

Monday 20th January 2020

MINUTES

ENERGY FUTURES INFORMATION SESSION – MARK JAMES

Introduction GA introduced Mark James from Sustaining Dunbar.

Mark noted that Energy matters had been an important part of the work of Sustaining Dunbar. His presentation was to give information on various developments in Energy resources and use. He distributed a number of booklets and agreed to provide his presentation for electronic distribution by JB.

Mark noted that he and Philip Revell were working with Community Energy Scotland as part of a wider Community Energy Futures Project. Part of this is informing communities and individuals on the Climate Emergency and considering ways in which energy provision and use will need to change.

Themes include

- *Energy System Change e.g. ways in which to increase use of renewables, use of off peak electricity, use of smart meters
- *Low Carbon Heat e.g. biomass, heat pumps
- *Smart Homes and Buildings
- *Low Carbon Transport e.g. electric vehicles
- *Earning an Income from Flexible Energy Use

The presentation led to a discussion on the opportunities and challenges of energy resources – their production and use.

Issues included:-

- *New build housing developers not making use of renewable energy sources
- *The affordability of upgrading existing homes to make them more fuel efficient. It was noted that those on lower incomes are more likely to live in homes that are need upgrading.
- *The inefficiencies of older style storage heaters
- *Changing goalposts e.g. dropping of feed in tariffs
- *Planning regulations e.g. a community wind turbine at Cocklaw had been rejected by ELC Planners
- *The high purchase price of electric cars and the availability of charging points Mark was thanked by those present for his interesting presentation.

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

	CEDEDUNT	
1.00	SEDERUNT River S. and (PS) (Chair) Contains Adams (CA) (Vine Chair) Alandair S. and (AS)	
	Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Graham Adams (GA) (Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)	
	(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson	
	(GW), Herbert Coutts (HC) Will Collin(WC), Ian Hamilton (IH), Loretta Stewart	
	(LS), George Robertson (GR)	
	Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK)	
	Cameron Ritchie (Press)	
	Mike Shaw, Rev Keith Mills (Members of the Public)	
1.01	Welcome – GA welcomed all to the meeting.	
1.02	A pologies Craig Rapson (CR)	
1.03	Declarations of Interest - None	
2.00	Minutes of Meeting – 16 th December 2019	
2.01	Amendments and Adoption – Approved (Proposed PS, Seconded GR)	
2.02	Action Review – Matters had been attended to or were on the Agenda	
2.03	Matters arising not covered in agenda	
	Declarations of Interest. There was a further discussion on the protocol to be	
	adopted (See 9.8 of December Minute). HC had submitted an amendment which had	
	been further amended by GR (all by e mail).	
	It was agreed that DCC members should declare any private and/or personal interest	
	(financial and non financial) in a matter due to be discussed by the Community	
	Council. Such declarations would be invited at the start of each meeting and if	
	required by the CC, the member in question should not participate in the decision	
	making process about the matter.	
	The member in question would not be precluded from speaking to the matter in	
	question where and to the extent that he/she had particular expertise or knowledge	
	that would assist DCC in any decision-making process.	
3.00	Energy Futures	
3.01	There was a brief further discussion. Energy is linked to the Climate Change Agenda.	
	It was felt that the Scottish Government needed to take Climate Change seriously	
	and give a clear steer on change through legislation e.g. consideration needed to be	
	given to Planning systems that promote renewables, encouraging housebuilders to	
	install renewables, enabling people to upgrade homes that are inefficient to heat. It	
	was felt wider education of the public was needed that was presented in easily	
2.02	understood terms rather than technical jargon.	
3.02	GA noted the time taken up by presentations at DCC meetings. He queried if	
	speakers should come at a different time. SB said that this had been considered in the past – it would allow people the choice of whether or not to attend a meeting on	
	topics in which they may/may not have an interest. This could be given further	
	thought.	
4.00	POLICE REPORT	
4.01	CAPP Priorities from 18 th December	
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7.01	*Vehicle Movements at new housing developments in East Linton and	

