



## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

### MINUTES OF MEETING

#### 1.00 SEDERUNT

##### 1.01 Present

Alasdair Swan, Pippa Swan, Graham Adams, Gill Wilson, Loretta Stewart, George Robertson, Ian Hamilton, Stephen Bunyan  
Martin Whitfield MP, Mike Shaw, Cameron Ritchie

Apologies – Jacque Bell, Will Collin, Herbert Coutts

##### 1.02 Questions to Martin Whitfield MP

Martin Whitfield attended the meeting as a guest. He was asked to comment on three issues of concern to the Community Council.

###### a) Impact of Reporter decisions to overturn local planning decisions

GR expressed the DCC view that the public and DCC members were frustrated by the planning process which saw enormous endeavour put into community-appropriate planning decisions, including engagement with Local Development Plans, only to see agreed frameworks and/or planning decisions overturned/overridden by Reporters and by the local Council. (Beveridge Row and Newtonless were cited as examples).

MW considered that this problem was widespread and that increased community empowerment lay at the root of solving the problems.

###### b) Infrastructure Planning

In an allied comment, concern was expressed by GR at the apparent lack of significant infrastructure development and/or central government funding for appropriate infrastructure. Dunbar and East Linton Ward is very conscious of the impact on health, transport, water/sewerage. GW expressed the DCC shared view that agricultural land should not be capable of being land-banked. MW noted the comments.

###### c) Impact of Austerity on Local Services

GA expressed the DCC view that there had been very real consequences to the budget constraints placed on local councils. Amenities and service provision were being cut widely and community ambitions were not being met. It was generally felt that it was inappropriate to consider that volunteers could meet the demands. MW confirmed that this was a widely held view across community councils. He was of the view that closer working across councils and greater use and development of Area Partnerships may hold the key to delivering local services through economies of scale.

MW was thanked for attending the meeting and invited to remain.

## **2.00 MINUTES OF MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> August**

### 2.01 Amendments and Adoption

No amendments

Minutes adopted (proposed GW, seconded AS)

### 2.02 Action review

Dealt with under agenda items

### 2.03 Singular matters arising

Dealt with under agenda items

## **3.00 POLICE REPORT**

### 3.01 Police Report

The police report was circulated to DCC members but in largely unreadable form on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Following the August meeting JB had clarified the timescale of the speeding report from Belhaven Road. It had been the correct timing and volume of vehicles checked.

### 3.02 CAPP Priorities from 24<sup>th</sup> July

- Speeding
- Anti Social Behaviour on Dunbar High Street
- Dangerous parking near Summerfield Road Junction

### 3.03 Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Dunbar Police Station

Issues should be passed to Loretta Stewart. GR will stand in for LS who will be away.

## **4.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### 4.01 Norman Hampshire

#### **Spott Road Development**

NH reported that ELC was considering the up front funding of roads/services infrastructure to unlock the commercial sites behind ASDA, owned by Hallhill Developments Ltd. The latter will fund the roadway to the Bear sculpture. It is anticipated that the site will support retail, leisure and light industrial uses which should provide good employment opportunities in Dunbar. Careful consideration will be given to the type of business to be sited at Spott Road to ensure that there would be no negative impact on High Street.

#### **Rough Sleepers' Accommodation**

Local Authorities are currently being asked to provide immediate accommodation to any person from whatever area who declares themselves to be homeless. Whilst homelessness is an issue that must be addressed, ELC considered the plan to be unworkable and was joining with other affected councils to appeal to Scottish Ministers to change their minds on this.

### 4.02 Sue Kempson

No further comment

### 4.03 Questions to Councillors

#### **1. Back Road – Peter Brett Consultation.**

Update - ELC Roads Officers are currently considering PB findings and recommendations. DCC will be invited to meet with ELC in due course.

#### **2. Corn Exchange Repair Funding**

DELAP have offered a sum of £12500 for materials to unlock £50k of volunteer

work to continue with the upgrade of the Corn Exchange interior. Inspections have been carried out and recommendations made by ELC surveyor. The finance has still not been unlocked and GA pressed NH for assistance. NH will chase.

