



## Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

### MINUTES OF MEETING

#### 1.00 SEDERUNT

Pippa Swan (Chair) (PS), Graham Adams (Vice Chair) (GA), Alasdair Swan (Treasurer) (AS), Jacquie Bell (Secretary) (JB), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Herbert Coutts (HC), Will Collin (WC), Loretta Stewart (LS), Gill Wilson (GW), Craig Rapson (CR)

Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cameron Ritchie (Press)

Dunbar Colts (Stuart Allan, Cameron McPheat, Gregor Goldie, Morgan Laird, Cameron Sands, Declan Hannan, Ruiraidh Monroe)

Mike Shaw (Member of the Public)

George Laing (Member of the Public) came briefly but after discussion with JB felt his concerns about Youth Disorder would be better raised at the forthcoming CAPP meeting and he left before the meeting commenced.

#### 1.01 Apologies – Ian Hamilton

Resignation - Lynne Lewis had tendered her apologies after the September meeting. PS had written to thank her for her contribution to DCC.

#### 1.02 WELCOME

PS welcomed all to the meeting. Particular welcome was given to

- Dunbar Colts and their Coaches, Stuart Allan and Cameron McPheat, to give feedback on their Local Priority Grant expenditure.
- Craig Rapson – Nominee for DCC membership

#### 2.00 GUEST PRESENTATION -DUNBAR COLTS

Members of the U15 Colts Team led by their coaches Stuart and Cameron gave a presentation about the achievements of the Team and the use of the Awards made to them from the Local Priorities Fund in 2018 and 2019.

The boys have been playing together for some time through the different year groups of the Colts. Colt members range from Under 8s to Under 19s. There are also girls involved. They enjoy playing but the Colts are also an opportunity to make friends and meet new people.

The Team currently play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of SE Region which has 11 teams in all.

Members are registered with the Scottish Youth Football Association. Most members live locally.

The Colts had used the LAP money to fund entry to the Edinburgh Cup. In 2018 this had been held at Meggetland and in 2019 the venue had been Peffermill. Over 400 teams had taken part over 3 days and thus it was a good opportunity to play against teams of varying skill levels. The Team had achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in their Grouping.

The Colts have also reached the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Scottish Cup.

All said how much they appreciated the LP funding to enable them to take part in the Tournament.

The Team answered a number of questions from Community Councillors. Members commended their positive role model for other young people and as ambassadors for Dunbar.

PS thanked the Team for their contribution to the meeting and wished them well for the remainder of the season.

### **3.00 NOMINATION TO DCC – CRAIG RAPSON**

CR spoke to his application papers which had been circulated.

He has been living with his family in Dunbar for 15 years. He and his wife are both active in the life of the town. CR is involved in coaching sports and is an active member of the Christmas Lights Team. He was part of the High Street Painting Squad. CR said he wished to play an active part in DCC and work on behalf of the town. Following a brief discussion with members CR was asked to withdraw whilst a decision was made on his membership.

Members unanimously agreed to appoint CR to DCC and he was welcomed back to the room as a full voting member of the Group.

JB will inform ELC of CRs details.

**JB**

### **4.00 AGM 2019 – Chaired by Stephen Bunyan**

AGM 2018 Minutes had been re-circulated for information prior to the meeting

#### **4.01 Chairman's Opening Comments**

SB thanked PS for inviting him to Chair this part of the meeting as the former Chair of DCC.

#### **4.02 Reports**

- i. Chairman – PS spoke to her report (attached as an Appendix to the minute). She noted that she had taken over from SB in 2018 – a hard act to follow after his many years of service to DCC. She gave thanks to the different areas of work of Dunbar CC through the various members. She thanked all for their time, commitment and hard work for the benefit of the Community. PS was thanked by SB for her comprehensive report.
- ii. Treasurer – AS had circulated the Annual Accounts for 2018-19 which had been independently examined by John Sparksman. These were proposed as an accurate account by HC and Seconded by GR. AS will submit the Accounts to ELC.  
AS noted that John Sparksman wishes to retire from his role as Independent Examiner after many years. An alternative will need to be sought in time for examination of the Accounts for 2019-20.

**AS**

#### **4.03 Election of Office Bearers 2019/20**

- i. Chairman (Incumbent, Pippa Swan)- Pippa Swan (Proposed GA, 2<sup>nd</sup> GW)
- ii. Vice Chairman (Incumbent, Graham Adams) - Graham Adams (AS,PS)
- iii. Treasurer (Incumbent, Alasdair Swan) - Alasdair Swan (JB,GW)
- iv. Secretary (Incumbent, Jacquie Bell) - Jacquie Bell (HC, AS)

#### **4.04 Selection of DCC Representatives to Community Panels/Trusts**

- i. Torness Liaison – Alasdair Swan
- ii. Tarmac/Lafarge Liaison – George Robertson
- iii. Viridor Liaison – Jacquie Bell, Stephen Bunyan
- iv. John Muir Birthplace Trust – Will Collin
- v. John Muir Country Park Advisory Group – SB Chairs and attends on behalf of the Antiquarian Society. WC attends on behalf of Dunbar CC. WC noted that changes are being considered, particularly in relation to concerns about Wildfowling in the area as wildfowling are represented on the Group. It does