	* East Linton Traffic Issues	
4.02	<u>Date of next CAPP</u> – 7.30 on 28 th January Issues to be raised by Loretta Stewart. Members noted issues of speeding in some areas and parking by site workers near the Robertson/Avant development.	
5.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
5.01	Norman Hampshire 20 mph. The TRO will be one of a number of TRO proposals to be discussed by ELC Cabinet on January 21st. The 20 mph zone will largely be the same as for the Trial with some amendments e.g. the main arterial road in through Belhaven reverting to 30 mph. The TRO will be advertised and open to further public consultation. WC noted that as yet DCC had not seen the Officer Report from the Trial and public survey. NH noted this was in the Members Library and will be publicly available after the Cabinet meeting. JB agreed to circulate the papers once available. WC noted concerns about vehicle speeds on Back Road. He suggested that a speed camera should be placed near Winterfield Golf Course and speed checks be carried out. This will be raised at CAPP. Members noted that Kellie Road remains at 30 mph. It was felt that due to the number of school pupils using it that it should be included in the 20 mph. It was agreed that this should be requested (Proposed HC, Seconded WC). JB will write to Transportation. Climate Change Strategy — Cabinet are due to approve this on 21st January. JB had circulated the document. NH noted that mitigating the effects of climate change will involve costs e.g. a Flood Prevention scheme for Musselburgh. He also noted the problems of water run-off from fields damaging roads. A meeting is to be held with landowners to discuss ways to prevent this. ELC Budget — This will be challenging. Due to population growth there is a pressure for capital to be spent on infrastructure. East Beach- Some sand has returned. It is hoped that this will continue. It is hoped that construction on the mitigation works will start in Spring.	JB JB
5.02	Sue Kempson – Climate Change Strategy – SK noted that she felt that the Strategy should have been more proactive about tree planting.	
5.03	Paul McLennan- SB noted that the Ward has a 3 rd Councillor. PS advised that she had taken him off the Agenda after a long period without communication from him. JB noted that he is sent minutes and Agendas, but he had last attended in December 2012. SB suggested that he should be put on the Agenda and non attendance/lack of report noted for public information as had been done previously. This was agreed. PS will write to PMc	PS
5.04	 Questions to Councillors Peter Brett Report – Deferred until February CARS Application – Deferred until February Belhaven Bay Water Quality Incident. Bathing had been barred since December. This followed problems at the Beltonford Water Treatment Plant. NH advised that the bacteria in the digester tanks had been affected by contamination from an external source. Consequently, sewage had had to 	

be discharged into the water from the long sea outlet. Scottish Water had been working 24/7 to rectify the problems. However, it takes time for the digester system to get up and working again. SEPA, Scottish Water and ELC are all involved. The source of the contamination is being investigated. Water quality is being monitored and bathing will be suspended until such time as it is fit again.

4. Update on access to Southern Platform, Dunbar Station. The report by CR had been shared (with CR's permission) with NH, SK and PMc. NH and SK noted the concerns of the local residents. Work is ongoing to provide a pedestrian access. To the platform. Parking would need to be at Hallhill car park. Members noted that Hallhill Car park can be busy e.g. at school drop off/pick up times. There was a concern that station users might park on residential streets. NH noted that Transportation had no immediate plans to introduce parking restrictions, but the situation would be monitored.

6.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.01 Report circulated.

Town Maintenance Issues

Roads and Pavements

Hospital Road – The surface remains very potholed. Longer term repair is linked to the Hallhill North development. The conditions are dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. Following contact with them by a member of the public the Evening News had been in contact with JB regarding their Pothole Pete feature.

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

Uneven pavement in Westgate. Longer term repair to be programmed by ELC. Uneven slopes to crossings at West Port and High Street. ELC are to programme alternative surfaces and slope gradients in 2020/21.

Faded crossings in High Street. To be programmed by ELC.

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

Signage

Road unsuitable for large vehicles sign needed at Beveridge Row. A further lorry had got stuck as unable to get under the railway bridge. A sign has been ordered. Chased January 2020.

Give way sign at junction of Eweford Road and Hospital Road – has been lying flat for over a year. Chased with ELC January 2020. A replacement sign has been ordered. Fingerpost to Station at one-way system. Still pointing down Kings Court and causing confusion for pedestrians. Waiting on a blacksmith to turn it in the right direction. Westgate sign. A sign on a building opposite the church was illegible. Passed to ELC 4th January and replaced by 18th January.

Vandalised Sign at Muirfield Road. Passed to ELC 19th January for repair.