**3. TTRO Charging**

NH was very pleased to report that, after representation, ELC are minded NOT to charge for community TTRO application processing. Minor admin costs may be charged to councils.

**4. CARS funding**

Update – NH assured DCC that Douglas Proudfoot had the matter in hand with Jamie Baker preparing the required submission to be made before the end of November.

**5. HMO Licensing/Air BnB**

GA reported on an incidence in his local neighbourhood where it appeared that a house was being used as an HMO. NH confirmed that if the house was being let through Air BnB there was currently nothing that ELC licensing can do about it. If, however, antisocial behaviour becomes a problem, the ASB team can be called in. GA will monitor.

**6. Common Repair Funding/Repairs Notices**

GA reported that a resident of High St had expressed repeated concerns over the problem of getting co-owners to share in the maintenance of buildings. NH was of the view that a shared central fund was needed to underwrite repairs but there are no plans for this at present.

**5.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**5.01 Town Maintenance Issues**

1)Queens Road wall. Still to be repaired. Condition is declining. NH was to take this forward with ELC.

2)Hospital Road – still needs repair. The deep ditch near the Hospital entrance had been repaired in August 2019. Longer term repairs are linked to future road links as part of the Halhill North development.

3)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.

4) . Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House. This is DCDC land. HC and SB were to investigate and liaise with The Ridge and DCWG.

6) Drainage (standing water not reaching drains) in Boroughdales/Belhaven Road.. There are similar issues in Summerfield Road near the junction of Belhaven Road. ELC advise that the areas have subsided. Work to be programmed by ELC.

7) Dust from earth mound at local building sites. Passed to ELC. Environment Health Officer visited but still issues. Being monitored.

8) Damaged/loose drain cover on pavement near High Street vets. Repaired August 2019.

9) Uneven road surface at Brodie Road following drainage works by Advance Construction for Persimmon. ELC chasing along with other Persimmon issues including playpark maintenance, deep holes near the site office, litter. ELC Planning and Roads are taking up issues with Persimmon.

10) Benches in poor condition near Cherrytrees nursery. Barry Craighead of DELAP will renovate.

11)Overgrown Cala ransom strip in Beveridge Row- Cala asked to trim it on 16/5. Chased 2/7 and 7/9.Will be sorted. Possibly in the longer term by a permanent pathway which was part of the original plans.

12) Loose drain cover in disabled car park near Dunbar Primary. ELC have made a temporary repair. Permanent Repair awaited.

- 13) Blocked drains in Spott Road and Queens Road. Passed to ELC on 30/5 and had been cleared. Various other blocked drains had also been cleared.
- 14) Uneven Pavement in Westgate. Trip hazard for Day Centre users. Passed to ELC on 23/5. A temporary repair has been made and a permanent repair will be programmed. Raised Toby cover passed to Scottish Water on 26/6. Chased 12/7.
- 15) Uneven slope at crossing in West Port. Reported to ELC on 11/6 after a number of serious falls with injury by pedestrians. Will need major works as not DDA compliant. For Financial year 2020-21.
- 16) Drainage near Lethendry. Extensive flooding during heavy rain in June. Discussed at Roads meeting on 26/8. The drains in this area are outdated for the heavy rainfall likely due to climate change. However, Scottish Water are unlikely to allow for extra gulley entries in the kerbsides.
- 17) Overgrown path between Beltonford and Smokehouse on A199. Had been cleared July 2019. The weather conditions had led to much growth which had encroached on footpaths around the area.
- 18) Damaged road signs near Newtonlees following grass cutting. Passed to ELC on 24/7.
- 19) Deer warning sign on Brodie Road is very high up (raised when 20 mph signs went up?) Also sign needed further along Brodie Road . Passed to ELC 24/7.
- 20) Faded zebra crossing road markings at High Street. Passed to ELC June 2019 . Chased August 2019.
- 21) Faded road markings near cement works junction – passed to ELC August 2019
- 22) Damaged sign to Bleachingfield Centre on Belhaven Road near the Sycamores. Repaired August 2019.
- 22) Damaged signage near station. Reported to ELC 27/8. Repairs are being arranged by Keith Scott and Graham Brotherston.
- 23) Missing Toby top in Belhaven High Street near School. Reported to Scottish Water 28/8.
- 24) Overgrown trees in DeLisle Street. These are growing from the Co-op area. Passed to ELC Community Warden 2/9.

