



Monday 17th February 2020

Minutes of Meeting Held at 7 pm in the Council Chambers, Dunbar Town House

PRESENTATION - EMPIRE CLOSE DEVELOPMENT : KATE DARRAH (THE RIDGE)

Kate Darrah (KD) gave a history of the work of The Ridge. Substantial work had been taking place regarding rig structures and backland areas of Dunbar. The Ridge are seen by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) as an important trainer in skills like stone masonry, The Ridge have a record in training and support for vulnerable groups which is supported by ELC and others. The Ridge are an accredited trainer with national agencies like Skills Scotland.

The Ridge hope to have a further training project based at Empire Close. This had previously been approved for housing by East Lothian Housing Association and later ELC but the application had not been taken forward by the incoming Administration in 2012.

It would be hoped to have a rolling lease from ELC for use of the land. The aim would be to have a light touch development of the area for training purposes. Any light touch development might be removed if longer term development were being considered.

DCC members were supportive of the proposals. The positive work of The Ridge in regenerating derelict areas of the town and in skills training, particularly for vulnerable groups, were commended. DCC members asked to be kept updated on future planning application and lease arrangements.

1.00	SEDERUNT Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS) (Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary, Stephen Bunyan (SB), George Robertson (GR), Will Collin (WC), Gill Wilson (GW), Herbert Coutts (HC), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Cllr Hampshire (NH), Cllr Kempson (SK), Cllr McLennan(PMc)-from 8.38pm, Mike Shaw, Keith Mills (Members of the Public), Rod Steven, Stephen Livingston (Robertson Homes) For Empire Close Item – Kate Darrah (KD) (The Ridge), Chris Nicol, Liz Dorrian (Residents), For Station Access Item – Shona Borthwick, Cynthia Stephens, Mary Grainger (Residents)	
1.01	Welcome – PS welcomed all to the meeting	
1.02	Apologies - Ian Hamilton (IH), Graham Adams (GA), Craig Rapson (CR)	
1.03	Declarations of Interest PS, JB and GR declared an interest in the Local Priorities application for the Belhaven Bay Access Project.	
2.00	Minutes of Meeting – 20th January 2020	
2.01	Amendments and Adoption – Approved (Proposed GW, Seconded AS)	
2.02	Action Review Items had been attended to or on the Agenda.	
2.03	Matters arising not covered in agenda Library Minutes. JB had seen Anne Hampshire about provision of a printed copy. This had been done in the past but may have fallen out of practice when Anne had a	

	<p>period of sick leave. They can start to pin up a copy again. Anne will be retiring at the end of March and JB was given a generic library e mail address for future Minutes.</p> <p>Belhaven Bay Water Quality – Bathing restrictions had been lifted on 4/2.</p>	
3.00	Empire Close	
3.01	No further discussion. Members were supportive of the proposals as discussed with KD.	
4.00	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>JB had circulated a Report from PC Ross. This was based on incidents reported to the Police between 19th January and 17th February.</p> <p>Road Safety</p> <p>In the last month 5 drivers had been charged with driving without insurance in the Dunbar area. The majority had had their cars seized and impounded until they could produce valid insurance.</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour</p> <p>There had been no Youth related ASB calls during the month.</p> <p>At 23.30 hours on 7th February a serious assault had taken place on the High Street in which the victim sustained facial injuries. The Police were following a positive line of inquiry.</p> <p>The same individuals had been involved in 2 fights on Dunbar High Street at about 9.30 am on 1st and 4th February. Some charges had been preferred with more to follow.</p> <p>There had been extensive vandalism to the common stair at 34 High Street with the same graffiti “tag” being repeated multiple times. Police were following a positive line of enquiry and one male is to be charged.</p> <p>Litter – No issues</p> <p>Theft – no notable thefts</p> <p>Other issues</p> <p>On 7th February a Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant was executed at Fall Avenue. Charges of drugs possession and obstruction of the police will be preferred.</p> <p>2 separate incidents of voyeurism had been reported. 2 people had been charged and will be referred to the Procurator Fiscal.</p>	
4.01	<p><u>CAPP Priorities from 28th January</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Jim and Jemima Cut Outs to be deployed around the ward *Ashfield Playpark- patrols to take place * Obstructive parking at Colvin Street, Castle Street and Church Street junctions to be followed up 	
4.02	<p><u>Date of next CAPP</u> – 7.30 on 19th February</p> <p>Issues to be raised by Loretta Stewart</p> <p>JB noted that there had been a further near miss at the One Way System.</p> <p>JB noted that there have been problems of parking by construction workers near the Robertson Avant site</p> <p>LS had raised request for a speed reactive sign placement in Back Road at the last CAPP.</p>	
5.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
5.01	<p>Norman Hampshire (NH)</p> <p>NH noted the difficult budget conditions. Further information is still awaited from Holyrood.</p> <p>£600K is to be cut from the Area Partnership Educational Attainment funding.</p>	*

