



Monday 19th August 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

MINUTES

1.00 SEDERUNT

Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Graham Adams (GA) (Vice Chair), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Ian Hamilton (IH), Herbert Coutts (HC), Will Collin (WC), Lynne Lewis (LL), George Robertson (GR) Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cameron Ritchie (Press)

1.01 Apologies – Loretta Stewart, Alasdair Swan

1.02 Welcome -Pippa Swan welcomed all to the meeting.

2.00 MINUTES OF MEETING – 15th July

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

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

2.03 Singular matters arising -

Meeting with ELC Services being arranged. NH had 26th August as a date for a meeting with Alan Stubbs from Roads but PS had not heard. PS to check.

PS

3.00 POLICE REPORT

3.01 The Report had been circulated. It was based on incidents reported to Police between 15th July and 19th August.

Road Safety -Between 12.00 and 12.30 on 8th August a speed check was conducted on Belhaven Road. About 80 vehicles had their speed checked. 25 were stopped and warned and 2 were charged and referred to the Procurator Fiscal due to excessive speeds of 35 and 38 miles per hour.

Members noted the number of vehicles involved in the timescale. JB agreed to check with the Police.

JB

Antisocial Behaviour -In general, the town had been quieter over the summer regarding youth behaviour. Dangerous tombstoning at the harbour during the spells of good weather had been an issue with youths jumping off the back wall and in to the harbour entrance from both sides. Unfortunately, as soon as the holidays ended old issues returned with problems associated to underage drinking at the Shows over the weekend.

Litter – No issues

Theft -Between 8th and 10th August an off road motorbike was stolen from Church Street.

On 16th August a shed was broken into at Marquette Place.
Overnight on 19th/19th August the recycling centre was broken into and vehicle keys were stolen.

Other Incidents of Note -On 13th July there was a large disturbance in Belhaven Road between 2 sets of families. Charges including serious assault and possession of an offensive weapon had been libelled.
Since then there had been acts of retribution with windows smashed. Persons from both factions now have bail conditions.

3.02 CAPP Priorities from 24th July

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

3.03 Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on 23rd September at Dunbar Police Station
Members should pass concerns on to Loretta Stewart.

4.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS

4.01 Norman Hampshire

NH tendered his apologies for the July meeting. He had been on holiday.

Climate Change Strategy. There had been a good response to the consultation from the public. They are being considered.

Electric cars for community use – A fleet is being considered. More information is available on the ELC website.

East Beach Regeneration. See 10.02. This is progressing. The next stage is the groyne phase. NH would be keen to see a sand recharge. PS thanked NH for his work on the beach project over the last few years.

Ground care projects. NH suggested a round table meeting with Gordon Whitelaw to discuss this further. GR, PS, JB and GW would be interested in attending. This can be arranged with Eamonn John at ELC.

Lauderdale Park has been busy over the summer. There had been positive comments about the floral displays from the public.

Dunbar Station. New platform works continue. Further consideration is being given to a pedestrian access from south of the railway line. ELC would need to fund this. Parking in nearby residential streets would need to be controlled as in Musselburgh. Access from Spott Road is also being considered. Provision of parking at Foggo's Yard is still needed. This area belongs to Network Rail.

Access for buses is being considered to create a transport hub.

4.02 Sue Kempson

Charges for Temporary Road closures. SK had spoken to Angela Leitch. It had been noted to her that the cost of road closures is expensive. Members felt that there should be a reduced/no cost to community groups. GA noted that Christmas Lights requires 3 closures which would need considerable extra fund raising. 3 TTROs have been submitted to ELC for the lights but no charges have been mentioned. For

Dunbar CC the main closures are for the Lights and Civic Week. Perhaps consideration could be given to managing these within DCC.

NH suggested that if ELC require to be paid for road closures, CCs would be offered grants to cover these on an annual basis.

AS/GA

This needs further clarification with Alan Stubbs.

