



Monday 16th December 2019

7pm Council Chambers Dunbar Town House

MINUTES

PRESENTATION EAST BEACH REGENERATION AND SEA DEFENCE WORKS

Introduction by Pippa Swan (PS)

PS welcomed all to the meeting as Chair of DCC and Chair of Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group (DSHNG). She noted the extensive partnership work over around 5 years to find ways to resolve problems of erosion at East Beach.

Presentation by ELC Structural Engineer and Project Leader, Dave Northcott (DN)

DN has been the Project Leader throughout. He gave a background to the issues. East Beach was once sandy with a timber groyne at its southern boundary. However, the groyne had fallen into disrepair and winter storms have eroded the beach and undercut Lamer Street.

To encourage sediment to remain on the foreshore ELC wishes to complete Sea Defence Works. This has 4 elements

- 1) Construction of a breakwater at the southern end of East Beach
- 2) Refurbishment of the existing groyne at the southern end of East Beach
- 3) Placement of rock armour at the toe of the seawall
- 4) Construction of a breakwater at the northern end of East Beach.

Consent is already in place for elements 1-3. A further Marine Licence is needed for the northern breakwater.

A public exhibition will be held from 2-7 pm on 13th January at Bleachingfield Centre. Comments will be used to inform the Marine Licence application.

The Marine Licence for elements 1-3 expires on 31st May 2020. It is hoped that all will be in place for the whole scheme to be constructed by then. If this is not possible the contractor will demobilised from the site and return at a later date to construct the Northern Breakwater.

The works will involve some disruption for around a couple of months for residents in the Lamer Street area. There will be considerable movements of lorries carrying the materials including 3 – 6 ton rocks for the rock armour from Markle Quarry. Residents will be kept informed.

Parts of the groyne will be moveable to allow for Kelp clearance.

PS thanked DN for his informative input.

DN will send the slides from his presentation to JB for distribution to DCC members and to inform the public about the Public Consultation event.

BUSINESS MEETING

1.00	SEDERUNT Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS) (Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Will Collin (WC), Herbert Coutts (HC), Gill Wilson (GW), George Robertson (GR), Craig Rapson (CR), Loretta Stewart (LS), Ian Hamilton (IH). Cameron Ritchie (Press)	
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	<p>For the East Beach Presentation Only Dave Northcott (DN) – ELC Structural Engineer Steven Robinson, Ian Scrimgeour, Kenny Maule, George Cameron, Karell Syme, Neil Adams, Brian Cox, Ian Dane, (Members of DSHNG) Donald Budge (Member of the Public)</p>	
1.01	<p><u>Welcome</u> PS welcomed all to the meeting.</p>	
1.02	<p><u>Apologies</u> Cllr Norman Hampshire, Cllr Sue Kempson</p>	
2.00	Minutes of Meeting – 18th November 2019	
2.01	<p>Amendments and Adoption The minutes were approved. Proposed by GW, Seconded by GR</p>	
2.02	Action Review – All actions had been attended to or were covered in the Agenda	
2.03	<p>Matters arising not covered in agenda – <i>John Muir Country Park Advisory Committee</i> – SB noted that he had spoken to Neil Clark of ELC. A meeting of the Group, which has not met for some time, will be arranged in 2020. SB will speak further to Neil Clark about this.</p>	SB
3.00	<u>EAST BEACH WORKS</u>	
3.01	<p>Members had found the presentation by Dave Northcott useful. JB will circulate the slides from the presentation. Further discussion may take place after the public exhibition. JB had given publicity about this on Social Media but will give more information after the holiday period to remind the public.</p>	JB
4.00	<p>POLICE REPORT This had been circulated and was based on incidents reported to Police between 18th November and 16th December. <i>Road Safety</i> The visibility of youths, whether as pedestrians or cyclists, is a CAPP Priority. All schools have been made aware of the concerns and inputs have been given at assemblies. A number of endorsable traffic tickets have been issued including for no insurance and for parking on the zig zags at the West Port. <i>Anti Social Behaviour</i> There have been some youth related complaints but less than in recent months. <i>Litter</i> Nothing of note. <i>Theft</i> Just after midnight on 27th November a break in occurred at the Co-op in Countess Crescent. 4 males were seen and 2 were traced nearby. Alcohol was recovered. The males were arrested and placed in custody to appear in court on November 28th. On 3rd and 12th December suspicious males were seen at the bike racks at Dunbar Grammar School. On the 2nd date 2 bikes were stolen. Police are following a positive line of enquiry. <i>Other Incidents of Note</i> Overnight 22nd to 23rd November a window was smashed at Dunbar Day Centre in Westgate. On the evening of 23rd November a disturbance took place at Doon Avenue and 3 windows were smashed. Police are following a positive line of enquiry. Around 2am on 27th November a male was stopped and searched by Police. He was found to be in possession of offensive weapons. He was held in custody to appear in court on 28th November.</p>	