	<p>Holyrood funding is not sufficient to meet pension fund commitments and Holyrood commitments like Free Personal Care for under 65s. More information is needed from Holyrood before ELC sets its budget. The budget meeting will be on March 3rd.</p> <p>Council Tax may need to rise by more than 4.84%. Infrastructure growth e.g. school buildings is required to meet the needs of the increasing population.</p>	
5.02	Sue Kempson – No further comments	
5.03	Paul McLennan- PS had written to PMc. He attended the latter part of the meeting. He said that work commitments had prevented him from attending Monday evening meetings. He hoped to attend future meetings although this may not be until after 7.30 pm.	
5.04	<p>Questions to Councillors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Process for 20mph implementation (DCC feedback discussed elsewhere). There was discussion about this. ELC Officers had gathered information on the responses to the consultation. ELC Officers are preparing a report and a further public consultation will be held on the detail of the proposed 20 mph area. 2. Process for use of information gathered at ELC drop in session regarding Coastguard site/parking in Dunbar. Members had attended the drop in session. It had been suggested that information generated would be used to inform the forthcoming planning application/planners report for the site. 3. Update on Station Car Park and Southern Access to Dunbar Station. There was considerable discussion on the issue. Several local residents from Retreat Crescent attended to note their concerns. Both NH and SK had called in the application for consideration at Planning Committee in March. Issues raised included the cycle shelter, parking provision, structure of the disability access, access through the historic wall and road safety for children. It was agreed that JB as DCC Planning link would liaise with residents about the forthcoming Planning Committee meeting regarding a DCC response and the way in which Planning Committee operates. 4. Update on completion of access from Newtonlees to ASDA via railway underpass (see Secretary Report). There had been various concerns from the community about the incomplete access route between the Newtonlees estate and ASDA. JB noted her contacts with Robertson Homes and ELC. NH noted that ELC would not adopt pathways unless they were of acceptable standard. It was agreed the situation should be monitored as public access routes from this area have implications for other routes from housing estates into the town. 5. Update on Back Road/Active Travel (Peter Brett reports). NH noted that there are still issues with the recommendations of the Report. He stated that the provision of a pavement between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane was not dependent on the outcome of the proposals. This was contrary to past information from ELC Roads to JB. JB will contact ELC for an update. 6. Update on CARS application. NH noted that this is in hand. 	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
6.00	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
6.01	<p>Report had been circulated by JB.</p> <p><u>Town Maintenance Issues</u></p> <p>Roads and Pavements</p> <p><i>Hospital Road-</i> The condition had been reported in the Evening News Pothole Pete Feature. ELC will now arrange temporary repairs. This work is still needed. The road is in a dangerous condition.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs at Boroughdales, Summerfield Road and Shore Road</i> have subsided and are prone to flooding. Works are to be programmed by ELC.</p>	*

Uneven pavement in Westgate – trip hazard for Day Centre users. Longer term repair to be programmed by ELC.

Uneven slopes to crossings in West Port and High Street. ELC are to programme alternative surfaces and slope gradients in 2020/21.

Faded crossing markings in High Street. Passed to ELC June 2019. One (near The Castle Hotel) was repainted in November 2019. The other (near the Townhouse) was repainted in February 2020.

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

Signage

Road unsuitable for large vehicles signage at Beveridge Row. A sign has been erected at the A1 end of Hospital Road in February 2020. Another sign has been installed at the Edinburgh Road end of Beveridge Row but it may not be easily seen, especially when a nearby tree comes into leaf. This will be monitored.

Give Way Sign at junction of Hospital Road and Eweford Road. This had been lying flat on the ground for over a year. Replaced February 2020.

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.

Sign at Muirfield Road was damaged. Reported to ELC for repair 19/1. Repaired.

Sign to Belhaven at Eweford Road has been damaged by wind. Reported to ELC for repair 11/2.

Structures

Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons) Still to be repaired. It is 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 action. 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 ruin walls to make them safer. The price is being negotiated between Cllr Hampshire and The Ridge.

