



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

## Minute of Meeting

### 1.00 SEDERUNT

Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Graham Adams (GA) (Vice Chair), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), George Robertson (GR), Gill Wilson (GW), Will Collin (WC), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Herbert Coutts (HC), Craig Rapson (CR), Ian Hamilton (IH)  
Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK)  
Isobel Knox (DCWG) , Eva Hurley (DCWG),  
Rev Keith Mills , Susan Campbell( Members of the Public)  
Cameron Ritchie (Press)  
David Steven (Technical Director Taylor Wimpey), Paula McKeown (Architectural Technician, Taylor Wimpey), James Denholm (Senior Engineer , Taylor Wimpey), Abby Kelman, (Land Engineer Taylor Wimpey)

#### 1.01 Apologies

Alasdair Swan (AS) (Treasurer), Loretta Stewart (AS)

#### 1.02 Welcome

PS Welcomed all to the meeting, particularly staff from Taylor Wimpey.

### 2.00 GUEST PRESENTATION - TAYLOR WIMPEY

Members of staff from Taylor Wimpey gave an update on the plans for Halhill North. This area is within the Local Development Plan for housing provision in Dunbar. A map of the area was presented and ideas discussed. They have made amendments to the planning proposals since the public exhibition in September. They had met with representatives from Dunbar Community Woodland Group (DCWG). It is proposed to submit an application to ELC in the next few weeks. There was a discussion on the proposals.

Main themes were :-

Transport links through the development

Pedestrian and cycle routes along with safe routes to school

Public transport provision

The future of Hospital Road and the A1 Junction

Noise abatement

Play provision

Management of green spaces/factoring in the long term

Wildlife corridors

Provision of social/affordable housing and its dispersal throughout the development

Variation of housing type

Use of renewable energy.

It was agreed that DCC members would pass on views to PS for submission to Taylor Wimpey to inform their formal application to ELC via JB

**ALL**

### **3.00 Minutes of Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

#### **3.01 Amendments and Approval**

4.04. HC had expressed an interest in attending meetings of the Town House Working Group. This had been noted.

16.04 (Empire Cinema) AS had said “There are no equivalent areas in the centre of the town available for development to meet these important needs and ELC would do well to consider this. DCC has no power or intention to lead such a development and so it is not conflicted when it points out this opportunity to ELC. However, in the absence of any action to rectify these needs the Ridge’s plan to tidy ip the area and put it to positive use will be welcomed.

Subject to these amendments the minutes were approved by GA,. Seconded by SB

#### **3.02 Action Item Review – All items had been attended to or were on the Agenda.** SK is to send further information on the Alzheimer Project to PS

### **4.00 POLICE REPORT**

This was based on incidents between 21<sup>st</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November

#### *Road Safety*

ELC had begun the process of eviction of Travellers from Newtonlees.

A number of reports of vehicles with loud exhausts in the vicinity of ASDA and Spott Road had been given attention by local officers and roads policing.

A CAPP priority is the safety of children on foot, scooting and cycling and their lack of visibility in the dark evenings. Police are liaising with clubs and schools on the issue.

#### *Antisocial behaviour*

No related incidents

#### *Litter*

Nothing of note

#### *Theft*

There had been shoplifting reports at ASDA and the Coop but less than the monthly averages.

People were reminded to be conscious of Home security

#### *Other*

Whelk Collecting – This is under scrutiny by partner agencies

Hallowe’en and Fireworks – There had been no youth calls

*Police Service Survey* \_ Members of the Public are asked to respond to this online survey

#### **4.01 CAPP Priorities from 6<sup>th</sup> November**

\*Youth visibility at night

\* Issues at West End of Brodie Road including siting of speed reactive sign.

\*Speeding by buses in 20 mph zones

PS noted that she had had contact from a member of the public on issues at Lochend Woods. This had been passed on to Cllr Kempson.

There had been much public concern about a traveller encampment at Newtonlees. An Eviction Order had been granted by Edinburgh Sheriff Court.

#### **4.02 Date of next CAPP – 7.30 on 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

Issues should be passed to Loretta Stewart.