	Between 5 th and 6 th December and between 15 th and 16 th December damage was caused to the front door of Zero Waste.	
4.01	<u>CAPP Priorities from 6th November</u> *Youth visibility at night * Issues at West End of Brodie Road including siting of speed reactive sign. *Speeding by buses in 20 mph zones	
4.02	<u>Date of next CAPP</u> – 7.30 on 18 th December. Issues should be passed to Loretta Stewart.	
5.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
5.01	Norman Hampshire – Not present	
5.02	Sue Kempson – Not present	
5.03	Questions for Councillors. Held Over to January Meeting	
6.00	SECRETARY’S REPORT Report had been circulated by e mail	
6.01	<p>Town Maintenance Issues</p> <p>Roads and Pavements</p> <p><i>Hospital Road.</i> The surface continues to be very potholed. Longer term repairs are linked to the Halhill North development. The condition is dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p><i>Dropped Kerbs at Boroughdales and Summerfield Road</i> have subsided and are prone to flooding. Works are to be programmed by ELC. Another dropped kerb prone to flooding has been reported at <i>Shore Road</i>.</p> <p><i>Uneven pavement at Westgate</i> – trip hazard for the Day Centre. Longer term repair is to be programmed by ELC.</p> <p><i>Uneven slopes in West Port and High Street.</i> ELC are to programme alternative surface finishes and slope gradients in 2020/21.</p> <p><i>Faded crossing markings in High Street.</i> Passed to ELC June 2019. To be programmed by ELC.</p> <p><i>Faded road markings near cement works</i> – Passed to ELC August 2019.</p> <p><i>Pot Holes</i> in Marine Road – Reported 28/10. Pot Holes in Abbey Road – reported 21/10. Deep pot hole near Royal Mackintosh – reported 17/11.</p> <p>Signage</p> <p><i>Road Unsuitable for large vehicles sign needed at Beveridge Row.</i> A further lorry had got stuck as unable to get under the railway bridge. A sign has been ordered.</p> <p><i>Give way sign</i> at Junction of Hospital Road and Eweford Road. Has been lysing flat for some time. Reported to ELC November 2019.</p> <p><i>Fingerpost at Station One way System.</i> Still pointing down Kings Court and causing confusion for pedestrians. Blacksmith has been asked to turn it in the right direction.</p> <p>Structures</p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons).</i> Still to be repaired. It is now 3 years since the need for repair was noted. Condition is declining. The Ridge are willing to do the work but Four Seasons are still to take action. ELC are to follow up.</p> <p><i>Wall near 10c Castle Street</i> is in poor condition. Masonry is falling from it. Reported to ELC December 2019.</p> <p><i>Damaged fencing around the ruin of Lochend House (DCDC).</i> HC and SB had visited. Contact is to be made with Kate Darrah and DCWG.</p> <p><i>Benches in poor condition near Cherry Trees Nursery.</i> Barry Craighead of DELAP is unable to renovate. Passed back to ELC December 2019.</p> <p>Drainage</p>	

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 easily be removed to reveal a deep hole.