4.03 Questions to Councillors

1. Update on the Peter Brett Consultations. The report is still awaited. NH agreed to chase up with ELC.
2. Update on Corn Exchange funding (See 8.03)
3. Golf Club Development – shoreline housing impact (See 11.01.2)

NH

5.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT

5.01 Report had been circulated by JB

Town Maintenance Issues

- 1) Queens Road Wall. Still to be repaired. Condition is declining.
- 2) Hospital Road. Still needs repair. Frequent complaints from the public. Further concerns passed to ELC May 2019. A deep ditch near the hospital entrance was repaired in August 2019. A further issue is large lorries taking the road as a short cut to the A1 and then having to turn at the rail bridge. JB had contacted Keith Scott at ELC to request an unsuitable for large vehicles sign.
- 3) Collapsing walls along Hospital Road. Many public complaints. Halhill Developments say the stretches concerned are now the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon. JB had contacted the developers and alerted Building Control at ELC.
- 4) Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House laundry. This is DCDC land. It had been discussed at a recent DCDC Trustees meeting as concerns also raised by DCWG. It was agreed that HC and DB will discuss further with DCWG and The Ridge. A DCWG member had propped up the Herres fencing to prevent access by potential vandals but it had fallen down again.
- 5) Drainage (standing water not reaching drains) in Boroughdales/Belhaven Road making the dropped kerbs unusable in wet weather. Similar issues at Summerfield Road near the junction with Belhaven Road. ELC advise that the areas have subsided. They need attention but there are limited funds. Doug Haig agreed to follow up at his quarterly meeting with Roads.
- 6) Pot holes at junction of Duke Street and Belhaven High Street – caused by water erosion from the blocked drain. Repaired August 2019.
- 7) Pot holes near Belhaven Church. Repaired August 2019.
- 8) Pot holes in Knockenhair Road. Repaired August 2019.
- 9) Vandalised road sign at Salisbury Walk. Reported to ELC 5/3. Replaced.
- 10) Bus stop near Grammar School. Glass replaced and information installed July 2019.
- 11) Damaged Toby top in Countess Road. Passed to Scottish Water on 9/4. Chased on 25/5 and 9/7.
- 12) Dust from earth mound near building sites. Environmental Health Officer visited but still issues. Being monitored.
- 13) Damaged/loose drain cover near High Street vets. A number of people have fallen as it is raised up from the pavement and wobbles when stood on. Reported on 9/4. Chased on 11/7 after reports of another fall. An order has been created for the work to be done.

- 14) Uneven road surface at Brodie Road following drainage works by Advance Construction for Persimmon. Passed to ELC on 14/4. This is the responsibility of Persimmon. Roads will chase up.
- 15) Benches near Cherrytrees Nursery are in poor condition. Barry Craighead of DELAP has agreed to renovate them.
- 16) Overgrown Cala ransom strip in Beveridge Row. Cala asked to trim it. Craig Lynes of Cala advises that it will be sorted. In the longer term a permanent pathway will be installed which was part of the original plans.
- 17) Loose drain cover in disabled car park near Dunbar Primary. Passed to Scottish Water on 25/5. Chased on 2/7. Scottish Water advised it was the responsibility of ELC. Passed to ELC on 4/7. A steel plate was placed over the loose cover on 5th July. Repair work is to be programmed.
- 18) Blocked drains in Spott Road and Queens Road. Cleared in June 2019 but still prone to flooding in heavy rain.
- 19) Uneven pavement in Westgate. Trip hazard for Day Centre users. Passed to ELC on 23/5. Temporary repairs were made in August 2019. Raised Toby cover passed to Scottish Water on 26/6. Chased 12/7.
- 20) 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 including lack of maintenance of the playpark. Advice given. ELC Planning are following up a number of issues with Persimmon.
- 21) Overhanging tree at Station Road with branches being knocked onto the pavement by passing traffic. ELC Tree Officer arranged pruning in July 2019.
- 22) Blocked drains on Edinburgh Road between Belhaven and West Barns causing flooding of pavement. Passed to ELC on 30/5. Gullies cleared on June 26th. However, still deep water in heavy rain.
- 23) Blocked drain near 105 Summerfield Road. Flooding risk. Cleared on 26/6.
- 24) Uneven slope at crossing in West Port. Reported to ELC on 11/6 after a number of serious falls with injury. ELC currently planning work in 2020/21.
- 25) Drainage near Lethendry, North Road. Gully had been cleared. However, extensive flooding during heavy rain in June. Passed to ELC on 16/6.
- 26) Overgrown path between Beltonford and Smokehouse. Passed to ELC on 16/6. Amenities Team dealt with this July 2019.
- 27) Damaged road signs near Newtonlees after grass cutting. Passed to ELC on 24/7.
- 28) Deer Warning sign on Brodie Road is very high up (raised when the 20 mph signs were erected). A sign is also needed further along. Passed to ELC 24/7.
- 29) Faded zebra crossing markings at High Street. Some cars are not stopping. Passed to ELC June 2019. Chased August 2019.
- 30) Faded road markings near cement Works junction. Passed to ELC August 2019.