### **5.00 ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

#### **5.01 Norman Hampshire**

20 mph. A report on the consultation is being drawn up. 67% of respondents had felt that the speed limit should continue although there was a feeling that the area covered should be modified e.g. arterial routes . NH agreed to ask ELC to send feedback to DCC once it is written up by ELC Officers.

**5.02 Sue Kempson** Nothing to add.

5.03 Questions to Councillors

1. Update on the Peter Brett Consultations. The findings had been submitted to ELC and are being considered by Council Officers. There are some questions about the technical report which need further discussion. Funds will need to be sought for any of the actions suggested for road improvements.
2. CARS funding – NH advised that application had been submitted.
- 3 ELC Cabinet Protocol for Pothole repairs. AELCC had noted concerns. It was noted that some potholes are a danger to cyclists and have not been attended to for some time e.g. in Hospital Road. NH noted the shortage of ELC finances to attend to all potholes.

6.00 **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

6.01 **Town Maintenance Issues**

**Roads and Pavements**

*Hospital Road* Further requests for jet patching October 19. 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 pavements in Westgate* – trip hazard for day centre. Longer term repair to be programmed by ELC

*Uneven slopes in Westport and High Street.* Passed to ELC June 2019. To be programmed.

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

*Faded road markings near Cement works .* reported August 2019..

*Pot Holes in Marine Road* reported 28/10/19

Pot Holes in Marine Road -Reported 28/10

*Pot holes in Abbey Road* Reported 21/10

*Deep Potholes near Royal Mackintosh* – reported 17/11.

**Signage**

*Road unsuitable for large vehicles needed at Beveridge Row.* A further lorry had got stuck as unable to get under the railway bridge. A sign has been ordered.

**Structures**

*Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons)* Still to be repaired. NH noted that a structural survey has been requested.

*Wall near 12 Castle Street,* In poor condition . Has been reported.

*Damaged fencing around Lochend House ,* To be taken forward by DCDC members.

*Benches near Cherry Trees Nursery.* Barry Craighead of DELAP is to investigate.

**Drainage**

*Loose drain Cover in Disabled Car park near primary school.* A metal plate has been fastened down but a permanent repair is still needed by ELC Roads as the plate could be removed to reveal a deep hole.

*Dangerous/broken toby tops in Boroughdales.* Reported to Scottish Water 13/10. Have been inspected and repairs have been made.

*Missing Toby Tops in Summerfield Road and Wingate Crescent.* Have been reported to Scottish Water.

*Blocked drains* – Have been reported n Belhaven High Street, Marine Road , Old Spott Road and Shore Road. Blockages in Old Spott Road are leading to flooding under the Spott Road railway bridge.

**Vegetation-**

*Overgrown trees in De Lisle Street.* These are growing from the Co-op areas. Passed to ELC Warden and Tree Officer. Tree Officer to contact Co-op management.

#### **Coastal-**

*Wire meshing* over the stones at Bridge to Nowhere is breaking up and becoming dangerous – passed to ELC 25/9

*Damaged steps on Clifftop Trail* - passed to Tara Sykes in September 2021

*Erosion of steps from beach to Shore Road.* Reported to ELC 29/10. Repaired November 2019.

#### **Lighting**

Various broken lights reported October 2019. Still to be repaired.

#### **Services**

***Bus service to Brodie Road*** – Concerns continue about the timing of the 130 not being appropriate for the Common School Day. This will be raised by JB at the next Bus Forum on 22/11.

***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 timetables at some stops. Will be raised at the Bus Forum on 22/11.

***SESCOT Radio.***- Has moved into temporary premises at Spott Road. Hopes to launch at the end of November. Fund raising Coffee Morning on 20/11.

#### **Other**

***Cycle Paths south of the Railway Line.*** Still required.

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

***Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces.*** Contacts Continue. The Middlemass Road plots are still for auction. JB had spoken to Derek Oliver of ELC Public Protection Services. He had passed to Trading Standards and efforts are being made to clarify the advert wording and the responsibilities of the absent owner for maintenance which the residents currently pay a gardener to do. The play parks in Wilson Place and Wilson Road remain in a dangerous condition. JB had spoken to Tom Reid of ELC who had advised JB to contact Planning Enforcement which she had done. Emma Taylor of Planning had been in contact to clarify who owns each playpark so that Enforcement Action can be pursued to make them safe and useable.