Structures

Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons) Still to be repaired. It is now over 3 years since the need for repair was noted. Condition is declining. The Ridge are willing to do the work, but Four Seasons Estates have not taken up the offer. ELC are following up. Wall near 10c Castle Street is in poor condition. Masonry is falling from it. Reported to ELC November 2019.

Ruins of Lochend House (DCDC) The Ridge have given DCDC a quote to reduce the height of the walls to make them safer. The price is being negotiated between Cllr Hampshire and The Ridge.

Benches in poor condition near Cherrytrees Nursery. Barry Craighead of DELAP is unable to renovate them. Passed back to ELC December 2019. Gordon Whitelaw 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 required 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 Belhaven High Street, Marine Road, Old Spott Road and Shore Road. Still to be attended to. The blocked drains in Old Spott Road (one overgrown by grass) are adding to flood issues under Spott Road bridge. Tom Reid asked Callum Redpath to follow up in November 2019, but work is still to be completed.

A drain near 105 Pine Street is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing trip hazards for pedestrians. Passed back to ELC 1/1/20. They will follow up.

Flooding of footpath/cycleway at Alexander Gardens. This is impassable after rain. Seems to be related to the erection of the builder's compound for the Albany Grange site. Passed to Taylor Wimpey December 2019. They were to follow up. Although a fence has been removed near the compound the problem has continued. This has been passed back to Taylor Wimpey.

Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park car park. Trip hazard. Passed to ELC Amenities 8/1. Forwarded to roads 9/1. Temporary repair done. Permanent repair awaited.

Vegetation

Tree growing from the heritage Dovecote in the Co-op grounds. ELC Tree Officer has contacted the Co-op Manager and Co-op Estates to ask for action on this and also to remove some dead trees in the car park. He will chase up.

Coastal

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

Lighting

Various broken streetlights reported October 2019. Still to be repaired. Lights in the park near the Pool have been dark for a number of weeks. Reported to Enjoy Leisure January 17th. They do not appear on the Report It map as they are not maintained by Roads.

Toilets

The Gents toilet in Bayswell Road has been vandalised. Reported to ELC 15/1. Graham Brotherston will arrange repairs.

Services

Bus Timetable Information- East Coast took down timetables for other operators in July 2019. Information on other services is needed at a number of stops. ELC are aware and are taking action. e.g. an extra panel will be installed at Summerfield Park to give more information space. Some display panels are to be repaired.

Mental Health Services – Considerable contacts via e mail and Facebook regarding need for services. Passed on to the DELAP Health and Wellbeing Subgroup.

Other

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

Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane. Still needed. Roads are looking at this. There are issues regarding the adjoining wall that belongs to Monkscroft.

Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces. Contacts continue.

The Middlemass Road plots are still for auction. Next date February 6th.

The playparks in Wilson Place and Wilson Road 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 Parsonspool. Residents would still like a replacement slide. Has been suggested as an option for DELAP. Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA. ELC had issued an Enforcement Notice. Robertson Homes are looking to improve 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. Routeways from new estate (Yosemite Park/Crowbill Road area) into town. Pedestrian accesss is posing issues for those who do not drive. A very long walk or via unlit muddy paths in the woods. Raised with ELC 15/1. 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. **Skatepark** – Residents are again asking for an upgrade of the Pine Street facility/a new one. Passed on as a possible DELAP consideration. *Travellers at Newtonlees*. They had moved on. Considerable mess had been left. House Numbering at John Muir Gardens - The original cul-de-sac 1-20 was built in 2001. A road at the new Persimmon development has been given the same name and starts at 21 despite not being near the original road. Delivery drivers etc have been getting lost. The ELC officer who granted the name has left. Dunbar CC were not consulted on the name. Persimmon want ELC to pay for the name change as it is already in Title deeds and registered with the Post Office. ELC have agreed to put up signage to state where 1-20 are and that 21 onwards are in a different location. **Taxi Idling at Station** – Further reports have been passed to Tom Burr. **Dog Fouling**. Reports from around the town. JB is going on a poo patrol with Jimmy A1 Improvements – contact made with SBC, ELC and Transport Scotland on proposed improvements following the A1 Action group. Much difficulty in getting information from SBC on proposals. ELC Report It. Issues with the website continue e.g. unresponsive maps, inability to load photos, having to report multiple potholes one at a time. JB is in contact with ELC to seek improvements to increase effectiveness of the site for public use. A keyboard focussed meeting is being arranged to look at this with the ELC Officer. 7.00 TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail 7.01 **Financial Statement** The General Fund bank balance at the month end was £3890.69 (last month £3848.25.) There had been a payment to the Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Service wreath. Included in the £3890.69 is the restricted Local Priorities Fund. No grants were paid from the Local Priorities Fund in December. £98.84 had been received from Clan Dunbar in appreciation of the reception they had received from the town in Summer 2019. 7.02 **Local Priorities Fund Updates** James Page Arts Event – Mr Page had advised that this had been deferred until 2020 New Applications a. Traditional Music Festival 2020 - £500 towards costs. Approved. It was requested that the money should be spent on events for young people and AS will communicate this. AS b. Dunbar in Bloom - £435 for Gateway Signs to Celebrate In-Bloom Success. Approved.