Services

Car Charging Points – ELC had responded to concerns raised about provision. The charger at ASDA had been removed as the area will be needed for plant to access the area in order to erect the Bear and develop access to it. ASDA will provide a new charger once their extension has been completed. ELC have no jurisdiction over the Scotrail charger at the Station which uses a different car system and remains out of order.

Bus Services to Brodie Road – Concerns had been raised by a member of the public that following the change in the DGS 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 with ELC.

Bus Timings and Information

A member of the public had raised concerns about the timings of bus services. JB had noted that this is a common concern. However, the 253 and X7 are commercial services and since bus deregulation are run on a competitive basis. The companies are not allowed to consult with each other on timings.

The resident had also asked for better bus information at the station. JB had noted that more up to date information had recently been put into place. However, detailed timings cannot be displayed as the High Street bus stop is not considered close enough to be an official link. It is not DDA compliant. RELBUS and the Community Rail Partnership are asking for buses to be given access to the station area in the future. Should this happen timetables could be displayed. East Coast had amended the X7 timetable on July 14th. When renewing timetables they had removed those of other companies at a number of stops. JB had raised this with ELC so that other timetables can be restored. The matter will be raised at the next Bus Forum as companies are not meant to take away timetables installed by their rivals.

Other

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

Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane. Still needed. Linked to the Peter Brett Consultation. An enquiry had been received from 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.

Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces. Contacts continue.

The Middlemass Road plots had not sold on 1st August. Next auction is on September 12th. Following contact from JB the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) has raised concerns about the catalogue information with the Auction House. The playparks near 37 Wilson Place and in Wilson Road remain in a dangerous condition. This has been referred to Planning Enforcement and Environmental Protection at ELC without response. It is noted that Stuart Pryde had raised concerns about maintenance of the playparks with Planning in 2016. The Residents Association are to write to ELC Chief Exec to request support.

In the meantime, residents cannot appoint a factor of their 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. JB has advised them to contact Iain Gray MSP as there are other Greenbelt situations in Scotland.

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

Playpark at Parsons Pool – residents would still like a new slide.

Dangerous driving at One way System Numeropus 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.

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 below very slippery, particularly in wet weather. JB had spoken to Scott Hood (former ELC Pest Control Officer) and Shona Grant at Environmental Protection. The situation will be investigated.

Dogs at Lauderdale Park. A member of the public had raised concerns that dog owners are walking their dogs in the park. The main gate has a No Dogs sign but other gates do not. JB had contacted the Dog Warden to see if further signs could be erected. However, it seems legislation has changed and the big sign on the main gate is out of date. With new land access laws in force dog owners and members of the public can walk virtually anywhere as long as they are not causing damage, chasing other animals etc. Thus the existing sign is not enforceable. There are no plans to remove it.

Idling Taxis – still being followed up by Tom Burr but he has had a period of leave. An incident of idling had been passed to him in August 2019.

Matters arising/questions:

1) HC expressed concern that the Queens Road Wall still needs repair. It is nearly 3 years since its condition was raised with Four Seasons Estates. NH said that ELC had written to Four Seasons to ask them to repair it. HC suggested that a further letter should be sent and that perhaps ELC should arrange repairs (The Ridge are willing to do the work) and bill Four Seasons. NH said he would follow this up with ELC. SB noted that a wall in Shore Road also needs repair. It was noted that this is another matter related to any works required following the Peter Brett consultation in the Belhaven area.

NH

JB

2) There was discussion about the dog situation at Lauderdale Park. JB agreed to see if signs could be put up to say that dogs are allowed but on a lead.