JB had attended the meeting with Roads staff on 26/8.

#### 5.02 **Meetings Attended by Secretary**

##### **Halhill Residents Association – August 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Association is very active. The meeting was attended by reps from Hacking and Paterson (the factors for much of the estate), ELC Housing Officers and Cllr Hampshire. **Concerns** – These include

*Noise from the A1* – Studies are still awaited by Environmental Health

*Persimmon issues* – There are a lot of concerns. Persimmon are unwilling to come to the Association meetings and only wish to hear from individual residents although some concerns are held in common.

*Parking* – There are many concerns about parking. Residents tend not to make use of parking spaces at the rear of their properties. Some residents have multiple vehicles and thus insufficient space to park except on the road. This raises concerns about road safety.

*Speeding* – This is of great concern. A speed reactive sign had been erected at Molly Keith Place but there was concern that it was not in the right place. Residents were advised of the CAPP meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Roads adoption* – There is much concern about the time taken by ELC to adopt roads. This will only be done once developers request the roads to be adopted and if ELC feel that they are of sufficient standard. It was felt that developers should only be allowed to move onto a new housing phase once all issues related to a development had been resolved.

*Factoring.* Hacking and Paterson are still to take on some areas. The playpark is still

not ready to be taken over from Persimmon. Concerns were raised about unsuitable trees being planted. A resident of Steadings Crescent noted concerns about Greenbelt.

*Future Developments* – Concerns were raised about future extension of housing and the long term plans of Halhill Developments for the wider town. A resident raised concerns about the potential for a route through the estate from Hospital Road to Spott Road. There was much concern about this. Norman Hampshire had advised that the developers of Halhill North had been asked by ELC Transportation to put in a route which would replace the use of Beveridge Row/Hospital Road. It was agreed to ask Halhill Developments to attend a future meeting and to seek further information about the proposals for a through route/the future of Hospital Road and the A1 Junction.

**DELAP** – JB had given information on the Local Area Partnership and the Local Planning process. The Association will consider a submission.

### **Sustaining Dunbar AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

There had been presentations to update on the various projects.

Belhaven Community Garden continues to thrive. It is appreciated by patients and staff as well as residents.

The accommodation search for a co-working centre is ongoing. Unfortunately the attempt to purchase the former Housing Office through the Scottish Land Fund had not been successful. The Fund will only help pay for the building and not the considerable repairs required to make it viable. Other options are being explored. Submissions had been made to the ELC Climate Change consultation and to the DELAP Area Plan.

Following the presentations there was a discussion on how the community might take forward positive actions to combat climate change. There was a suggestion that there should be further public discussion evenings.

### **SESCOT Public Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> September**

*Funding* – Applications continue. A number of Community Councils have given awards. Andy Morris continues to explore options. Advertisers are being sought.

*Equipment* – Grants are being used to obtain equipment for use by the station.

*Premises* – Cllr Hampshire has indicated the availability of a Portacabin to be sited at Halhill. This would be suitable. Planning Permission will be required and discussion is needed with DCDC regarding arrangements.

## 5.03 **Services**

***Car Charging Points*** – An application has been approved for charging points near the Pine Marten.

***Bus Service to Brodie Road*** – Concern 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 is still an issue. There are continued concerns that residents at the far end of Brodie Road have no service. This will be raised by JB at the next Bus Forum.

***Timetable Information*** – East Coast have taken down timetables for other services. Operators are not meant to do this when they update services. Passed to ELC.

***Supported Bus Services*** – ELC are consulting on supported services which include the 120,130 and 253. JB had circulated information. Responses should be sent to the ELC Consultation Hub.

## 5.04 **Other Matters to Note**

### **Other**

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

***Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane*** – Still needed. An enquiry was also

made by a new resident about safe cycling access between West Barns and DGS. Information had been given and reference made to the Active Travel/Climate Change (which includes Active Travel) consultations.