Benches in poor condition near Cherrytrees Nursery. Repair is still needed by ELC.

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 easily be removed to reveal a deep hole.

Blocked drains. Reported in Belhaven High Street, Marine Road and Old Spott 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. The blocked drain near Belhaven House is causing flooding and erosion of the junction of Duke Street. JB discussed issues with Callum Redpath at the meeting on 5th February. *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. Following further contact with Taylor Wimpey a pump has been installed at the Albany Grange Work compound. This can be used at times of heavy rain. The situation will be monitored. The path did flood on 7/8 February and photos have been passed to Taylor Wimpey. A fence has been installed to give extra security following thefts from the compound. Taylor Wimpey have advised that this is temporary as residents had been concerned that they would lose the open views they had expected.

Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park Car Park. A temporary repair had been made. Roads will programme a permanent repair on behalf of Amenities.

Vegetation

Tree Growing from the Heritage Dovecot 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.

Overgrown path Beltonford to Smokehouse. Passed to ELC 11/1.

Cala Ransom Strip- This has now been cleared. As a planning condition Cala were to make a pathway to the upper part of the estate.

Coastal

Wire Meshing over the stones near The Bridge to Nowhere is breaking up and becoming dangerous. Passed to ELC (Neil Clark) 25/9.

New steps at Whitesands – public concerns about the slope on the step treads. Passed to ELC 11/1. Neil Clark will investigate.

Lighting

Various broken street lights reported. Light at Poplar Street had needed major cable work by Scottish Power after being dark for months. Lights in the park and car 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 had been vandalised. Reported to ELC 15/1. Graham Brotherston had arranged repairs.

Services

Timetable Information. ELC have installed an extra information panel at Summerfield Park and repaired Perspex at Gala Green. Perspex is to be repaired at Duke Street.

Electric Vehicle Charging Fees. They have been introduced for ELC installed chargers on 10/2. Some people have noted that the fees are higher than they are charged for home charging.

Other

Cycle paths around housing south of the railway line. Still required. There have been further concerns from the public about the lack of path lighting in the area which have been passed to ELC. Iain Reid, Active Travel Officer, has advised that nearby property owners have remained unwilling to allow the installation of lighting or an improved surface.

Safe Footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane -Still needed. Roads are looking into this. There are issues regarding the adjoining wall which belongs to Monkscroft.

Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces. Contacts continue

The Middlemass Road plots are still for auction. They had failed to sell on February 6th. Next Auction is on 19th March.

The playparks near 37 Wilson Place and in Wilson Road remain in a dangerous condition. ELC Planning Enforcement letters were sent in 2019. Residents are seeking further advice e.g. to try to buy through community ownership legislation. Residents are negotiating with Greenbelt the possibility of taking ownership of other green spaces. This will require setting up of a SCIO or similar. The Committee have been taking legal advice.

JB maintains contact with the Residents Association. She has been invited to the AGM on February 25th.

Maharajan Duleep Singh -Dunbar Connections. Contacts are continuing to renew the memorial to Lt Col David Sutherland in Dunbar Churchyard. Means to fund a monument are being discussed with family members and the Sikh Community.

Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA. ELC had issued an Enforcement Notice in Autumn 2019. Rob Newey of Robertson Homes had advised that Network Rail have told them that an agreement must be made with ELC for the area under the railway as once it is adopted maintenance responsibility will lie with ELC. Mr Newey had passed this on to ELC for ELC to resolve and advise further. Regarding lighting between the underpass and ASDA a connection was due to be completed in the next