JB maintains contact with the Residents Association.

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

***Playpark at Parsonspool.*** Residents would still like a replacement slide. Has been suggested as an option for DELAP.

***Idling Taxis.*** Still being followed up by Tom Burr of environmental Health. Further incidents of idling at the station and elsewhere have been referred to him.

***Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA.*** Further concerns had been raised that the pathway is not complete and unlit. The responsibility to provide the pathway and light it lies with the developer. JB had been advised to contact Planning Enforcement and enforcement action is being considered. The route is compromised by ownership of the railway bridge by Network rail who need to give permissions. A linked issue is the safety of school pupils on darker nights. They do not have access to ELC funded school transport. JB had contacted ELC to see if a temporary arrangement might be made although the contracts are set up at the start of the year. ELC Transport say there is a safe route and transport will not be provided.

This situation has implications for the new Robertson development at Newtonlees as some access routes in the proposals are in private ownership.

***Wildfowling at John Muir Country Park.*** Neil Clark of ELC has advised that there are no plans to change the current permit arrangements.

***Safety at One Way System-*** There have been further near misses in the area despite the new signs.

**Skatepark**- Residents are again asking for upgrade of the Pine Street facility/a new one. Passed on as a possible DELAP Consideration.

**DTA**- A Get well Card had been passed on to Pauline Jaffray

**Travellers at Newtonlees**. Still on the Old A1. An Ejection Order had been granted on 15/11. Local residents remain very concerned about the situation. Cllr NH had noted discussions with the developer about use of the road between Spott Road and Newtonlees Rail Bridge to open up the old A1 which might deter further encampments. NH hopes this may happen in early 2020.

**ELC Star Awards** – JB had been honoured to have been nominated for an award by person/s unknown.

**Questions –**

*Queens Road Wall*. NH reported that ELC are looking at this.

*Co-op vegetation* SB noted concerns about a tree growing in the ancient building.

This will be passed to ELC by JB

*Wildfowling* – SB as Chair of the John Muir Country Park Advisory Group is to ask Neil Clark to arrange a meeting for the Group which has not met for some time.

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

7.01 Financial Statement

The Bank statement at the month end was £4003.17. The £500 paid in error by ELC had been refunded in October.

Included in the £4003.17 was the Local Priorities Fund.

Grants amounting to £525 had been paid from the Local Priorities Fund in October

A VAT Recovery of £897.13 was received in the month. A transfer of £1949.33 was made to the Christmas Lights Account and £146.12 to the Civic Week account for the VAT received in the financial year to date.

The DCC Accounts for the year ended 31/3/19 had been lodged with ELC.

7.02 Appointment of new External Examiner – Paul Ronan of G Spratt and Co. AS had sent information. Appointment was agreed.

7.03 Local Priorities Fund

Updates

*Care For the Elderly* - £200 for local activities. Paid. Note of thanks received.

*James Page (Dunbar Street Art Trail)* – £175 towards a public arts and nature event – Creating a Mural at the Backlands. Paid. Note of thanks received.

*The Ridge* – Christmas Lunch - £150 paid. Thanks received

**New applications** - None

8.00 **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.01 Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations

The Race Night had been cancelled. Sadly, it had clashed with the Round Table Fireworks Display.

All is in hand for the Switch On on November 24<sup>th</sup>. GA noted the programme of events. A Public Entertainment Licence had been applied for after advice on payment by NH.

The Thelma Band Trophy had been awarded to Jacky from P3 who will switch on the display

PS thanked GA and the Team for all their hard work throughout the year.

Scotrail had been unwilling to give permission for a power point/sign. It is hoped that this may be possible if ELC adopt Station Road in the future. NH has been asked for assistance.

The bank balance at the month end was £16,679.30. Expenditure in the month end had included the pull test of the lights.

8.02 Civic Week – No further information  
The Bank balance remains at £7589.42.

9.00 **DCC INITIATIVES**

9.01 War Memorial Project (HC)

The Rededication Service had been held on 28<sup>th</sup> October. It had been well attended. GR had taken photographs and there had been good coverage in the media.

It was noted that the project has gathered considerable information. Consideration will need to be given as to how to share this with the public. Consideration will need to be given to information at the Memorial eg an information board or a downloadable app.