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

The Middlemass Road plots had not sold on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Following contact from JB the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) had raised concerns about the catalogue information with the Auction House. However, the wording remains similar for an auction on September 12<sup>th</sup>. JB has written again to ASA.

The play parks near 37 Wilson Place and in Wilson Road remain in a dangerous condition. This has been referred to Planning Enforcement and Environmental Standards by JB without response. Residents have written to Angela Leitch without response.

In the meantime, residents cannot appoint a new Factor of their choosing as they do not own the plots of land.

Residents Committee members are progressing legal action. JB has continued to liaise with them.

***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

***Dangerous driving at One Way system.*** New signage had been put into place. This will be monitored.

***Pigeons at Spott Road Rail Bridge.*** ELC have advised that a contractor has been appointed to carry out a pigeon cull.

***Dogs at Lauderdale Park.*** JB had contacted the dog warden about “Dogs Allowed on Lead Signs. Members of the public are unhappy that dogs are being allowed in to the park.

***Idling Taxis*** – Still being followed up by Tom Burr of Environmental Health

***Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA.*** These seem to be unfinished and get muddy. Contact had been made with ELC Access Officer to see what might be done. They have advised that responsibility lies with Robertson Homes and JB has made contact.

#### 5.04 Questions to Secretary

None

#### 6.00 **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Circulated by e mail

##### 6.01 Financial Statement

###### **General Fund:**

- The bank statement balance at the end of August was **£7,046.27**
- This includes the latest VAT refund of £1,312.26, most of which will be transferred to the Christmas Lights Fund and Civic Week Fund where the expenses were incurred.
- Also included in the £7,046.27 is the restricted Local Priorities Fund

###### **Christmas Lights Account:**

- The bank balance at the end of August was **£12,304.71**

###### **Civic Week Account:**

- There was no change in the bank balance which stands at **£7,619.42** at the end of August.

###### **Annual accounts:**

- The Community council accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 are still with John Sparksman undergoing an independent examination

6.02 Local Priorities Fund  
Updates

- 1) Dunbar Colts – will attend on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) Fraser Stewart- £690 requested to assist with costs of a photographic exhibition. Further information was provided. £500 agreed by e mail. Paid. He had given thanks for this.
- 3) ESCOT- £500 for Radio Station set up. Following confirmation of OSCAR registration the payment had been made. Thanks had been received.

New Applications

Christmas Lights - £144 to repair a banner arm. Agreed on line  
The Ridge - £500 for trainees/staff to attend a boatbuilding course. Agreed on line  
St Anne's Peace Garden - £500 – Agreed at meeting and to be paid AS  
Dunbar Craft Centre and Community Shed - £500 – Agreed at meeting and to be AS  
paid AS  
Support for Elderly - £200. More information was requested and AS will circulate this.

These had been circulated. However, as not all members had had time to consider them it was agreed that they would be circulated again. If approved by e mail these awards might be ratified at the next meeting or else further discussed if any concerns. AS

**7.00 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.01 Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations

All TTRO's requested and awaiting confirmation, this will now wait on the SAG and also payment or agreement of no charge.  
Structural engineers survey completed 16th August. Calculations confirmed and the pull tests on the 4th September all confirmed successful.  
Thanks to Norman Hampshire for resolving the TTRO issue.  
SAG booked for the 25th September for switch on.  
Bookings being made for switch on with a Street ceiling between 3 and 5. Upgrades in progress but progress is slow due to limited lighting.

We are looking to have our own complete collection of Road signs and cones now as ELC will now charge for these.

Bunting and Banners.

All bunting and banners removed and waiting for quote for replacement bunting that has been damaged.

Day Centre

The request to paint the exterior day centre walls will be undertaken in the spring.

7.02 Civic Week

No report

**8.00 DCC INITIATIVES**

8.01 War Memorial Project (HC)

A meeting was held on September 5<sup>th</sup>.  
The new plaque is in production, and HC was informed it will be completed by the end of September/beginning of October.  
A recent meeting of the War Memorial Working Group agreed that a dedication ceremony should be held to mark the addition of the new names to the Memorial.  
A proposal by Will Collin that students from the Primary and Secondary Schools be

involved was warmly supported. It was felt that the event should be held as early as possible in October so as not to detract in any way from the Remembrance Day ceremony on 10th November. Date to be agreed.