	c. Gill Last - £110 had been requested for a display board and other costs for an Addiction Recovery Talk on January 18 th . JB had attended. The display Board, lectern and rail fare had not been required. The Venue had been free, and donations taken at the event. The only cost had been petrol for the main speaker from Glasgow. Gill had advised this cost was £45. This was approved.	
	AS/JB will make the payments	AS/JB
8.00	SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS	
8.01	<u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u> The Christmas Lights had been taken down in record time on January 12 th . Thanks were given to those who had assisted on the day.	
	The bank balance at the month end was £8725.73 (last month £11,331.92). GA noted that payments had been made for the Public Entertainment Licence and the TRO. A letter should be submitted to ELC for reimbursement of these monies. AS agreed to do this.	AS
8.02	Civic Week (GR) Planning meeting scheduled for January 22 nd 2020. To include discussion re 650 th Anniversary of Dunbar Burgh	
	The bank balance at the month end was £7,735.54. There had been no movement in the account during December 2019.	
9.00	DCC INITIATIVES	
9.01	War Memorial Project (HC) HC noted that there was a balance of monies from the project. He had discussed with Paul Zochowski of ELC the provision of an interpretation panel to be funded by these monies. Copies of the British Legion publication "Legion Scotland Today" giving information on the project were circulated for interest.	
	HC will be convening a further meeting of the Working Group.	нс
9.02	Corn Exchange Repair - (GA) Ongoing	
9.03	Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR) Landscaping discussions ongoing	
9.04	650 th Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter/50 th Anniversary of Civic Week (PS/SB) A meeting is to be held. Charter- The anniversary falls on February 8 th . The Burgh flag will be flown. However, the main celebration will be in Civic Week. SB had circulated historic information about the Charter.	
	Mercat Cross – HC noted that this was in poor condition. It would be an interesting project to do some restoration work as part of the 650th anniversary. ELC own the Cross. HC had spoken to Paul Zochowski of ELC who would be interested in such a project. The History Society would also be interested. HC had spoken to Bob Heath, a Conservation Architect, who could look at the Cross structure to give more information on restoration.	нс

	PS suggested that a paper on the project should now be submitted for the consideration of DCC members. AS felt that there was no need for such a submission as the project involved no CC funds. He further suggested that DCC would take an interest in any proposals that any working group might put forward. HC confirmed that there would be no costs to DCC and it was agreed that no report was required. It was further agreed (Proposed HC, seconded by JB) that a Working Group might be formed of interested parties to take the idea forward. JB expressed an interest in taking part. HC will contact DTA to see if they may be interested.	
9.05	Community Resilience (IH) — An interim Report by IH had been circulated along with a copy of the North Berwick Plan. It was agreed that IH will convene a working group meeting of interested parties and report back to DCC at a later date. JB again noted that members of West Barns CC wish to be included in resilience planning as there are common issues and WBCC do not have membership capacity to produce their own Plan.	IH
9.06	End of WW2 Commemoration 2020 (WC) Awaiting response from RBL. No significant interest to date from any other party.	
9.07	 Empire Cinema Site Kate Darrah will give a presentation to the February meeting ELC are holding an internal site review workshop on 21st January 2020 and will feedback to the community thereafter. 	
10.00	AREA PARTNERSHIP (George Robertson, Chairman)	
10.01	Update DELAP had not met since the December DCC meeting	
10.02	Next Business Meeting – January 27 th This will include a short presentation to promote Access for All provision at Belhaven Bay and advise of work on a Changing Places Room for Dunbar Leisure Pool (PS)	
11.00	COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS	
11.01	Health and Social Care Provision Re-provisioning — A workshop had been held at Haddington Community Hospital on January 14 ^{th.} JB, GW, PS and AS had attended. The meeting had looked at the back history of re-provisioning of hospital and older people's services in Dunbar, North Berwick and Musselburgh. There had been some delay in progression as the Team involved had been involved in the Community Hospital development. Concerns were expressed about the slow progress. Hub South East will be involved in the development. They are widely used for construction projects in the Scottish public sector. Background statistical work is to take place to look at projected demand as the population of older people in East Lothian rises. This will help to inform a business case for facilities. Information will be gathered on national and international models of care. Any proposed models must meet Care Inspectorate standards e.g. in a hospital or care home facility all rooms must be single and en suite. There will be a number of update workshops at dates to be arranged. Roadshows will be held in communities around the middle of 2020.	