3) NH had had a list of updates on the Town Maintenance issues from Roads. JB and PS had not received this. NH agreed to pass it on.

NH

It was noted that a meeting is being arranged with ELC Officers. NH had seen a suggested date of 26/8. This will be followed up.

6.00 TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail

6.01 Financial Statement

AS had circulated the draft accounts for 2018-19. The accounts are with John Sparksman for independent examination.

The General Fund bank balance at the end of the month was £8475.57.

Included in this was an amount of £1615.90 received from Viridor for the War Memorial Project which has been passed on to ELC. Dunbar CC has now received the full Viridor Grant for the project.

A VAT refund of £1312.26 had been received during the month. Most of this will be transferred to the Civic week and Christmas Lights Accounts where the expenses had been incurred.

6.02 Local Priorities Fund

Updates

1) Dunbar Colts – will attend on October 21st.

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) SESCOT- £500 for Radio Station set up. Following confirmation of OSCR registration the payment had been made. Thanks had been received.

New Applications

Christmas Lights - £144 to repair a banner arm. Agreed.

The Ridge - £500 for trainees/staff to attend a boatbuilding course. Agreed

St Anne's Peace Garden - £500

Dunbar Craft Centre and Community Shed - £500

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 -

A report had been circulated by GA

Christmas Lights

All TTROs have been requested and confirmation is awaited.

A structural engineers survey was completed on August 1th. Calculations will be confirmed for the pull tests on 4th September.

DAG is booked for the 25th September for the switch On.

Bookings have been made for the Switch On. A Street ceilidh is being considered.

Upgrades are ongoing but this is slow due to the poor lighting in the Corn Exchange.

A display for the station has been considered but Network rail wish to charge £1500 to look at the proposals. NH and IH will look into this. JB suggested that Alan Brooking, as Network Rail Community Liaison officer might be able to assist with discussions.

IH/NH

Banners and Bunting – There had been a number of positive comments from the community. Some strings of bunting had been damaged by the weather and some are beyond repair. A quote has been requested to replace the 6 or 7 damaged ones. Banners and bunting will be taken down on 8th September. Contact i9s still to be made with the DTA.

Bank Balance – at the month end was £10975.92. A £500 donation had been received from the outgoing chair of Dunbar Rotary.

During the current year £2176.49 had been spent on the Corn Exchange and £2714.28 on High Street painting.

7.02 Civic Week

Thanks had been received from the Salvation Army for the contribution to their work.

Thanks had been received from Fraser Stewart for the £100 donation.

The bank balance at the month end was £7619.42. A separate report on the success of Civic Week 2019 had already been circulated.

8.00 DCC INITIATIVES

8.01 War Memorial Project (HC)

- Payment had been made to ELC for settlement of the Robertson Memorial bill..
- The Viridor Grant had been received and paid over to ELC
- Donations had also come from EDF, Dunbar Rotary, Greene King and a private benefactor.
- The donations had enabled the commissioning from Robertson Granite of the Nordern Grey granite plaque on which the named will be carried. The black raised lead letters will be of the same size and font as on the existing plaques the layout of which will mirror the existing 3 plaques. There will be space for

further names as they emerge in the future. The plaque will be attached by David Spiden of DS Masonry. The work should be completed by mid October.

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 has chased up. Staff have been busy dealing with overgrown vegetation.

8.03 Corn Exchange Repair - A report had been circulated by GA.

In the current year there has been no financial support from ELC. The Council is reviewing its Common Good estate but this is of limited assistance to Dunbar CC as an immediate injection of cash would enable the project to move forward.

A grant of £12,500 had been awarded by DELAP. This is subject to a survey.

Members agreed that a practical solution is required to enable the Team to move forward with repairs. It was noted again that the volunteer work will save ELC the labour costs of buying in work. It was also noted that Haddington Corn Exchange has had refurbishment work over the years. Upgrade of the lighting will be a challenge for this year whilst there is a delay in monies for the work. GA will follow up with Doug Haig when Doug returns from holiday.