- not meet regularly. It was agreed that current representation will continue for now. SB will contact Neil Clark at ELC for an update.
- vi. Town House Working Group – SB, WC. HC also expressed an interest in attending which was agreed.
  - vii. Bleachingfield Committee – SB has chaired and represented DCC. GW represents the elderly. It was agreed that GW will continue but that LS will replace SB. The Group will need to appoint a new Chair.
  - viii. Dunbar Community Development Company (DCDC)– SB attends for DCC. GW and HC attend for other organisations. This will continue. It was noted that the role of DCDC is being reviewed.
  - ix. CAPP – Loretta Stewart
  - x. Dunbar and East Linton Local Area Partnership (DELAP) – GR attends as Chair. JB attends as Vice Chair and DCC Rep. SB attends as a DCC Rep. JB and SB are voting members. AS and PS are currently substitutes with a vote if JB or SB cannot attend. It was agreed that LS will replace AS as a sub. GR will inform DELAP Admin of the change.
  - xi. Patient Participation Group - GW

SB

GR

PS thanked SB for Chairing the AGM business and resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### DCC Business Meeting

#### 5.00 Minutes of Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

##### 5.01 Amendments

- Lynn Lewis had tendered her apologies
- £500 was agreed for Battle of Dunbar re-enactment from Local Priorities

The Minutes duly amended were approved. (Proposed AS, Seconded GR)

##### 5.02 Action Item Review

Items had been attended to or were discussed on the Agenda.

#### 6.00 POLICE REPORT

There was no formal report. However, a brief update from PC Ross had been circulated by JB.

*Youth Issues.* These continue. The main issue at present is them congregating in the gathering space at Lochend Woods. Bottles are being smashed which is a safety concern for others using the area, particularly young children. Some youths have been spoken to about the concerns and they have not returned.

Prior to Hallowe'en Police officers have advised retailers not to sell eggs to youths. About 22.30 on 14<sup>th</sup> October Police had to assist staff at McDonalds to eject a large group of unruly youths.

*Disturbance* – On 1<sup>st</sup> October there was a disturbance at Lloyds Chemist. 2 males were asked to leave. Subsequently, one male was arrested and charged with a number of offences.

*Theft* – Shortly after midday on 10<sup>th</sup> October a silver Berlingo van was stolen from Bayview Circus (Cala Homes).

##### 6.01 CAPP Priorities from 23<sup>rd</sup> September

- Cut Out Cops – to be sited in the vicinity of Primary Schools
- Anti Social Behaviour at West End of Brodie Road
- Innerwick vandalism

##### 6.02 Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on 6<sup>th</sup> November at Dunbar Police Station

Issues should be passed to Loretta Stewart.

## **7.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **7.01 Norman Hampshire**

*SESPLAN 2* – This had been rejected by the Scottish Government. Information is awaited from Scottish Government so that work can begin on the next Local Development Plan. Officers will be working with Civil Servants. It is hoped that local authorities will be able to influence the proposals. A new National Planning Framework is expected to give the thrust on requirements for new development. It is intended to do a full consultation with communities on proposals.

*Waste Services* – The expansion of new housing in East Lothian is putting pressure on waste collection. There continues to be concern as to how the new Deposit Return Scheme for bottles and cans will function. The Scheme is likely to cream off the most valuable items for recycling and potentially it could be harder to find markets for other recycled materials

*Budget* – Work is beginning on the next budget. There will be difficult decisions to make as there are increasing demands on services like child care and adult social care due to increasing requirements by the Scottish Government. As yet it is not known when ELC will hear of the new financial settlement from Holyrood. The financial situation is made more complex by the uncertainty of the political arena related to Brexit.

### **7.02 Sue Kempson**

Alzheimer Scotland- SK will pass on to PS for circulation a link to a campaign challenging the disparity between funding for services for those Under 65s with Dementia in contrast to other diseases like Cancer.

**SK**

### **7.03 Questions to Councillors**

1. Update on the Peter Brett Consultations. NH noted that the findings are still to be finalised. Morag Haddow, the Officer involved at ELC, is also drawing up findings on the 20mph consultation.
2. CARS funding – NH noted that ELC Officers are discussing the application with HES. The application should be submitted by Mid November.
3. Date for Snack Van application Planning Committee. SK noted this is expected to be in November (5<sup>th</sup>). This will be confirmed. Someone from DCC will attend to speak to the Group's concerns. NH noted that he has called in the Dolphin Application (See 14.01).
4. Charges for Community Groups – TTRO and Public Performance Licenses. The potential for charges by ELC has caused concern to charities and Community Councils. JB noted that Ralph Averbuch, Chair of AELCC had written to express concerns. NH noted that it has been agreed that charities and community groups should not be charged. They will be advised of the costs and invoiced but a grant will be given to cover the costs. The process for this is to be formalised and groups will be advised. GA thanked NH for his assistance with this.
5. East Beach. PS asked for an update which was given by NH (See 13.02)
6. Travellers. JB noted issues with Travellers at Newtonlees/Broxburn who had broken through the earth bund and moved concrete bollards to access the old road. NH noted that ELC Officer, Alexander Arundel is liaising with Police Scotland. The Travellers are camped on the public road and its verge which is an offence. It is to be seen if the Police can move them on. Otherwise a Court Order will be needed from Edinburgh Sherriff Court which will take at least 21 days to come into force.