The IJB will have a lead role. They will decide on the model of care to be used. The role of communities in the Project areas/East Lothian Older Peoples Change Board is still to be clarified. The importance of co-working/listening to community needs/clear information sharing was reiterated. Concerns were noted about the need for affordable housing for key workers. There are already issues in staff recruitment in places like North Berwick.

Community Hospital- Those attending the Re-provisioning meeting had had an opportunity to look around. Some wards are still mothballed but can come on stream at a later date. Some wards have already been opened to cater for Winter pressures.

Carers of East Lothian are now based at the hospital. The café is run by WVS. Concerns have been raised about the lack of Minor Injuries. If there were to be a business case such a facility could be accommodated in the Out of Hours facility which has a discrete external entrance near the main door. NHS Lothian are reviewing Minor Injuries provision across the Lothians.

After a lot of public concern there have been discussions with operators regarding bus access to the Hospital to save pedestrians from a long walk to/from existing bus stops.

On-site parking is an issue whilst construction continues. There have been problems with cars blocking nearby residential streets and at times bus services have had to be diverted/cancelled as vehicles have been unable to get through. There are planned to be around 500 spaces once the construction is completed.

GP Services - No further information

Practice Link Workers -No further information

Mental Health - Local Provision for Counselling and group support is still required. There had been contact from Alex McLean and others via Facebook. JB had contacted Changes to see if they could offer a service if a venue was provided. JB had met on January 9th with Helen Harper of CLD and Caitlin Rogers of Changes to discuss potential services. A Community Information Event on Mental Health Services is being planned for February 6th at Bleachingfield Centre. This had been initiated by Alex McLean and Gill Last. A number of providers have expressed an interest in attending.

Recovery Workshop – JB had attended a though provoking session arranged by Gill Last considering recovery from addiction at St Anne's Church on 18th January. This had included music, spoken word and personal stories followed by a panel discussion. (See Local Priority Funding requests)

Belhaven Ward 2 Hub. This will be offering a community hub facility for small groups to meet.

Information Mapping on Health Services- There are indicators of a clear need for information on what is available and how to access it.

Health and Wellbeing Sub Group – Next Meeting January 21st

11.02 | DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach -

Members had attended the consultation on December 13th. Information from the consultation will be collated and used to inform the Marine Licence application.

11.03 20 mph Trial

The Officer Report had been delayed until January.

ELC Cabinet will discuss approval of the required TRO (advertising, consultation etc) amongst other proposed TROs on 21st January. JB had circulated the Cabinet Report. It is proposed that the 20 mph limit will become permanent with some amendment of the area covered. Other papers are in the Members Library section of the ELC website.

In the meantime, the previous TRO expired on 28th December.