HC

The Memorial is owned by East Lothian Council, and when HC reported the Working Group's recommendation to Councillor John McMillan, Provost of East Lothian, he indicated strong support for the idea and agreed to lead the ceremony. Similar encouragement was expressed by the Lord Lieutenant of East Lothian, Michael Williams, who will attend it representing HM The Queen. Provisional week-day dates suitable to the Provost and Lord Lieutenant have been identified both before and after the school October holiday. It's hoped that ELC will nominate a member of staff to liaise with the Working Group over the arrangements. Councillor McMillan has offered to chair a meeting of all of the parties involved when an outline programme for the event has been drawn up.

Another idea discussed by the Working Group was the siting of an interpretation panel adjacent to the approach path to the War Memorial. This would detail the Memorial's history up to the present day, and afford the opportunity to acknowledge the donors to the War Memorial Project. The possibility of a free app providing information on the individuals commemorated was also mentioned. These suggestions will not be investigated until after the holding of the dedication ceremony.

*HC to note – Schools would like to take part in re-dedication event. Liaise with WC*

HC/WC

8.02 Airfields Trust – Plaque for Belhaven Sands (JB)

- The plaque was picked up by Landscape and Countryside staff on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Tara Sykes and Neil Clark have advised JB that it will be erected in the next few weeks.
- JB had updated Mr Bannerman of the War Memorial Trust on progress
- Thanks had been issued by JB

8.03 Corn Exchange Repair - (GA)

- Application made to Area Partnership for £12500. This is still to be released and waits on the fire risk assessment being completed and agreed by ELC.
- New doors are required to the side and a full fire alarm system to be installed. We have approached a company to design this but it is quite a large system.

8.04 Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)

- No further update

8.05 650<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Civic Week (PS/SB)

Meeting to be arranged

PS

8.06 Community Resilience (IH) – Update

- Sandy Baptie is arranging a Resilience Seminar on October 26th. JB is interested in going. Other names required.
- A draft report had been circulated to DCC members with call for responses from the CR sub-group.

8.07 End of WW2 Commemoration 2020 (WC)

WC has visited both DPS and DGS and have spoken with staff.

In the primary school, when in p7, each year group studies WWII for around 2 hours per week from September to the beginning of November. Projects are completed



and a Remembrance Assembly is held in the school on the nearest Friday to Remembrance Sunday with parents/carers invited. The best of the projects are exhibited in the dining hall after the Remembrance Assembly. WC tried to persuade the deputy head responsible that this should be available for the public to see and she was going to raise the matter at a senior staff meeting.

The response from Mrs Slowther, HT at DGS, was "I will discuss your suggestions about 2020 with Suzanne Hamilton (PT Social Subjects) and Ed Offer (DHT who organises the Battlefields trip). I will be in touch if we are arranging anything."

WC has since spoken with her and Mrs Gillanders and both schools have indicated that they would like to take part in the rededication service for the War Memorial.

On 17 August, WC e-mailed Rev Diane Hall at St Anne's Episcopal Church and Rev Neil Watson at Belhaven Parish Church in lieu of contacting Dunbar Churches Together as WC could not find any contact details for DCT. WC message was that DCC had decided not to lead any events but would support any that are arranged. WC said that DCC would appreciate being included in any information chain. So far WC has not had any response. Dunbar Parish Church (DPC) has also been given the same message but much more recently.

## **9.00 AREA PARTNERSHIP (George Robertson, Chairman)**

### **9.01 Funding-**

Voted reps had been circulated funding requests for projects to vote by e mail regarding St Anne's Peace Garden and Roads Projects.

Various submissions had been received regarding the DELAP Plan.

The Area Plan is under review and all DCC councillors were urged to follow up the consultation. Information on the AP will be sent to IH and LS.