Missing Toby Tops in Summerfield Road and Wingate Crescent. Reported to Scottish Water November 2019.

Blocked drains reported in Marine Road, Belhaven High Street, Old Spott Road and Shore Road. The blocked drains in Old Spott Road (one overgrown by grass) are adding to flood issues under Spott Road Bridge. Tom Reid has asked Callum Redpath to follow up.

Vegetation

Overgrown Trees in Delisle Street. These were growing from the Co-op grounds and making it difficult for pedestrians to use the pavement. Passed to ELC Tree Officer and Community Warden. ELC staff cut the vegetation back in December 2019.

Tree Growing from Heritage Building in Co-op Grounds. Discussed with ELC Tree Officer December 2019.

Coastal

Wire meshing over the stones at Bridge to Nowhere is breaking up and becoming dangerous. Passed to Neil Clark at ELC 25/9.

Lighting

Various broken lights reported. Most still to be repaired. A number of lights near Cala in Edinburgh Road had been attended to by Scottish Power in November 2019.

Services

Bus Service to Brodie Road. Concerns continue about the timing of the 130 not being appropriate for the Common School Day. Raised by JB at the Bus Forum on 22/11. This cannot be changed.

Timetable Information. East Coast took down timetables for other operators in July 2019. Operators are not meant to do this when they update services. Passed to ELC in July but still no Borders or eve timetables at many stops. Raised at the Bus Forum on 22/11. To be followed up by ELC. The bus stop at Summerfield Park may need a new panel on the existing post.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line – Still needed

Safe pathway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane – still needed. ELC Roads are looking into this. There are issues regarding the adjoining wall at Monkscroft.

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

The Middlemass Road plots are still for auction.

The playparks in Wilson Road and Wilson Place remain in a dangerous condition. ELC Planning Enforcement is progressing.

JB maintains contact with the Residents Association.

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 replacement slide. Had been suggested as an option for DELAP.

Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA. ELC had issued an Enforcement Notice. Robertson Homes are looking to upgrade the power supply so that lighting can be installed on the path. Network Rail still require to give permission to complete the works under their bridge. This is taking time.

Wildfowling at John Muir Country Park Neil Clark has advised that there are no plans to amend the current permit arrangements. The concerned local resident is considering a petition to the ELC Petitions Committee. JB has given advice on the process.

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

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

	<i>Travellers at Newtonlees.</i> They had moved on. Considerable mess had been left.	
7.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail	
7.01	<i>Financial Statement</i> The General Fund statement at the month end was £3848.25 (last month £4003.17) There had been a payment to HC of £122.50 to reimburse him for expenses incurred in relation to the War Memorial Project. Included in the Bank Balance is the restricted Local Priorities Fund.	
7.02	<i>Local Priorities Fund</i> <u>Update</u> There had been no grants paid from the Local Priorities Fund in November. <u>New Application</u> – A late application had been received for The Traditional Music Festival. As this will not be held until September 2020 it was agreed to defer discussion until January. It might then be deferred for payment until the new financial year, depending on the number of other applications received before then.	
8.00	SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS	
8.01	<u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u> GA reported on another successful switch on event with a lot of positive feedback. The only issue on the day was some children causing some disruption in the lead up to the switch on. LS noted that it had been a lovely event with new activities for people to enjoy. The lights had been standing up well to the wind and rain with a couple of nights on maintenance. Sadly, the tree at the Town House had been damaged twice and it will take about £500 of materials to repair it for next year. GA said it was intended to try and check CCTV Coverage of the area. Overall progress on the upgrades stands at 90%. This year has seen 13 new lamp post signs and 10 new panels. GW led DCC members in commending the Christmas Lights Team for another wonderful display. The bank balance at the month end was £11,331.92 (last month £16,679.30). Collections at the Switch on event made over £1000.	
8.02	<u>Civic Week (GR)</u> A planning meeting is scheduled for January. This will include discussion regarding the 650 th Anniversary of Dunbar Burgh. The bank balance at the month end was £7735.54. The only movement in the account had been the recovery of VAT.	
9.00	DCC INITIATIVES	
9.01	<u>War Memorial Project (HC)</u> HC had had contact with Paul Zochowski at ELC to discuss listing of the War Memorial. An application will be made. The War Memorial at the Parish Church is already listed. HC suggested that any monies left from the project budget might be used to fund an information panel. He asked if AS might supply information on monies that may still be available.	
9.02	<u>Corn Exchange Repair - (GA)</u> Work is ongoing. ELC inspected the building with GA on Friday 13 th December. There were no negative comments on the quality of the work. There are still 5 leaks in the rood which are to be fixed in January. A watching brief is being kept on the lease.	
9.03	<u>Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)</u>	

