – Liz Thom- Concerns about overnight parking at Shore Road car park

Via Facebook- Finlay Cooke- electric car charging point issues. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Romie Blair- Various issues of town maintenance. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Jane Murray – 650th Anniversary of Royal Burgh of Dunbar Charter. JB had responded.

Sandy Baptie, ELC – Resilient Communities Conference in Cambuslang on 11/9.

Neil Paterson, Table Tennis Club – Letter of thanks for the donation

Tracy Robertson, ELC- Lighting up the Town House for Polio by Dunbar Rotary. Members had been supportive.

Via Facebook – Ilene Donaldson – loss of bike racks at station due to construction works. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Nicola Bentley – Pigeon hazard at Spott Road rail bridge. JB had responded.

Paul Zochowski, ELC – Consultation on ELC LDP Supplementary Planning Guidance of Coast and Countryside

Alan Hume, Lothians and Border Horse- Thanks for help

Esmond Sage, Cycling Uk -Big Bike Revival events

Via Facebook – June Fallon – Condition of Hospital Road – JB had responded

Via Facebook – Steven Kelly- Concerns about safe cycle travel between West Barns and DGS. JB had responded.

Scottish Community Councils- Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street Competition

14.00 AOB

14.01 **ELC Draft Strategy on Climate Change.** This had been circulated. It was agreed that members who wished might submit individual responses. Responses are needed by July 22nd.

14.02 **20mph Evaluation of Trial (See Meetings).** There was further discussion. It was agreed that ELC would have the lead on this. HC will be the Community Council's main link to Morag Haddow at ELC. Morag had agreed to draft and circulate a questionnaire. Members felt that this should not be too complex. It was agreed that effective consultation with the community was essential.

14.03 650th Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter/50th Anniversary of Civic Week

These both fall in 2020. It was thought important to mark them including with a special marker during Civic Week.

HC queried if it might be possible to see if the Mercat cross had previously had an emblem like a unicorn on it. If so might it be feasible to restore it. HC agreed to investigate.

HC

14.04 VE Day/VJ Day/75 years since the end of World War 2

WC had looked into the possibility of an exhibition. This would need a venue and

- manpower to put it together/man it.
DCC had arranged events for the 60th Anniversary. It was agreed members should consider whether or not to mark the 75th. Schools might be involved. **All**
- 14.05 **Big Bike Revival.** Information had been circulated. Any activities had to be completed by March 2020. It was noted that Dunbar Cycling Group had run activities in Civic Week. It was agreed that any application might be more relevant to a cycling/sustainability group. Information to be passed on. **JB**
- 14.06 **Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street Competition.** Information had been circulated. It was agreed not to take part. DAT have already entered the VISA Great British High Street Competition and Dunbar In Bloom have entered the Beautiful Scotland Awards.
- 14.07 **Empire Close Site** PS had met with The Ridge and ELC. ELC will arrange a public meeting in September to consider options for this site. Any future use needs careful consideration and community involvement.
- 14.08 **Clan Dunbar** SB and PS were to meet with members of Clan Dunbar who would be visiting the town in late July. **PS/SB**
- 15.00 **DCC MEETINGS**
- 15.01 DCC Full Business Meeting 19th August 2019.