**GR**

### **9.02 Next Business Meeting – October 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **10.00 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS**

### **10.01 Health and Social Care Provision**

**Re-provisioning** – JB had contacted Jane Ogden- Smith for an update. Jane had responded that the team who will work on the project are currently dealing with the Haddington Hospital. It is hoped to have meetings in October. JB had circulated a brief newsletter.

**GP Services-** Following concerns raised at the health and Wellbeing sub group JB had contacted Jane Ogden Smith who had provided a briefing on changes linked to the new GP contract. It had been noted that the model for any change will not be the same as at Riverside Practice in Musselburgh.

#### ***Health and Wellbeing Sub Group***

This had met on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Notes had been circulated by JB.

Main Areas of discussion had been

**Re-provisioning.** There was concern about the slow progress. It was queried if there should be a Re-provisioning Sub group as well as a Health and Well being sub group given the amount of discussion re-provision will require.

**Patient Participation Group.** Frances Rollinson had updated. The 3 Dunbar practices are concerned about changes to the way in which GP practices operate. This is linked to the new GP contract. The model has been introduced at Riverside Practice in Musselburgh and has met criticism from service users.

**Area Partnership Priorities.** There had been discussion about suggestions for the new DELAP Plan.

*Dementia* – Sue Northrop had updated on developments.

10.02 DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach

Marine Licence still anticipated mid September at which point preferred contractor will be appointed.

10.03 20 mph Trial

This has been ongoing. Some members of the community had been in contact regarding non arrival of paper surveys. JB had spoken to Morag Haddow. It seems that there had been a hold up at the printers. Surveys have now been delivered around the community.

The Consultation closes on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

10.04 Station

JB had circulated an update from Allan Brooking. Work is progressing. Construction involves some noisy work at night but residents are kept informed.

**11.00 PLANNING AND LICENSING**

11.01 Planning matters to note:

1. Halhill North. 00920/P. Formal application awaited. The application includes a new link between the Belhaven area and Spott Road through the new housing area. Various members of the community are seeking further information about the proposals and there is a variety of concerns. JB had contacted Roads for more information. She had been advised by Morag Haddow that this is still being discussed with the developer.
2. Golf Club - Application still to be submitted. There are concerns by residents of Roxburgh Park about the impact of the development on their homes. In addition, residents of Comrie Avenue have raised concerns about the siting of the maintenance shed which JB has passed on to Tony Thomas.
3. Cala- Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.
4. 19/17/00020/PPM Approval of Matters Specified in Consideration of Planning Permission in Principle – Erection of 115 houses and works on land at Newtonlees. JB had circulated information. She will submit DCC views to Planning. Residents of Newtonlees and Broxburn are unhappy about the detailed proposals submitted by Robertson Homes and have been in contact with JB.
5. Bear. Works due to commence on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
6. 19/000596/P – Alterations at Dolphin Hotel. JB had advised ELC that DCC supported this application.
7. 19/00744/P -Snack Van at Shore Road (Bad neighbour development) PS had submitted objections from DCC. A number of Community Councillors had also submitted personal objections.
8. 19/00831/P – Change of use from warehouse/office to soft play area and café at former Brewery, Spott Road. JB had advised ELC that DCC supported the change.

11.02 Licensing Matter to Note

Hectors (Old Post Office) The provisional licence had been granted.

**12.00 MEETINGS ATTENDED**

12.01 Day Centre – August 20<sup>th</sup>

JB, SB and GW had attended. New referrals continue to be received. The change in the school day has led to increased transport costs as the Torrance transport used is also needed for school pupils. Long term funding solutions are required to assist the continuation of the service.

There had been a recent inspection by the Care Inspectorate. The findings had been very positive.

#### 12.02 **Meeting With Roads – August 26<sup>th</sup>**

PS, AS, GW and JB had attended a meeting with Alan Stubbs and Craig Redpath at Roads. The meeting had been attended by Sharon Saunders and Doug Haig. There had been useful dialogue.

*Roads maintenance* – There had been discussion about various maintenance issues raised by Dunbar CC. Calum Redpath had noted that there is a programme of regular inspections and defects are noted for repair. The regularity depends on the hierarchy of the road.