## **8.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT- Circulated By e mail**

## 8.01 **Town Maintenance Issues**

### **Roads and Pavements**

*Hospital Road.* Further request for jetpatching had been made in October 2019. Longer term repair is linked to future road links as part of the Halhill North development.

*Dropped kerbs at Boroughdales and Summerfield Road* have subsided and are prone to flooding. Works are to be programmed by ELC.

*Uneven pavement in Westgate* – trip hazard for Day Centre Users. The pot hole has been filled in. Longer term repair is to be programmed by ELC.

*Uneven slopes to crossings in West Port and High Street.* These are not DDA compliant and there have been a number of falls with injury. ELC are to programme alternative surfaces and slope gradients for 2020/21.

*Faded crossing markings in High Street.* Passed to ELC June 2019. To be programmed.

*Faded road markings near cement works-* passed to ELC August 2019.

### **Signage**

*Damaged signs near Station.* Reported 27/8. Repaired September 2019.

*Diversion signs* – Had been left around the High Street after A1 Roadworks and had been moved around by youths. JB had contacted ELC Roads on 16/10 who were to contact the owner for them to be removed.

### **Structures**

*Queens Road wall (Four Seasons)* Still to be repaired. Condition is declining. The Ridge are willing to do the work but Four Seasons Estates have not taken action. Building Control have been asked to take enforcement action without response NH was to take this forward with ELC in August 2019.

JB had been told of an incident where a toddler had been seen by a member of the public climbing into one of the larger holes.

*Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House (DCDC).* HC and SB had been to look at the structure. Contact is to be made with Kate Darrah of the ridge and DCWG.

*Benches in poor condition near Cherrytrees Nursery.* Barry Craighead of DELAP is still to renovate.

### **Drainage**

*Loose drain cover in Disabled Car Park near Primary School.* A metal plate had been fastened down but a permanent repair is still required by ELC Roads as the plate could easily be removed to reveal a deep hole.

*Missing Toby Top in Belhaven High Street near School.* Reported to Scottish Water 28/8. Repaired September 2019.

*Raised Toby Top in Westgate Near Day Centre.* Now made safe by Scottish water.

*Missing Toby Cover in Pine Street.* Reported to Scottish Water 9/10. Repaired 15/10.

*Dangerous/Broken toby tops in Boroughdales.* Reported to Scottish Water 13/10.

Have been inspected and repairs to be made.

### **Vegetation**

*Overgrown Cala ransom Strip in Beveridge Row* – Cut back in October 2019. A permanent pathway is still to be made as part of the Planning Consent.

*Overgrown trees in DeLisle Street.* These are growing from the Co-op grounds. Passed to ELC Community warden and Tree Officer. Tree Officer to contact Co-op Management.

*Bushes Overhanging the Cycle Path from Beltonford* and making it impassable. Cut back October 2019.

### **Coastal**

*Wire meshing over the coastal defence stones near the Bridge to Nowhere* is breaking up and becoming dangerous – passed to ELC (Neil Clark) 25/9.

*Damaged steps on Clifftop Trail* – reported to Tara Sykes – September 2019.

## 8.02 **Meetings Attended**

### **DTA 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Chair, Philip Mellor, noted that Pauline Jaffray is needing to step back for a time. Her input will be much missed.

It was agreed that the DTA still has a role to play in promoting business in the town. However, it was agreed to change to meeting quarterly rather than monthly. Extra meeting can be arranged if anything urgent should need to be discussed.

JB urged members to consider priority areas for the DELAP Area Plan.

Following the withdrawal of funding by ELC it may be necessary for some tasks managed by DTA to be taken on by other groups e.g. hanging baskets.

JB noted that Doug Haig had been talking to Alan Brooking about publicity on the railways once the platform is complete. JB will ask Mr Brooking to contact Philip Mellor about this.

It was noted that the outcome of the 20 mph Trial was still awaited.

#### 8.03 **Services**

**Car Charging Points** – Members of the public had noted concerns about ELC Cabinet's decision to charge the public for using chargers installed by ELC with funds from Scottish Government.

**Bus Service to Brodie Road** – Concerns continue about the timing of the 130 not being appropriate for the school day. This will be raised by JB at the Bus Forum.

**Timetable Information** – East Coast took down timetables for other services in July. Operators are not meant to do this when they update services. Passed to ELC in July but still no Borders or eve information at many stops. Will be raised at the Bus Forum.