Members had attended the Remembrance Service on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

9.02 Corn Exchange Repair - (GA)

Work had continued. However, there had been no electrical works as the Team had been busy with the Christmas Lights.

There are still 3 leaks from the roof which Musselburgh Roofing have been asked to resolve.

9.03 Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)

No further information

9.04 650<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Civic Week (PS/SB)

Meeting to be arranged

9.05 Community Resilience (IH)

I H gave an update

\* Resilience Seminar on October 26<sup>th</sup>. IH and JB had attended. There had also been 2 pupils from DGS who had both attended in 2018.

There were representatives from Community Councils, TRAs and other Community Groups as well as ELC Officers and reps from the various emergency services.

Presentations were given on the activities of Resilience Groups in Garvald, Gullane and Eyemouth as well as on the Climate Emergency.

There was opportunity to take part in a table top exercise on responding to various emergencies.

- IH had worked on a draft report
- Resilience Groups had been invited to take part in a Cross County Exercise on November 14<sup>th</sup> – Operation Respond. This had taken place. Unfortunately, key Dunbar Personnel were not available that day. Local members had been included in communications.
- IH is considering a local exercise.

Information will be circulated for further discussion by DCC.

IH/JB

9.06 End of WW2 Commemoration 2020 (WC)

No further information

- 9.07 Empire Cinema Site  
No further information
- 9.08 Compass Rose and Plinth (GR)  
GR had arranged repair. Thanks were given to him.
- 10.00 AREA PARTNERSHIP** (George Robertson, Chairman)
- 10.01 Update  
GR had circulated a brief report.  
Work to extend the footpath on Back Road is underway using the Roads Budget.  
An award had been made to The Ridge to provide match funding for a project to develop Fairbairn's Land.  
Funding had been given to fund the purchase of materials for plumbing and electrical repairs at the Corn Exchange.  
Funding had been granted to West Barns Village Hall for new chairs.  
GR had attended 2 meetings to brief ELC Officers on DELAP business and to provide training for new DELAP Voting members.
- 10.02 Next Business Meeting – November 25th
- 11.00 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS**
- 11.01 **Health and Social Care Provision**  
***Re-provisioning*** – No further information  
***GP Services***- No further information  
***Practice Link Workers*** -No further information  
***Community Hospital*** – The new hospital had been officially opened. Concerns had been raised that there was no Minor Injury Provision. Parking is also an issue.  
***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.  
**Mental Health** - Local Provision for Counselling is still required.
- Health and Wellbeing Sub Group***  
*Next Meeting* – November 20th
- 11.02 DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach – Discussions continue
- 11.03 20 mph Trial
- Outcome of consultation awaited. Report is being prepared by ELC officers
- 11.04 **Station**  
A further update had been circulated via JB.  
The footbridge had been put into place over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October.
- 11.05 **Belhaven Hill School- Woodland Trust Trees for Schools**  
Site suggestions around the town had been made by DCC members and others.
- 12.00 **PLANNING AND LICENSING**
- 12.01 **Planning Matters to Note**
1. **Halhill North** -To be decided
  2. **Golf Club** – GR had circulated an update
  3. **Cala** – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane



4. **19/00020/PPM** Application on land at Newtonlees. To be determined. Dunbar CC members to attend meeting with Robertson Homes. 1pm on November 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Bear**-Unveiling planned for 10am on 19<sup>th</sup> November
6. **Dolphin Hotel** – Approved
7. **Shore Road Snack Van** – Refused. PS and IH had attended the Planning Committee meeting.
8. **19/00831/P – Soft Play Centre** – Still to be determined
9. **18/00871 – Extension to Halhill Bar Area.** To be determined.
10. **Change of Use of Former Manse** – To be determined
11. **Robertson Homes Safe Access Route** – Planning Enforcement Noted by ELC
12. **Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks** – Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC
13. **Assembly Rooms** – PS had circulated information

#### 12.02 **Licensing Matter to Note**

JB

**The Cats Pyjamas** – JB had been visited by Ross Hardie who is planning to open a Speakeasy/Jazz Club in the former OSC offices in Brewery Lane. This will operate on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Other events like films and cocktail mixing classes will also be offered. Ross has been in contact with Licensing. Initially it is proposed to apply for a series of occasional licenses until demand for the venue is clarified and an application is made for a full licence. No food will be offered. JB had had concerns expressed about the facility from some Belhaven residents. Residents had submitted a variety of concerns to ELC from parking to safe building occupancy. The application will be heard by the Licensing Board on November 28<sup>th</sup>. JB will feedback to DCC on the outcome of the Licensing Board Meeting.