	<p>couple of weeks (late February). At the time of the original application (15/00630/PM) Halhill Developments had indicated that they had a right of access through the underpass and thus the condition of the footpath construction imposed at that time had not been considered to be an issue.</p> <p>Routeways from new estate (Yosemite Park/Crowbill Road area) into town. Pedestrian access 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. Morag Haddow had advised that there is no other short pedestrian route. The resident had been advised.</p> <p>Pumptrack- Residents had suggested that one should be provided. JB had advised of the existing facility in Lochend Woods.</p> <p>A1 Improvements – Contact made with Scottish Borders Council (SBC), ELC and Transport Scotland (TS)) on proposed improvements following the A1 Action Group. There had been much difficulty in getting information from SBC on their proposals. Iain Gray MSP had not been aware of the SBC Report until JB had mentioned it to him. A reply had been received from Transport Scotland and circulated. This included a link to an old SBC Report for Borders Railway and not the 2019 document which JB was seeking. That Report had now been located on the TS website and circulated. Terry Prior of Halhill TRA had also had correspondence specifically relating to the Belhaven Junction from transport Scotland. In both letters Richard Perry of Transport Scotland suggested that ELC wished traffic from the new housing to access the A1 via Brodie Road to Spott Road roundabout. This is not the desired route of residents living in the western part of the new estate who currently use the Belhaven exit.</p> <p>Matters arising/questions A1 JB noted various issues regarding safety along the A1 corridor. It was agreed that JB would be the designated link for matters regarding the A1 and road connections to the Trunk Route.</p> <p>Four Seasons Wall SB suggested that Four Seasons may want to consider sale of land on the slop below the decaying wall. There had been a previous house at the bottom of the hill where the current car park is situated.</p>	
7.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail	
7.01	<p>Financial Statement</p> <p>The bank balance in the General Fund at the month end was £3079.19 (last month £3890.69). Included in the £3079.19 is the restricted Local Priorities Fund. From this grants had been paid in January to Dunbar Traditional Music Festival, Jill Last and Dunbar in Bloom. 2 of the grants (DIB and Jill Last) had been reduced to reflect the level of actual spend after the applicants had given revised details.</p>	
7.02	<p>Local Priorities Fund</p> <p><u>Updates</u></p> <p><i>Traditional Music Festival</i> – Thanks had been received for the grant.</p> <p><i>Dunbar in Bloom</i> – A note of thanks had been received along with a picture. The signs had been erected on February 6th. It had only been possible to place them at Queens Road and Spott Road. Thus the amount required had reduced to £283.50.</p> <p><i>Recovery Event</i> – Thanks had been received from Jill Last.</p> <p><u>New Applications</u></p> <p><i>Belhaven Bay Disability Access</i> – Request for £300 to enable a Feasibility Study to be carried out into the viability of a culvert crossing near The Bridge to Nowhere. PS had circulated information. This was approved.</p> <p>PS noted that IH had queried the possibility of a boardwalk installation at JMCP. However, Landscape and Countryside staff had not been keen for disturbance by</p>	