	Landscaping discussions ongoing	
9.04	<u>650th Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter/50th Anniversary of Civic Week (PS/SB)</u> A meeting is scheduled for January. The Burgh flag will be flown during the week of the 650 th anniversary. The main celebrations will be in Civic Week. A paper will be circulated.	
9.05	<u>Community Resilience (IH) –</u> An interim Report by IH had been circulated along with a copy of the North Berwick Plan. To be discussed at DCC January Meeting,	ALL TO READ
9.06	<u>End of WW2 Commemoration 2020 (WC)</u> It was agreed to set up a Working Group to consider a small event with a short service etc. SB, GW, GR and PS expressed an interest in being involved.	
9.07	<u>Empire Cinema Site</u> Kate Darrah had asked to give a presentation on the project to DCC. It was agreed to invite her to address the February meeting. JB agreed to see if she would wish to use a projector and, if this was required, arrange use of the Community Room. GA noted that DCC may have other views on the use of the site. However, it was agreed that it would be useful to hear the proposals from The Ridge. DCC formal views will be considered at the time any Planning Application is submitted to ELC.	JB
9.08	<u>Addressing Conflicts of interest – Protocol for DCC Members</u> Following a Planning item at the November meeting there had been an e mail exchange as to how DCC members should raise any conflicts of interest. AS had produced a form which some members had completed. HC had circulated the form used by ELC Councillors. He noted that in some places Community Councils have formalised the registering of interests. JB noted that as yet no Community Council in East Lothian has a formal system. There was a widespread discussion. Members queried the reasons why a formal register might be needed. JB and GW had some reservations e.g. how would the information be stored?, who would keep it?, who would maintain it? There were concerns about GDPR. GR noted the protocol at DELAP where members verbally give information on any interests and do not vote on items on which they may be conflicted e.g. for funding. It was agreed that DCC should follow the DELAP model.	
10.00	AREA PARTNERSHIP (George Robertson, Chairman)	
10.01	<u>Update</u> DELAP had met on November 25 th . Funding had been granted for The Ridge Christmas Lunch and a project to try to engage young people organised by Helen Harper of Community Learning and Development. It was noted that the GP surgery at East Linton has closed its patient list due to lack of capacity. There was concern as to where people moving to new estates in the village would be able to register. The pavement works at Back Road have been completed.	
10.02	Next Business Meeting – January 27 th To include a short presentation to promote Access for All crossing at Belhaven Bay and to advise of work on Changing Places Room for Dunbar Leisure Pool (PS)	
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	