11.04	Station	
11.04	The new platform is operational. Some finishing works are needed to the structure	
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	e.g. cladding.	
	There had been problems with the working of the new lift. A part had needed to be	
	ordered from Switzerland. This had restricted access for those unable to use the	
	steps.	
	PS and CR had attended meetings with residents of Salisbury Walk regarding issues	
	including access from the south and potential parking issues on residential streets.	
	CR had circulated a report. (See also 5.4)	
12.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING	
12.01	Planning Matters to Note	
	1. Halhill North -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.	
	5. 19/00831/P – Soft Play Centre – Still to be determined	
	6. 19/00871 – Extension to Halhill Bar Area. To be determined.	
	7. Change of Use of Former Manse – Approved on December 24th	
	8. Robertson Homes Safe Access Route – Planning Enforcement Noted by ELC	
	9. Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks – Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC	
	10. 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.	
	11. 19/01162/P- Erection of 37 houses at Halhill . Information had been	
	circulated. Clarification had been requested by JB on the site and type of	
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	housing as the diagrams and information from the Planner had not been	
	clear. This had been circulated. JB had submitted a response from DCC.	
	12. The Cat's Pyjamas . A restrospective 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 venue seems to have closed down on 1 st	
	January.	
12.02	<u>Licensing Matter to Note</u>	
	The Cats Pyjamas –The venue seemed to close on 1 st January. There is no further	
	licensing application on the Licencing Board January Agenda.	
13.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED	
13.01	A1 Action Group 20 th December. JB had attended. Presentation slides had been	
	circulated.	
	Upgrades in Northumberland. This is progressing.	
	East Lothian Access Study "Case for Change". This document for improvements	
	refers to the west of the county. It was noted that improvements in the East of the	
	county had been submitted to the Scottish Government by Scottish Borders Council	
	(SBC). Concern was expressed that there had been no consultation with local	
	community councils along the A1 corridor. There are a number of longstanding	
	safety concerns, particularly at junctions in the area.	
	Wind Safety Matters – There had been incidents in December regarding blown over	
	vehicles on the A1. It was suggested that there should be pro-active closures of the	

A1 as the Tyne Bridge is a point of high accident impact. Safety measures e.g. screening of the Tyne Bridge were suggested.

Cats Eyes – A presentation was given on the modernisation of Cats Eye infrastructure south of Houndwood. New LED units give better lighting rtange and have a longer life.

Litter. JB noted continued problems with litter. Peter Forsyth agreed to pass on to AMEY.

Viridor Liaison – January 15th JB had attended

This had been held in the new Visitor Centre. There will be opportunities for groups to visit by arrangement later in the year. Preference will be given to groups from local communities and educational tours.

Landfill

Work continues to fill Cell 4c. Restoration work of the land is ongoing. There has been a reduction in tonnage. All Council contracts have ended and thus waste is via ad hoc contracts.

There have been no complaints to SEPA or the plant.

FRF

The plant is processing about 900 tonnes of waste per day. This continues to come by lorry.

The processing of NHS waste has been continuing. This involves about 200 tonnes per week. A long term solution is being developed in North Wales and it is hoped this will be in place by the Spring.

Some noise complaints in November have been investigated.

An updated Heat Plan is to be submitted to SEPA by January 31st and approved by April. One option for heat use being considered is to convert gas from the landfill site to a vehicle fuel. A pilot project is being mooted. Other options are still to be developed.

Staff are being recruited. 75% of workers currently come from the area between Edinburgh and Berwick.

Community Activities

Sue Anderson has been involved in various activities to promote STEM education in schools/higher education. There had been school visits.

The focus of grant giving has changed. Rather than ad hoc grants to local groups, Viridor (Pennon Group parent company) nationally are identifying partner organisations for funding. Locally it is the Wave Project. Plant staff in Dunbar are also identifying groups for donating funds to that have been accumulated from a per capita sum per staff member for every no lost time injury day recorded at the plant. The choice from a number of charities is put to the staff group. A donation had just been made to Maggies Centres.

The Viridor Credits grants programme continues. However, it is now managed centrally in Taunton. Concern was noted that information on successful local bids is not readily available.

Recycling. There was a general discussion about waste and recycling. A mural at the Visitor Centre has been made from rubbish gathered in the playgrounds at the Primary and Grammar Schools. Seating at the Centre had been upcycled from old chairs and maps that had come from the former Longannet Power Station. The difficulties of recycling some materials e.g Tetrapac cartons were discussed.

A1 Safety. JB gave feedback on the recent A1 Action Group meeting. Concerns were shared that local communities had not been involved in drawing up proposals on A1 improvements submitted to the Scottish Government by Scottish Borders Council.

14.00 CORRESPONDENCE

Sandy Baptie – Weather Updates. Notice of A1 Closure on 7th January due to winds.