**SESCOT Radio** has been offered premises to use on a temporary basis until a Portacabin can be erected at Halhill.

#### 8.04 **Other**

**Cycle Paths around housing south of the railway line** – Still needed.

**Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane** – still needed

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

The Middlemass Road plots are for auction again on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Following contact from JB the advertising Standards authority (ASA) had raised concerns about the catalogue information with the Auction House. However, the wording has only changed from Freehold to Leasehold. JB has written again to ASA. Ads now appear on Right Move and Prime Location websites. JB and residents have written to them. ASA have suggested contacting Trading Standards who had previously contacted the Auction House in 2018. The Auction House are also marketing similar areas of amenity land on housing estates in other parts of Scotland e.g. Newmacher in Aberdeenshire.

The playparks in Wilson Place and Wilson Road remain in a dangerous condition. JB had again contacted Environmental Protection and Planning Enforcement without response.

JB maintains contact with the Residents Association. They have been to see iain Gray MSP who has been supportive.

After a long wait the Association had had a response from Angela Leitch. She had asked ELC Departments (Planning and Environmental Protection) to follow matters up. The Association have also taken legal advice regarding action against the owners of the playparks. They and JB are in contact with the Unhappy Homeowners Against Greenbelt

**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

**Idling Taxis** – Still being followed up by Tom Burr of Environmental Health. Further incidents of idling at the station have been reported to him.

**Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA**. These are still unfinished and get

muddy. There is a lack of lighting. Roy Newey of Robertson Homes advises that they are seeking permission from Network rail for works under the bridge and lighting. This is not proving easy even with the involvement of ELC. He noted that path construction has involved lengthy discussions with landowners as the area is out with the ownership of Robertson or Avant Homes. Network rail permission is needed to complete the pathway. He notes that Robertson Homes are committed to providing a link but they can only do so with the necessary agreements and agreed details in place which they will continue to pursue from the relevant parties.

This situation has implications for the new Robertson Homes application at Newtonlees/Broxburn as some access routes in that area are in private ownership. **Wildfowling at John Muir Country Park.** A member of the public has raised concerns. Wildfowling is allowed with a permit from ELC (Unlimited permits for residents of the Lothians and 100 Visitor Permits per annum). This is subject to an ELC bye law. This could be changed by ELC Councillors without a change in national legislation if they were minded to end the practice. The resident had been advised to contact ELC Landscape and Countryside/Legal Services. It had been noted to them that there is an ELC Petitions Committee to which concerns can be raised.

8.05 **Matters arising/questions:**

*Queens Road Wall* – NH advised that ELC staff will inspect the wall.

*Cala Ransom Strip* – SB noted a further overgrown ransom strip near his home which is needing attention

*Co-op Overgrown Trees* – SB noted that a tree is growing from the old Monks Croft structure in the Co-op grounds.

It was agreed that a card would be sent to Pauline Jaffray

JB

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

9.01 Financial Statement

The General Fund balance at the month end was £12,213.87.

Included in this figure is the amount of £5000 paid in error by ELC which had been refunded to ELC in October.

Also included in the figure is the unrestricted Local Priorities Fund.

A VAT Claim had been lodged for £897.13. In the year to date £1949.33 of VAT had been recovered for Christmas Lights and £146.12 for Civic Week.

9.02 Local Priorities Fund

Updates

*St Anne's Peace Garden* - £500 Paid. Letter of thanks received.

*Dunbar Craft Centre and Community Shed* - £500 Paid. A note of thanks had been received.

*Battlefields Trust* - £750 for re-enactment in September 2019. £500 agreed. Paid.

Outstanding Application -

*Care For the Elderly* - £200 for local activities. information had been circulated again by AS as not all members had received it. The payment of £200 was approved.

New Applications

*James Page* (Dunbar Street Art Trail) – £500 towards a public arts and nature event – Creating a Mural at the Backlands. Information had been circulated. Following discussion it was agreed to offer £175 towards the cost of art materials for the event.

*The Ridge* - £150 towards Christmas Lunch in collaboration with Dunbar Rotary. Approved.

WC suggested that maybe it was time for Dunbar CC to review the policy on Local Priority Awards. Some groups seem to come to DCC as the first port of call rather than use a grant towards a palette of monies towards a project e.g. The Ridge/Rotary had also secured grants from other bodies towards the Christmas Lunch which is

valued by members of the community. WC also noted that some requests are for transitory one off events. Others like the Colts Award may have lasting benefits for those who receive them.

PS noted that the policy had been reviewed in the past and the objectives are noted on the application form. However, it could be considered again at a future date.

## **10.00 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **10.01 Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations**

GA had circulated a report.

A Fund Raising Race Night is being held at the British Legion on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Raffle tickets are now on sale.

The bank balance stands at £24,500.09 which includes the grant of £12,500 for Corn Exchange Repairs.

Monies for advertising signs is starting to come in.

TTROs are all in place and SAG approval has been given for the event.

Work has been progressing on the last works for the year. The final signs will be erected just before switch on. The Thelma Band Trophy will be awarded for designing a new school light.

The Station light needs approval by Scotrail which is being chased by John Whelan.

Upgrade works are now 90% complete.

Put up day will be 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Volunteers would be welcome to assist with stewarding.

Switch On will be on 24<sup>th</sup> November with a range of activities from 2.30. The

Christmas Market will be bigger with stalls now owned by the Christmas Lights – thanks to Yvonne Wemyss for arranging them.