	<p>Community Hospital – The new hospital had been officially opened. Concerns had been raised that there was no Minor Injury Provision. There have been issues regarding parking and limited public transport.</p> <p>DFEL – JB and GW had attended a DFEL gathering on November 26th. There had been discussions on supports for carers and transport. Attention had been drawn to the SESTRAN Thistle Assistance Card which can be carried by those who need assistance on public transport.</p> <p>Mental Health - Local Provision for Counselling is still required.</p> <p>Belhaven Ward 2 Hub. JB had attended a meeting on December 2ndThis is now being used by physios and occupational therapists as a local base. Home Care will have a team based there from January. The venue will be open for community use from early 2020.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Sub Group This had met on November 20th. There had been discussion about the Community Hospital, Practice Link Workers, services for people with complex needs and dementia services. The Group is still keen to gain information on services in the community and factual information on statistics e.g. demography.</p> <p>Next meeting January 21st</p>	
11.02	<p>DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach – Update (See Presentation Item) A public exhibition on proposals will be held on January 13th at the Bleachingfield. PS had circulated notes from the East Beach Regeneration Group meeting of 25th November.</p>	
11.03	<p>20 mph Trial Outcome of consultation awaited.</p>	
11.04	<p>Station JB had circulated update information. The new platform is due to officially open on 17th December. Services began using the new platform on 15th December. Stopping trains for Edinburgh and the North will use the new platform.</p>	
12.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING	
12.01	<p>Planning Matters to Note</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Halhill North -To be decided. Notes had been sent following the November meeting for Taylor Wimpey to consider. A formal application is still be registered for public consultation. 2. Golf Club – An application is still to be submitted 3. Cala – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. This is being considered by ELC but there are issues with the wall of Monskcroft. 4. 19/00020/PPM Application on land at Newtonlees. To be determined. Dunbar CC members attended a meeting with Robertson Homes on November 29th. Issues discussed included public transport, the dispersal of affordable housing, connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists, sewage, use of renewables. Robertson Homes are to amend the application following discussions with ELC. 5. Bear-JB and HC attended the unveiling on November 19th 6. 19/00831/P – Soft Play Centre – Still to be determined 7. 18/00871 – Extension to Halhill Bar Area. To be determined. 8. Change of Use of Former Manse – To be determined 9. Robertson Homes Safe Access Route – Planning Enforcement Noted by ELC 10. Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks – Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC 11. 19/00978/PCL- Change of use of greenspace to car parking at Coastguard Cottages Information had been circulated on this application by ELC Roads. A letter of objection had been submitted. 	

	<p>12. 19/01162/P- Erection of 37 houses at Halhill. Information had been circulated. Clarification had been asked on the site and type of housing as the diagrams and information from the Planner had not been clear. This had been circulated. JB will submit views from DCC by 19/12.</p> <p>13. The Cat's Pyjamas. A retrospective application for change of use of the old OSC Office in Brewery Lane, Belhaven is still to be registered. ELC are waiting on information and drawings. The original planning consent for the office in 2003 stipulated that the building could only be used as an office (Class 4 use) to limit public visitation to the building in the interests of road safety and to maintain the residential aspect of the area.</p> <p>ELC – Supplementary Planning Guidance on LDP- Consultation on Draft Design Standards for New Housing Areas Consultation. Circulated by JB and PS for Individual response.</p>	
12.02	<p><u>Licensing Matter to Note</u></p> <p>The Cats Pyjamas – The Licensing Board public hearing on November 26th had rejected 5 applications for occasional licences on the grounds of public safety. The venue has opened to the public selling alcohol free products and customers can take their own cocktail ingredients and alcohol for payment of a corkage fee.</p> <p>Beer Zoo – JB had circulated information on an application for a provisional licence for an off licence at 35 High Street. DCC support had been submitted to ELC. The shop is now open.</p>	
13.00	<u>MEETINGS ATTENDED</u>	
13.01	<p><u>Halhill Residents Association – December 3rd</u> PS, JB, GR and CR had attended. Reps from ELC, Police, Halhill Developments and Hacking and Paterson had also been present. There had been a wide ranging discussion on the adoption of roads, provision of infrastructure, road access for Halhill North, landscaping and factoring. PS has asked CR to link to the group.</p> <p><u>Bus Forum - 22nd November</u> JB had attended</p> <p><i>Supported Bus Network Consultation</i> Andrew McLellan of ELC gave feedback on the consultation. Little change will be expected to services from Dunbar. Much concern had been raised by Innerwick residents about cuts to the 253. Borders Buses may reinstate the 8.26 which is used by many in the village who want to go to work in Dunbar/link to the train/visit the GP.</p> <p><i>Service Issues</i></p> <p><i>Community Hospital</i> – There are many issues with bus services to the new hospital. Buses are not allowed into the grounds and the walk from the bus stops to the main entrance is challenging for those with poorer mobility. Buses have found it difficult to negotiate the residential area around the hospital due to the number of parked cars in the vicinity due to the limited on site parking for patients and staff. There is poor signage to the Hospital for those walking from services like the X7 and 253 along the main road. These issues are to be taken further by ELC with NHS.</p> <p><i>New estates.</i> Provision of services to area like Halhill depend on the roads being free of construction traffic and having safe places for buses to turn. Thus, services to some of the areas further along Brodie Road are still a considerable time off (more than a year). It was noted that estates like Halhill have provided learning on the planning of provision of public transport to new housing estates. School Transport will not be provided to children from the Robertson Homes. They live too close to the school by a safe route identified by Andrew McLellan.</p>	