8.04 Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)

- Payment had been made to The Ridge for plants

8.05 650th Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter/50th Anniversary of Civic Week

- PS had circulated brief information. She had asked SB to draw up proposals. He had sent a short briefing.
- Plan to be consolidated with team

PS

8.06 Community Resilience (IH) – Update

- Sandy Baptie is arranging a Resilience Seminar on October 26th.
- A new automatic alert arrangement is being set up for weather matters etc. Those interested can sign up for this on line.

8.07 End of WW2 Commemoration 2020

- WC will communicate with schools once they are fully up and running after the holidays. The Primary School have expressed an interest. If there is school 'buy in', DCC will endeavour to build an event around this.

WC

9.00 AREA PARTNERSHIP

9.01 Business Meeting August 12th

Further funding applications had been approved including to the Corn Exchange and Day Centre. Substantial sums had also been granted to educational projects. Consultation is being held on Priorities for the new DELAP Plan. Boards are in place at Bleachingfield Centre. Consultation is on line via the ELC Consultation Hub and paper responses can be submitted at the Bleachingfield Centre.

9.02 Next Business Meeting – October 7th

Next Health and Wellbeing sub group meeting – August 21st

10.00 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS

10.01 Health and Social Care Provision

Re-provisioning – No further information

10.02 DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach

An update meeting had been held on 14th August.

Groyne and Southern Breakwater. A preferred contractor has been identified but they will not be appointed until receipt of the Marine Licence. This is expected in early to mid September.

The contractor will need 4 weeks to mobilise and 8 weeks on site which would give a works end date (weather permitting) before the end of the year. Weather is not seen as an undue problem as the preferred contractor is experienced in marine engineering.

Once a programme is agreed ELC will advise all residents who are likely to be affected by the works. A specific point of contact will be arranged for the public by ELC.

Sea Wall defences and Southern Breakwater

A further void had been discovered in Lamer Street during heavy weather which had undermined the sea walls. This had been made stable.

Beach recharge. This had been discussed and will be considered further when a design consultant is appointed. Appointment of a consultant is awaiting funding.

10.03 20 mph Trial

Morag Haddow had circulated a draft survey for comments. Responses had been made by DCC members.

The survey is now available for public comment on the website, via Facebook and on the ELC Consultation Hub. An article had appeared in the Courier. ELC will make a leaflet drop. The consultation will close on September 22nd.

ELC will conduct a survey on speeds at the same points as before the trial.

IH queried what the Dunbar CC position might be if the result of the trial showed a small reduction in speeds with a small majority of those surveyed favouring the scrapping of the scheme.

HC suggested that the final report should be awaited. He noted that ultimately the decision on whether or not to continue the scheme lay with ELC Councillors. The survey included questions that considered variations of the Scheme e.g. the area covered.

There was discussion about IH's concerns.

It was felt it would be helpful for DCC to see the Report and recommendations before they are made public. A special meeting could be held to discuss them. PS will contact Morag Haddow of ELC to propose this.

PS

10.04 Station

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

There have been some concerns about muddiness and debris at the Countess Road underpass. JB had passed these to Allan Brooking who had followed up concerns.

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 this may be in September but as yet there is no firm date for submission.
2. Golf Club - Application still to be submitted. Residents of Roxburgh Park had raised concerns with PS about the potential impact of some of the development on their properties and the coastline. This is due to the need for

- structures to be raised to meet SEPA regulations to prevent flooding. PS had passed concerns to Tony Thomas of APT consultants who had agreed to seek approval for DCC to see the plans before they are submitted. PS to chase
3. Cala- Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.
 4. 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.
 5. Newtonlees/Gladman Iain McFarlane of ELC Planning has advised that as yet there are no definite proposals from a developer.
 6. Bear. Ian Craig has advised that preparatory works have begun by removal by ELC of the car charger which was blocking the access for construction works. It is hoped that the enabling and installation works will commence around week beginning 23rd September. Works should take 5 – 6 weeks. The Bear has been finished by Andy Scott and it is in storage pending installation. The bear will be lit using a photo voltaic panel and this will also be constructed on the site.
 7. 19/00584/P -Demolition of the Nineteenth, North Road and replacement with another house on the same footprint. ELC had been advised that DCC had no objection. The application had been approved by ELC.
 8. 19/000596/P – Alterations at Dolphin Hotel. JB had advised ELC that DCC supported this application.