Santa's Grotto will be in the Town House as Smiths Bakery has been sold.

There has been extra cost due to ELC charging for cones and barriers. These have been ordered.

The Bunting and banners had generally been damaged. A quote of £340 had been received to replace the damaged bunting.

GA gave thanks to NH for his assistance with a number of issues e.g. charging for TTROs.

### **10.02 Civic Week**

*No report submitted*

The Civic Week Account stands at £7589.42. There had been no movement on the account during the month.

## **11.00 DCC INITIATIVES**

### **1.01 War Memorial Project (HC)**

HC had circulated a brief update.

The new plaque with the extra names is in place.

A rededication service will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October. The Provost, Lord Lt., local clergy and school pupils will be taking part. 2 of the pupils are great granddaughters of 2 of the men from WW2.

The service will mark the completion of the War Memorial Conservation and Enhancement Project.

### **11.02 Airfields of Britain Memorial Trust – Plaque for Belhaven Sands (JB)**

- The plaque had been installed on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to ELC staff for their assistance.
- JB had updated Mr Bannerman of the Airfields of Britain Memorial Trust with a



- photograph and information on the location.
  - This project is now complete.
- 11.03 Corn Exchange Repair - (GA)

The Grant of £12,500 from DELAP had been received in September. Further scoping was required by ELC which indicated the need for a new fire alarm system and new fire escape doors. The fire escape doors have now been replaced. Old curtains and further old ELC items have been removed. A camera survey of the drainage system indicated no leaks. New floors have been installed and old excavations filled in. Thanks to Chris Bryce and Callum Miller for replacing the floor. GA noted that without the generosity of ITEC and YESSS Electrical in Berwick the new requirements from ELC would not have been deliverable. GA gave thanks to NH and GR for assistance in helping to get the grant and agreements to work required from ELC.
- 11.04 Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)
  - *No update received*
- 11.05 650<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Civic Week (PS/SB)

Meeting to be arranged
- 11.06 Community Resilience (IH) – Update
  - \* Resilience Seminar on October 26<sup>th</sup>. JB had distributed information from Kevin Sewell JB is registered. Others interested should contact Kevin Sewell.
  - IH is working on a draft report.
- 11.07 End of WW2 Commemoration 2020 (WC)
  - WC awaiting feedback from schools but on the basis of the current position it is not anticipated that DCC will take any active role in commemoration.
- 11.08 Empire Cinema Site

Jamie Baker of ELC is currently endeavouring to set up a public meeting/consultation event and is liaising with PS and Kate Darrah of The Ridge. Date tba (See 16.00).
- 11.09 Compass Rose and Plinth (GR)

This had been restored using Civic Pride Funding in 2017. Unfortunately, it had been damaged again during the visit of the Shows in Spring 2019. GR is seeking for it to be repaired again and has been in contact with ELC staff.
- 12.00 AREA PARTNERSHIP (George Robertson, Chairman)**
- 12.01 Business Meeting October 7<sup>th</sup>

A number of grants had been awarded from the General Fund and the Education Budget. Following a ballot of voting members it had been agreed to spend Roads Funding to further improve pedestrian access along Back Road. The next stretch will be from Kirk Park to the entrance of Winterfield Golf Club. This will be completed before the end of the financial year. There had been a limited public response to requests for ideas for the new DELAP Plan. The Consultation period had been extended to October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Young People's Subgroup will not hold a further meeting until it has applications to discuss. The Health and Wellbeing Sub Group reported on its meeting. Potential Priority Proposals are a Dementia Meeting Centre (discussed in August) and Mental Health

Services (discussed in October). Next Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup>. (See 11.01)

12.02 Next Business Meeting – November 25th

### 13.00 COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS

#### 13.01 Health and Social Care Provision

**Re-provisioning** – There had been no progress on the re-provision of Belhaven. JB has been advised by Jane Ogden-Smith of ELHSCP that discussions cannot begin until the move of services to the new Haddington Community Hospital is completed as the same staff team is involved. HCH has been held up due to personnel being involved in discussions regarding the delayed opening of the new Children’s Hospital in Edinburgh.

**GP Services**- A community hub model is still being considered. JB has asked Jane Ogden-Smith for more information.

**Practice Link Workers** – JB had attended a public meeting on 11/10. As part of the new GP Contract and Primary Care improvements ELHSCP are considering providing a link worker service into medical centres across East Lothian. At present Strive provide such a service in 4 practices in the West of the County. The workers receive referrals from GPs to assist people with practical and emotional issues, chiefly by signposting them to appropriate services e.g. counselling, debt advice. ELHSCP are considering what kind of model might be used. The service is likely to be tendered to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector during 2020. There was a discussion as to whether or not the role should include direct assistance e.g. with benefits. It was noted that funding for the Haddington CAB outreach service in Dunbar will be ending. Proposals are likely to be considered by the IJB at its December meeting.

**DFEL** – The next DFEL Gathering will be 10-3.30 on November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Maitlandfield House Hotel.

It is hoped to establish a Dementia Meeting Centre in Dunbar as part of a number of Meeting centres around the communities of East Lothian.