	<p>There are no current plans to provide a more regular service out to Newtonlees/Broxburn where a new estate of 113 houses has been proposed. Any operator would need to feel that the provision of a service would be commercially viable.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Station</i> – Discussions about bus access continue.</p> <p>Bus Shelter Condition. New shelters are being installed in a number of locations.</p> <p>Bikes – Borders Buses have introduced buses with bike spaces on the 253.</p> <p>Bus Speeding in Dunbar 20 mph zone. JB noted that this was a CAPP Priority. Operators will remind drivers of the limit. It was noted that sometimes drivers may go a little over the limit to make up for time lost for delays en route e.g. due to roadworks.</p> <p>Saltire Card- Information was given on the SESTRAN Card and App for use by those who need assistance on public transport.</p> <p>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership (CRP) – 4th December. JB had attended Membership - JB had been appointed to the Board of East Lothian CRP.</p> <p>Funding – There are concerns that CRPs in Scotland have much less funding than the equivalent bodies in England. English CRPs also have dedicated funding for Project Officers. The level of funding limits the work that Scottish CRPs can do. Discussions are ongoing with the funding bodies.</p> <p>Station Improvements Dunbar. The new platform will be officially opened on 17/12. Members of the CRP will be attending and JB will be taking part in the official opening as an early member of RAGES.</p> <p><i>East Linton</i> – The new station is at the design phase. Commitment to a new station by the Scottish Government is said to be certain.</p>	
14.00	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Via Facebook- Bruce Nicolson – Concerns about Halhill North – JB had responded</p> <p>Local People Leading – Newsletters</p> <p>Torness – Newsletters</p> <p>Various – Concerns about Cats Pyjamas speakeasy</p> <p>Countryside Rangers – Newsletter</p> <p>Alan Brooking – Update on works at station</p> <p>Kate Darrah- request to attend DCC to give a presentation on Empire Close. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook, Andrew Gardner- Concerns about dog fouling. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook, Various-Concerns about flooding and pigeon excrement at Spott Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Brake – Newsletter</p> <p>Sandy Baptie – UK Protect Bulletin on Counter Terrorism.</p> <p>Via Facebook -Neil Munro- Concerns about flooding of path at new housing. JB had responded.</p>	
15.00	<p>AOB</p> <p>Foxlake Markers – IH noted that Foxlake are now using a different type of marker to designate event routes.</p> <p>Mercat Cross- HC suggested restoration of the cross as a future project.</p>	
16.00	<p>DCC MEETINGS - January 20th 2020</p> <p>Mark James will attend to give a presentation on Energy</p>	