11.02 SESPLAN2

This document was rejected by the Scottish Government. Conservative MSP, Miles Briggs, asked the Minister, Kevin Stewart, why this happened and whether the Scottish Government would set out its position on the future of the strategic development plan for the SE Region. The response was that SESPLAN 2 was not informed by an adequate and timely transport appraisal. It did not sufficiently take account of the relationship between land use and transport. The new Planning Act puts a duty on planning authorities to work together to undertake strategic planning. Thus it is now the responsibility of the constituent authorities to decide the next steps. The Scottish Government has offered to support this work.

12.00 MEETINGS ATTENDED

12.01 Day Centre July 16th – JB and GW had attended

There continues to be a change over of service users as some sadly die/go into care and others take their place.

Work has been done to repaint the lounge by Committee member Andrew Brown. External painting is needed. This is the responsibility of the Day Centre Committee. It was suggested that GA might be approached given experience gained from the High Street painting.

Fund raising ideas are being considered. This is essential given the increasing costs of transport which will not be fully covered by ELC.

Work to convert to a SCIO is ongoing.

Inspection by the Care Inspectorate is awaited. Other Day Centres have been visited. All Centres now have the same Inspector. It is hoped this will bring a greater consistency.

12.02 Viridor – July 24th JB and SB had attended

Landfill – Deliveries to the landfill have reduced. Some staff have moved to work at the ERF. At present it is expected that landfill in Scotland will cease in 2020.

Restoration of land continues.

ERF

Usage. Deliveries continue at a rate of about 850 tonnes a day.

Commissioning – The commissioning phase ended on 28/5. The plant is now operational.

Compliance – There have been no compliance issues. The SEPA compliance assessment for 2018 has given an excellent score.

Noise. There has a noise issue on 26/6. This related to an unexpected shut down due to a Scottish Power outage. The start up/close down operation is making more noise than planned. The Contractor is to look at the problem and hopefully find an engineering solution to the noise. This work will be done when the plan has its annual outage between 9th and 30th September. Members of the public may hear noises during this period but it is hoped that the remedial works will mean ongoing noise reduction.

Medical Waste – About 40 tons a day are being handled. This will continue whilst NHS Scotland continue to seek a longer term solution. The current agreement with SEPA covers until the end of October. It would need to be renewed if a long term solution has not been found by then.

Community Matters

Art – A mural is being created for the Visitor Centre. Various groups e.g. school pupils have been involved in litter picks and artwork to be incorporated into a design by Svetlana Kondakova.

Apprentice recruitment – interviews have been held. It is hoped to appoint very soon.

Community Grants – The system for local grants is being re -evaluated by Pennon Head Office. At present no local projects are being funded. £1000 had been given to Lifeboat Day but that has been a longstanding and ongoing commitment.

The Viridor Credits Scottish Panel is likely to be ceasing. The most recent meeting only had £50K to distribute and was greatly oversubscribed. This reflects the national reduction in landfill tax. Grant decisions are likely to be administered from Taunton.

Skip – A large skip has been creating a hazard in Beveridge Row whilst a house and garden has been cleared. Viridor staff were surprised it had a permit from ELC to be on the public road. Calls were made to arrange removal of the skip within the day by the removal company who had hired it from Viridor.

12.03

Dunbar Community Woodland Group – July 24th

JB had met with DCWG Chair, Emma Hurley. Issues were discussed relating to the Halhill North application, particularly the need to consider provision for wildlife habitat and movement in plans e.g. wildlife corridors. Also discussed was the condition of the laundry building. It was noted that DCDC trustees are to link with DCWG and the Ridge about this.

13.00 CORRESPONDENCE

13.01 **Via Facebook – Alan King**. Seeking update on bear statue. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – various. Skip blocking Beveridge Row near Fairfield. JB had responded. Police had attended.

Tom Drysdale, Chair, Gullane Community Council – Seeking Information on Cut out Cops. JB had responded.

Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading Newsletters

Brake – newsletters

Isobel Knox, DCWG – Query about Halhill North application. JB had responded

Salvation Army – Thanks for the financial contribution from Civic Week

Marie Scott- Concerns about dog owners ignoring No Dogs sign at Lauderdale Park. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Kate Ainslie – Dog issues at Lauderdale Park – JB had responded.