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

This had met on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Notes had been circulated by JB.

It was noted that there was no further information *on Re-provisioning*.

There was a discussion about the availability of *mental health services*. This followed a contact from a member of the public concerned that since the closure of Crossreach there is no local counselling service. Crossreach has moved to Prestonpans and Changes is based in Musselburgh. Both are difficult to access without a car. It was noted that there is a significant number of people suffering from anxiety/depression/other issues who would benefit from support. It was noted that there are issues reported from DGS about children from the new housing estates who are having difficulty engaging with others.

It was agreed that access to local mental health supports should be a priority for the DELAP Plan. Following the meeting JB had met with a member of the Changes Board who had indicated that if there were sufficient numbers interested a local service could be considered and JB will contact Changes about this.

Patient Participation Groups – Frances Rollison had given an update on the Dunbar Group which now covers all 3 practices.

*Dementia Meeting Centres* – Sue Northrop of DFEL had been unable to attend. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. It is hoped to establish a Meeting Centre in Dunbar.

*Next Meeting* – November 20th.

#### 13.02 DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach - Update

- The Marine License has been issued.
- Due to winter weather conditions work will commence in the Spring.

- Sand is accumulating at speed on its own accord. Progress of this natural renewal will be monitored to help decide the layout of structures.
- NH is endeavouring to secure funding for both the north breakwater and a beach recharge.
- NH noted that Crown estates own Dunbar Beach. They get monies from Scottish water for the pipeline at East Beach. Thus ELC is negotiating with Crown estates for some monies towards the project.

### 13.03 20 mph Trial

Outcome of consultation awaited.

### 13.04 Station

Network Rail continue to liaise with DCC and issue regular updates.

There has been a slight delay in procurement of the footbridge as the original supplier had gone into Administration. However, a new manufacturer had been sourced.

Engineering works have led to the suspension of train services over a number of weekends.

## 14.00 **PLANNING AND LICENSING**

### 14.01 Planning matters to note:

1. Halhill North. 00920/P. Formal application awaited. Taylor Wimpey had held an exhibition on 26/9. ELC are keen to see a link from Belhaven to Spott Road through the new housing area. There have been a number of concerns expressed about this proposal from various members of the community. Taylor Wimpey reps have suggested that they do not wish a route through the housing. Taylor Wimpey were to amend the proposals after the exhibition and wish to present the new ideas to the Community Council at the November meeting
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//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 submitted DCC views on this application by Robertson Homes. JB had met with local residents regarding their concerns about the development. Application to be determined.
5. Bear. Works are ongoing.
6. 19/000596/P – Alterations at Dolphin Hotel. JB had advised ELC that DCC supported this application. NH noted that he had called in the application for the November Planning Committee. Planners have concerns about the use of solar panels in the Conservation Area. Members noted concern that use of renewables may lead to rejection of the whole project to regenerate the long empty building in a way which would bring benefits to the town in the proposed use as a hostel.
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. Cllr Kempson has called the application in. Planning Committee expected to be 5<sup>th</sup> November.
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. The applicant is in discussion with ELC about safe pedestrian access. Application to be determined.
9. 19/000871/P – Extension to Bar Area at Halhill Healthy Living Centre. JB had

circulated papers. JB had advised ELC that DCC supported the application. It had been noted that land ownership was DCDC rather than DCC as on the application form and that 3 members of DCC were Directors of DCDC and thus had noted an interest in the application. Application to be determined.

10. 19/00623/P – Change of Use of St Andrews Centre (Former Manse) from Class 2 Office use to 4 flats and associated works. JB had circulated information and had advised ELC that DCC are supportive of the change.

#### 14.02 Licensing Matter to Note

Ralph Averbuch of AELCC has written to ELC Licensing Sub committee with concerns about the scale of charges to community groups for temporary Public Performance Licenses for use of music at events.

### 15.00 **MEETINGS ATTENDED**

#### 15.01 **East Lothian Partnership Forum – Town and Country Placemaking Held at QMU on 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

JB, GR, AS and PS had attended.

Local Place Plans are to be introduced as part of new Scottish Planning legislation. It is hoped by the Scottish Government that communities will engage in devising them. Local authorities are to take them into account when developing Local Development Plans.

There were a number of speakers talking on the importance of placemaking – making connections between people and the spaces they occupy.

Communities and stakeholders need to work together to improve places.

Places involve the physical (fields, streets etc), economic and social aspects. The condition of the physical space and the economic well being of a place can affect how people feel about the place and their mental well being. People feel happier if the place they occupy is well looked after and there is a thriving economy. People's wellbeing, both physical and mental, is enhanced by access to green spaces where they can socialise, take exercise and enjoy the landscape.

Thus it is important to work together and plan to create places that enhance wellbeing.

The Place Standard Tool was suggested as a model for use in engaging with communities to create better places. Examples were given of the use of the Place Standard Tool in Fife to improve Town Centres in Lochgelly, Cowdenbeath and Kirkaldy.

JB had circulated information on the Place Standard Tool.

Attendees had opportunities to attend a number of workshops e.g. on Climate Change, Green spaces and Protecting Heritage.