Scott Kennedy, ELC- Water Quality Incident at Belhaven Bay on 18th December related to sewage outflow from Beltonford Treatment Plant. A ban on bathing had been put into force. Initial information and updates.

Local People Leading – Newsletters

Jane Ogden Smith- Transformation of Older Peoples Services event on January 14th

Via Facebook- Finlay Cooke – Idling Taxi at Station – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Finlay Cook- Dog Fouling – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Helen Lorimer– Street name issues at new Persimmon development. JB had responded.

Planning Democracy- Newsletter

Brake- Newsletter

Via Facebook- Wendy Logan- Dog Fouling and Litter at Persimmon Playpark – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Abby Farrell- Injury at Country Park – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various – Dog Fouling JB had responded

Via Facebook, Finlay Cooke. Update on Cats Pyjamas – JB had responded

Police Scotland – Contact Assessment Model

Edinburgh Airport- Update on Airspace Change Programme

Via Facebook -Dog Accident at promenade – GR, JB and PS had responded

Via Facebook- Alex Mclean – Mental Health Services – JB had responded

Violence Against Women and Girls – update

Via Facebook -Jenni Purves - Maternal Mental Health services. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various – Need for local mental health services

Via Facebook- Kevin Searle – Need for lighting on path between Robertson Homes and ASDA- JB had responded.

Siobhan Grealy – Health service issues. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Emma Vance- Relax Kids/mental health provision. JB had responded. **Via Facebook- Louise Renwick** – Broken Drain cover at Winterfield Park Car Park. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Fraser Stewart. Information on his photography business. JB had responded.

Via Facebook, Louise Burden- Pedestrian Access from Persimmon Homes (Yosemite Park/Crowbill Road area) to Town etc. JB had responded.

Via Facebook, George Dougal- Vandalism at Gents Toilets in Bayswell Road. JB had responded

Via Facebook, Mikael Forup- Need for crossing at Station Road. JB had responded.

Haddington CAB- Child Internet Safety Event at Dunbar Library

Conor Matchett, Evening News – Condition of Hospital Road (had had contact from a member of the public)- JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Rob McDougall – Concerns about speeding in Belhaven, ignoring of restrictions in Countess Crescent and misuse of disabled parking in Countess Crescent near Primary School.

Via Facebook- William Main – Concerns about traffic congestion on Queens Road near Robertson/Avant site due to narrowing of road by parked cars. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Peter Kirwan, Haddington CAB- Information about Swapping Energy Provider session at Dunbar Library – JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Neil Munro – Further flooding issues at Alexander Gardens. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Zoe Millar- Lights out in park around Leisure Pool (do not appear on Report it site as not Roads responsibility). JB had responded.

Paul Gillon – Transport issues at Hospital Road and Yosemite Park. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Heather Christie- Concerns about Motor Cross events near JMCP. JB had responded.

	Via Facebook- Lisa McNeill- Concerns about Anti-social behaviour. JB had responded. Dunbar & District Twinning Association - Newsletter	
15.00	AOB Congratulations – Monica Patterson on being appointed ELC Chief Executive. JB had sent a card on behalf of DCC Congratulations – Andrew Hogarth BEM in the New Year Honours. JB had sent a card on behalf of DCC Parking Consultation. This was to have been held on 21st January at the Town House. It has been postponed. There had been no publicity of the event. Information has now been received on a consultation regarding the Coastguard Site in particular on January 5th. Members were urged to attend. Attention was drawn to the Parking Section of the Town Centre Strategy that had been circulated by JB. GR queried the inclusion in parking provision of Lauderdale Park parking. JB noted that this area had been mentioned in the Strategy. Town House Tables – These have been renovated by the Community Shed and restored to the Council Chamber. Thanks were noted to the Group for their work. Amusement Arcade Site – Has been sold for private residential development. DCC Minutes – HC queried the circulation of minutes including the availability of hard copies to the public. He had asked at the Library who did not seem to hold hard copies for those who cannot access the Internet. JB noted that the minutes are	ALL
	circulated widely including to the Library. JB will follow up the provision of a hard copy there. PS noted that a hard copy is not placed in the Town Centre Notice Board due to the length.	
16.00	DCC MEETINGS - February 17th 2020 Kate Darrah will attend to give a presentation on the Empire Close Site	