Planning Democracy- Update on the rejection of SESPLAN 2 by the Scottish Government

Via Facebook – William Main- Damaged signs at Newtonlees following grass cutting. JB had responded.

Scottish Community Councils – Scottish Land Commission Survey

Alan Brooking – Station Update

Sandy Baptie – Information on Neighbourhood Watch Alerts system for weather events etc.

Planning Democracy – Newsletter

East Lothian Community Councils – East Lothian Archaeology and Local History Fortnight

East Lothian Community Councils – Scottish Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

Miriam Anderson – Update on RVS Services at Haddington Community Hospital

Residents of Roxburgh Park – Concerns about Golf Course Development. PS and JB had responded

East Lothian Community Councils – Factsheet on Land reform

East Lothian Community Councils – MSP Community Connector Programme

Dr Greenwood – Concerns about Bus Timetables and Information – PD and JB had responded

George McCombe – Inequalities in Dunbar. PS and JB had responded

Ken Pratt – Queries about Sgt Penn and Lothians and Border Horse – GE and JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Finlay Cooke – Taxi idling. Passed to Tom Burr at Environmental Health

Via Facebook – Romie Blair – Concerns about condition of Yosemite Park Playpark. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Romie Blair – Concerns about parking at Yosemite Park. JB had passed to Police

Sue Anderson – Faded road markings near Cement Works Junction – JB had passed to Roads

Sue Anderson – Damage to Cliff top trail compass. JB and GR had responded. Graham Brotherston dealing with it at ELC.

Via Facebook – Mud and debris from Station works at Countess Road underpass - passed by JB to Allan Brooking

Melanie Roccio – Seeking information on High Street painting (wishing to replicate in Musselburgh) – passed by JB to GA

Via Facebook – Louisa Mitchell – Concerns about faded crossing markings in High Street. JB had responded.

ELC Roads – Emergency road closure at Lamer Street

Lorna Bunney- Dementia Friends Training 19th September

Ralph Averbuch – Seeking Community Council Views on the Operation of Area Partnerships

Wendy Makle, ELC- East Lothian Traditional Skills Festival at Cockenzie House

Claire Goodwin, ELC- East Lothian Partnership Forum on Place making – 9-12.45 on 5th October at QMU.

East Lothian Community Councils – Hold Your Own Climate Change Conversation. PS had passed to Sustaining Dunbar.

East Lothian Community Councils – Seeking updated CC Contact Information

East Lothian Community Councils - Funding Fair

East Lothian Community Councils – Scottish Government funded initiatives in Prestonpans and Haddington

14.00 AOB

- 14.01 MSP Community Connector Programme – PS had circulated information. Iain Gray will come to Dunbar on 2nd September for a ‘walk round’. PS had asked DCC members for issues to be addressed by Iain.
- 14.02 Dunbar Dementia Network – Dementia Friends Training 7 pm 19th September at Bleachingfield Centre
- 14.03 Clan Dunbar.
PS, AS and SB had met with members when they had visited the town. Gordon Easingwood of DDHC co-ordinated the visit. The group thoroughly enjoyed their time in the town and its harbours and will endeavour to stay longer next time.
- 14.04 Resilience Alerts (Neighbourhood Watch) – GR had spoken to Philip Immirzi to see if there might be a way for these to directly feed from the automated alerts which Sandy Baptie had sent information on to DCC Facebook and website. However, it seems that alerts would still need to be posted by an individual as a share from the site.
- 14.04 Town Centre Funding – HC noted that funds had been received by ELC for projects in Prestonpans, Tranent and Haddington.
- 14.05 Partnership Forum, 5th October at QMU. This will look at Local Place Plans which are part of the new Planning legislation. Where communities produce such plans local authorities are expected to take them into account when developing their own Local Development Plans. PS, JB and GR were interested in attending.

ALL

15.00 DCC MEETINGS

- 15.01 DCC Full Business Meeting September 16th 2019 (Public Holiday) Apologies J Bell, Will Collin. JB will advise Jo Moulin of the plan to hold a meeting. Pippa Swan will take minutes.