### 16.00 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Torness** – Newsletters

**Via Facebook**- Gillian Tennant – information on DCC meetings. JB had responded.

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

**Dunbar in Bloom** – Winners of Gold Award for Coastal Town Category at Beautiful Scotland Awards. PS had sent a note of congratulation.

**Via e mail. Liz Thom.** Concerns about repair outlet at Shore Road Car Park. JB had responded that this was a temporary arrangement for the Surf Centre Opening Event.

**Via Facebook – Bex Weightman Matteucci**- concerns about state of path/underpass between Robertson Homes and ASDA. Passed to Robertson Homes who had responded. Permission to complete works is needed from Network Rail.

**ELC Community Councils** – Funding update from SCVO

**ELC Community Councils** – Meeting of East Lothian Friendly Food Forum – 6.30 pm

on 8<sup>th</sup> October in Musselburgh.

**ELC-** Angela Leitch, CEO of ELC leaving the Council in December for a post with Public Health Scotland

**Via Facebook- Heather Christie-** Concerns about roadworks disruption near Cala estate. JB had responded

**Via Facebook- Wendy Logan-** Dog Fouling issues at Persimmon Playpark. JB had responded and passed to ELC/Halhill Residents Association. The playpark is still maintained by Persimmon.

**Via Facebook- Fiona Davidson** – erosion issues near Bridge to Nowhere. JB had responded and passed to ELC

**Via Facebook- Dionne Jones-**concerns about overgrown cycle path- JB had responded and passed to ELC. Path now cleared.

**Scottish Communities Alliance** – Local People Leading Newsletters

**Via Facebook – Harrison Stirling** – query about commercial stalls at Fireworks. JB had noted that Rotary arrange this.

**Via Facebook – Morag Haddow** – Advising of Halhill North exhibition by Taylor Wimpey on 26/9.

**Karen Leitch, Belhaven Hill School** – Seeking sites to plant 105 trees from the Woodland Trust Trees for Schools Project

**Via Facebook- Alex McLean** – Concerns about access to mental health counselling services. Discussed at Health and Social Care Meeting.

**Fraser Stewart** – Photography Exhibition dates

**Brake** – Newsletters

**Sandy Baptie** – Information on the Safety of Scottish Water reservoirs following issues at Toddbrook Reservoir in England

**Allan Brooking** – Update on new Railway Platform and Bridge

**Planning Democracy** – Newsletter

**Twinning Association** – Newsletter. Visitors are coming from Lignieres 24-29 October. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Twinning.

**Sue Northrop-** DFEL Newsletter/Update on Dementia Meeting Centres

**Ralph Averbuch** – Copy of letter re Temporary Public Entertainment Licenses sent to ELC

**Ralph Averbuch** -Area Partnership /Community Council Relationships

**Ralph Averbuch-**Electricity Bill Legislation

**Mark James** – Request to Present on Community Energy Futures JB had responded.

**Via Facebook-**Andrea Johnstonova – Taxi Idling. JB had responded.

**Pamela Huntley** – Concerns about abandoned bike, left behind diversion signage. JB had responded.

**Via Facebook- Lorraine Ross-** Concerns about Wildfowling at John Muir Country Park- JB had responded

**Various** – Concerns about Travellers at Newtonlees/Broxburn – JB had responded

**Dunbar Guides-** Invitation to Coffee Morning on 26<sup>th</sup> November at Parish Church Hall

## 16.00 AOB

### 16.01 Woodlands Trust – Trees for Schools

PS gave more information on the approach from Karen Leitch of Belhaven Hill School seeking suggestions for sites to plant trees from the Woodland Trust. JB agreed to contact DCWG, Belhaven Community Garden, Naomi Barnes of Rewilding East Lothian and West Barns CC for suggestions. Others will also consider possibilities. WC noted plans by The Ridge for improvements at the Parish Churchyard and agreed to circulate an article from the Parish Magazine about this project. Ideas for sites should be submitted to PS by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL**

### 16.02 Dunbar and District Twinning Association

SB advised that visitors from Lignieres and its surrounding cantons will be visiting

Dunbar and District from 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October. He outlined the programme of activities. The visit marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Twinning Agreement with Lignieres.

**16.03 Requests for Meetings – Dates to be agreed**

- Taylor Wimpey – wish to attend the November meeting prior to submitting the Halhill North application. JB will confirm arrangements with them. **JB**
- Robertson Homes – to discuss future plans for Dunbar and environs – tour of the Robertson development and off site meeting. PS was to be meeting with Robertson Homes on 23/10. She will discuss with them arrangements for other CC members to have dialogue with Robertson Homes. **PS**
- Mark James – Talk on Community Energy Futures – It was agreed to invite him to come to the January meeting. **JB**

**16.04 Empire Close Development**

HC raised concerns regarding the role of DCC in plans for this area. He noted that The Ridge have been in discussions with ELC about use of the site for a small number of specialist units to accommodate young people supported by The Ridge. He queried if the paper on the potential use of the site by PS might compromise DCC if members were asked to support the ideas in the paper and then be asked to submit views as statutory consultees on any Planning application by The Ridge.