#### 13.00 **MEETINGS ATTENDED**

##### 13.01 **Day Centre – 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

GW and JB had attended.

The Centre is now operating at full capacity. Some members need additional support due to their advanced level of dementia. A waiting list is now in place.

A wide range of activities continues.

Fundraising options continue to be discussed. This is important as the ELC funding does not cover the costs of running the service. It was noted that ELC give Centres £25 per place in contrast to Edinburgh who pay £60. The increased transport costs have proved a particular issue. A fund raising event is being held at the Bowling Club on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The DELAP funding was appreciated.

The Centre has had some sprucing up. The carpet and chairs in the sitting room have been cleaned. Andrew Brown had fitted new toilet seats and hand rails with funding from Rotary. The offer of Graham Adams to paint the exterior in the new year was welcomed.

Staff are working on an Action Plan to put into place recommendations from the recent very positive inspection by the Care Inspectorate.

- 13.02 **Dunbar and District Twinning Association** – Visit by Lignieres Delegates 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October. SB (Association President) and JB (Past Association Vice Chair) had attended a number of events to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Twinning Arrangement between Dunbar and District and Lignieres and a number of its surrounding cantons.

- 13.03 **Church of North India Visit.** JB and others had visited churches and community projects in West Bengal from 1/11-11/11.

#### 14.00 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Local People Leading** -Newsletters

**Brake** – Newsletters



**Mr and Mrs Potter**- Concerns about safe route from Robertson Homes – GR and JB had responded

**James Page** – Seeking advice on Funding for Stonestacking – JB had responded. Passed to DELAP

**Via Facebook- Anne Creedican** – Blocked drain near Parish church yard– JB had responded

**Allan Brooking** – Update on Station Works

**Various**– Concerns about Belhaven Speakeasy JB had responded

**Tanya Davison** – Concerns about erosion at Shore Road steps – JB had responded

**Mary McNeil** – Concern about state of land near Pine Martin (Halhill Development land) – JB had responded

**Kevin Sewell**. Operation Respond

**Sandy Baptie**, ELC- Winter weather matters

**Via Facebook – Fiona Davison** – Concerns about broken mesh at Belhaven Bay – JB had responded.

**Via Facebook** – Tanya Davison-Erosion at Shore Road steps – JB had responded.

**Via Facebook – Shelagh Tait** – Broken Toby Tops in Wingate Crescent and Summerfield Road – JB had responded.

**Kirsten Harper** – Update on Traveller issues. Eviction to be served on 15/11.

**Police Scotland** -Firework and Bonfire Night Operations

**AELCC** – Concerns about Scottish Planning matters

**AELCC**= Concerns about ELC Cabinet decisions on Potholes. Meeting to be arranged.

**AELCC**- Concerns about planning for solar panels.

**Miriam Anderson** – Update on Community Hospital

**Via Facebook – Alan Bell** – Blocked drain at Shore Road – JB had responded.

**Via Facebook – Donna Muir** – Concerns re Church Street walls- passed to ELC

**Various** – Facebook Missing- 1650 Battle Plaque at Whitesands – Being restored by Tarmac

**Various** – Safety at One Way System. JB had responded

**Various** – Traveller Concerns at Newtonlees

**Via Facebook-Finlay Cook**- idling Taxi at station. Passed to Tom Burr.

15.00

**AOB**

**Congratulations** – Maria Lyle for Gold medal runs at the Paralympics World Championships. JB will send a card.

JB

**General Election Hustings**- Arranged by Dunbar Churches Together/Sustaining Dunbar at Belhaven Church Hall. 7.30 on December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Vehicle Movements at Lochend Campus**- CR noted concerns that parents are using the disabled parking spaces for u turns etc. It was noted that access is by Park and Stride..park at Halhill Car park and walk to the school

16.00

**DCC MEETINGS - December 16<sup>th</sup>**