It was suggested that defects should be reported on the ELC Report It site, via generic roads e mail or by phone to the contact centre. Sharon noted that the site is being improved. Response to defects is updated regularly on the site which is map based. Alan Stubbs agreed to provide a wording to go on Social media to inform the public as to how to report defects.

It was agreed that Calum Redpath will be the main point of contact. E mails to Calum should be copied in to Alan Stubbs.

Alan Stubbs and Sharon Saunders noted that an update on planned road works is prepared regularly and sent to Area Partnerships. These had not been seen. It was agreed that this would be distributed via Doug Haig.

*Projects for DELAP funding*, There was discussion about options – Back Road pavement extension and West Port/High Street crossing improvements. It was agreed that these options would be put to DELAP voting members for a choice by e mail as Roads would prefer to programme works sooner rather than later.

*Hospital Road/A1 Junction from Belhaven*. These have been a longstanding area of concern. Alan Stubbs noted that there is dialogue between ELC and the Halhill North developer. In the long term there is a proposal to make Beveridge Row a cul-de-sac, close off the junction to the A1 and route traffic through the housing estate.

*Peter Brett Consultation* – Alan Stubbs advised that the Report had been received and it is being studied.

#### 12.03 **Walk Round with Iain Gray MSP – September 2nd**

PS, AS, GA, JB and GW had met with Mr Gray. Opportunity had been taken to show him positive works by the Community Council e.g. High Street painting. He was also shown some of the issues e.g. brownfield sites, disused buildings, East Beach erosion and defences. There was discussion about ways in which the Scottish Government and others may support local communities like Dunbar to improve their town infrastructure for the long term benefit of communities.

#### 12.03 **AELCC - 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

GW had attended. JB had circulated a minute from Ralph Averbuch.

GW reported that there was a continued frustration felt by CCs that they did not know who to contact at ELC any more.

NH suggested that the best route was to call the main switchboard and ask to be directed to the service required. 01620 827 827

### 13.00 **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 13.01 **Torness – Newsletter**

**Via Facebook** – Craig Marshall – Concerns about siting of Maintenance shed at Golf

Course Development. JB had responded and met with him.

**Allan Brooking-** Station works update

**Brake-** Newsletter

**Scott Reynolds,** Viridor- Update

**Local People Leading** – Newsletter

**Ralph Averbuch, AELCC** – Query about Christmas Lights

**Stephanie McQueen, ELC Planning** – Seeking Views on Planning Application for soft play centre/café at former Brewery, Spott Road

**Paul Gillon** – Various concerns about infrastructure at Yosemite Park – JB had responded

**Via Facebook, Jane McLeod-** query about ownership of garages at Writers Court. JB had responded.

**Emma Taylor, Planning-** Views on application at Skateraw. Sent to Dunbar CC in error. Passed to East Lammernmuir CC by JB

**Scottish Community Councils** – Newsletter

**Via Facebook – Kirsty Saunders** – Concern about 20mph consultation – JB had responded

**RAGES – Newsletter.** AGM 7pm on 18<sup>th</sup> September at Reston Village Hall

**Jane Ogden- Smith.** Update on re-provisioning

**Jane Ogden- Smith-** update on changes to the GP contract

**Jane Ogden- Smith** – Consultation on Mental Health Services

**Emma Taylor, Planning** – Seeking Views on application at Newtonlees. JB had advised that she will respond.

**By e mail – Various residents at Newtonlees/Broxburn** – concerns about proposed Robertson Homes development. JB had responded.

#### **14.00 AOB**

##### **14.01 Empire Cinema Site**

ELC had promised to promote a public meeting to explore demand and options for this brownfield site. No work has been done on this. The Ridge is keen to take over the whole site to accommodate a project for vulnerable young people.

There is a perceived demand for other uses. DCC position to be agreed. PS will circulate a paper

**PS**

#### **15.00 DCC MEETINGS**

##### **15.01 AGM – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019-09-20**

All office bearers will step down and seek re-appointment if they wish this.

DCC Full Business Meeting – October 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Dunbar Colts will attend

Minutes by Pippa Swan