PS stated that the sketch proposal for the Empire Cinema site and adjacent ground that she had circulated several times since its inception in 2016 had been generated following feedback gleaned from the Main Issues Report public consultation which indicated demand for homes for old and young, workplaces and storage close to High St. It had been widely shared with ELC and elected councillors; it was intended to promote discussion on the art of the possible and was not a 'solution'. GR and AS separately expressed the view that it was entirely appropriate for DCC to have an opinion on the use of land in Dunbar. The Empire Cinema site represents a potentially valuable opportunity to meet community need. AS and GR both noted that ELC are to carry out a full public consultation on development of the site and this was to be welcomed.

**17.00 DCC MEETINGS**

17.01 DCC Full Business Meeting – November 18<sup>th</sup> 2019. 7pm. Town House



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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Pippa Swan

Sincere thanks must firstly go to Stephen Bunyan who stepped down as Chairman of Dunbar Community Council 12 months ago. His years of dedicated service were marked with several events where there were opportunities for him to express his gratitude to all those people who supported him during his decades of tenure. It was evident to all that he is held in the highest regard by those with whom he has worked.

In taking over as Chair, I was keen for the Community Council to develop its reputation for positive involvement in the Community. Council members are now actively involved in important projects throughout the town, throughout the year and their input is both remarked upon and commended by many of our constituents.

Following on from the spectacular success of the High Street Painting project, Graham Adams, DCC Vice Chair and Christmas Lights Chairman, has worked tirelessly with his team to bring the Corn Exchange building back into full use, whilst continuing to build on the Community success that is Dunbar Christmas Lights.

Stephen Bunyan has continued in his capacity of trustee on so many of Dunbar's community committees and has been unstinting in his support and guidance to me, as Chair.

Ian Hamilton has picked up the Community Resilience baton and is developing a deliverable plan for Dunbar. In a quite different vein, he was

our link man with Lothians and Border Horse in the ceremonies to mark their grant of the freedom of East Lothian and he will continue to liaise with them on our behalf.

Herbert Coutts has taken the lead on the complex work that has seen the restoration of Dunbar's War Memorial. The rededication of the Memorial, to take place next week, will be testament to Herbert's endeavour. Herbert has also been the Community Council lead on the 20mph speed trial in the town and the subsequent public consultation process currently being carried out by East Lothian Council.

Loretta Stewart joined us mid-session and very readily accepted a project to identify the range of activities that are available to us all weekly and monthly. This is now posted on our Community noticeboard. Loretta is also our representative at the Community and Police Partnership meetings.

Alasdair Swan has played an invaluable role as Treasurer. His skills for both fundraising and cash management, together with his successful application to see our Community Council registered for VAT, means that finances for the Council and for its sub committees are in good shape. Alasdair has intimated that John Sparksman, who has been the independent examiner of our accounts for many years, now wishes to retire from this role. The Community council is truly grateful to John for his meticulous service.

George Robertson, Chair of Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership, was the master behind all that was Civic Week in 2019. Supported by a small committee, the week was an enormous success and our grateful thanks go to him. Amongst George's many other contributions to the Community Council are his gift of photography at public events and his management of our website.

Jacquie Bell attends a huge number of meetings and reports back to us all. As Secretary to Dunbar Community Council, she provides the most



comprehensive of reports and is the Community's 'go to' person through DCC social media channels.

Gill Wilson has served for very many years. Her particular and highly valuable contributions lie in her dedication to the delivery of high-quality supports for the elderly, infirm and unwell in our town. Her insights, born of a career in the Health Service and her trusteeship of the Day Centre, are always pertinent.

Lynn Lewis was only a member for a short period, but she must be thanked for her contributions at meeting and, outwith the Community Council, for establishing Dunbar's own Park Run.

Will Collin, another very long serving Community Council member, has engaged with several of the current projects, contributing to their success. I am particularly grateful to him for his very significant input to the Community Awards that take place in June. His continuing links with Dunbar Grammar School place him in a particularly good position to advise us all. He is to be especially thanked for taking the lead in the design and delivery of the WW1 Centenary commemoration ceremonies in Dunbar last year.

My wish for the coming year is that all Community Councillors should continue to involve themselves in Community Projects. The coming year will see a number of infrastructure projects that will affect us all and the Council's input will be important.

Major works to Dunbar's sea defences will start in the spring, Dunbar station will get its new platform and, hopefully, improved car parking solutions. A plan will emerge for Empire Close that will, finally, seek to address housing type shortages in the town as well as providing an adjunct to the continued work of The Ridge. Moves will be made to unlock the commercial sites on Spott Road and this, together with large scale house building to the south and east of Dunbar, will require active engagement to ensure that these developments will be as good as they can be. We hope to see our projects to provide disabled access to Belhaven Bay and a Changing Places disabled

facility at the Leisure Pool delivered in 2020. The High Street will continue to need our positive support, as will initiatives that seek to build Dunbar's reputation as a destination of choice for people of all ages.

Dunbar is a town that we can all be so very proud of and I thank you all for volunteering your past and continuing vision, commitment, time and hard work.

Pippa Swan

19 October 2019