	infrastructure of the saltmarsh. SB noted that access could be considered at a future JMCP Advisory committee meeting.	
8.00	SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS	
8.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u></p> <p>The bank balance at the month end was £9182.90 (Last month £8725.73) A VAT Refund of £2476.71 had been paid into the Christmas Lights Account. AS had circulated correspondence with Sharon Saunders, Head of Communities and Partnerships at ELC. She had agreed repayment for the Public Entertainment Licence (£380) and TTRO (£180.50) incurred for the Christmas Lights Switch On event. She had authorised these on a one off, exceptional basis on 10/2/2020. AS had requested information on the procedure to be followed to apply for support for events in the coming year.</p>	
8.02	<p><u>Civic Week (GR)</u></p> <p><u>GR had circulated a report.</u></p> <p>Civic Week will run from 13th-21st June. A small committee is working on detailed planning. The main theme will be a celebration of the 650th anniversary of the David II Charter. The parade will be larger than normal and will proceed from Victoria Harbour via Victoria Street, High Street and West Port to the Bleachingfield Centre. Led by the Pipe Band the parade will be divided into sections to represent the centuries since the Charter and it is hoped that participants will dress accordingly. It is hoped that past Civic week Queens will take part and efforts are being made to locate them. It is also hoped that that a small group from Lothians and Border Horse will take part. On arrival at the Bleachingfield there will be the usual crowning of the Queen and a programme of entertainments and events aimed at young people. Marshalls will be needed for the Parade and Fun Day. There will be a programme of events during the week with a tree planting at St Anne's, a Quiz Night and a thanksgiving service at the battery. The DCC Awards Night will be on June 15th. Nominations for Community Awards will be sought on/before the end of April. This will be publicised. Members noted some potential nominations.</p> <p>The bank balance at the month end was £7735.54. There had been no movement in the account during January. New vinyl signs had been purchased in February.</p>	ALL
9.00	DCC INITIATIVES	
9.01	<p><u>War Memorial Project (HC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Panel . HC had circulated information. This further work will be considered by the Working Group. 	
9.02	<p><u>Corn Exchange Repair - (GA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works are ongoing with GA continuing to liaise with ELC over further roof leaks 	
9.03	<p><u>Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)</u></p> <p>GR noted that planting is being considered by The Ridge. This will take place in Spring. Benches are being considered. JB noted that concerns about the condition of the Church Yard are being expressed on social media.</p>	
9.04	<u>650th Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter/50th Anniversary of Civic Week</u>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Council Armorial Banner was flown to mark the 650th Anniversary of the granting of the Burgh Charter by David 2nd on 8th February 1370. <p>HC had circulated update information on the Mercat Cross.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 7th February John and David McCreadie undertook a photographic/digital survey of the Mercat Cross. The results will be pieced together to give a comprehensive picture of the structures's current condition. This can be used to inform any future conservation/ enhancement work. The survey, arranged by HC had been undertaken on a pro-bono basis. Paul Zochowski of ELC had been interested in the technique which might be useful in examining other historic structures around East Lothian. Bob Heath , Conservation Architect, had looked at the cross. He will make recommendations on preservation/restoration on a pro bono basis. Dr David Anderson is researching the dismantling of the old cross and installation of the cross outside the Town House in 1912. HC had spoken to various people including History Society, DTA and Rotary who would be interested in considering conservation, and if appropriate, enhancement of the Cross. A meeting will be arranged once the survey results are known. <p>HC had circulated information on proposals. DCC agreed to support the works of HC and a Working Group in taking the proposals forward. It was not expected that DCC would incur any costs for the project.</p>	
9.05	<p><u>Community Resilience (IH) –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Sewell of ELC had circulated initial information on Exercise Centaurus. This will be held on 8th September and relate to a theoretical incident at Torness. More information will follow at a later date. A Resilient Communities Open Evening will be held at Penston House on 24th March for Resilient Community Links and their Deputies. IH is still to organise a meeting with interested DCC members to agree a way forward for a DCC Community Resilience Plan Communities had been asked to check grit bins after the snow/ice. JB had put information on Social Media. 	
9.06	<p><u>End of WW2 Commemoration 2020 (WC)</u></p> <p>No interest had been shown from the wider community (schools etc) in an event in May. There could be something to mark the end of WW2 in September but this would depend on interest. There could be links to Remembrance events in November.</p>	
9.07	<p><u>Community Leader Climate Programme</u></p> <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful are offering training to enable communities to understand the climate emergency and how communities and individuals may respond. It was noted that Sustaining Dunbar already lead on this area in Dunbar and District. It was agreed that DCC would not take up the Community Leader training offer.</p>	
10.00	AREA PARTNERSHIP (George Robertson, Chairman)	
10.01	<p><u>Update - Business Meeting on 27th January</u></p> <p><i>Various projects</i> were funded. These included the first tranche of monies to develop better disability access at Belhaven Bay. The first phase will be for a desk top study to be followed by a second phase for a Coastal Engineering Assessment by RHDHV. This will be funded from the next funding allocation for the General Fund.</p>	

	<p>Prior to the funding discussions there had been a presentation by PS and Alex Davey. Alex is a young mum who spoke of the challenges she faces in taking her children, including a son in a wheelchair onto the beach.</p> <p>Money was also given to the Active Schools DECAFF Fund, for Community Learning and Development activities and hand driers at East Linton Community Hall.</p> <p><i>Youth Shelters</i> – There was discussion as to whether or not there was a desire for them in the DELAP Area.</p> <p><i>Education Budget</i>- This has been £100,000 per year for DELAP. It has funded much valuable work in the community both in the schools and by other organisations like the Ridge along with the popular Summer Schools. DELAP members were concerned that this budget is to be cut for all APs. GR had written to ELC to express concerns.</p> <p><i>Sub Groups</i>. There had been updates on the Young Persons and Health and Wellbeing sub groups.</p> <p><i>Area Plan</i> – Copies of the latest draft had been circulated for comment.</p> <p><i>DELAP Members Handbook</i> – This is being developed.</p>	
10.02	<p><u>Future Meetings</u> Next Business Meeting – March 9th Annual Public Meeting – April 27th</p>	
11.00	COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS	
11.01	<p><u>Health and Social Care Provision</u> <i>Health and Wellbeing Sub Group – 21st January</i> <i>Mental Health Services</i> – This is seen as a priority for DELAP. Concerns had been drawn to attention by a member of the public (Alex McLean) that access to supports in the area have been limited since the withdrawal of Crossreach. Services tend to be based in Edinburgh or Musselburgh which can be difficult to access, especially for those without transport. Helen Harper (CLD) had found that Changes had tried to book Bleachingfield rooms without success. They had also previously held local sessions but found take up was poor – possibly related to publicity. Alex had set up a group on Facebook which indicated a clear need around the town for information and supports. There was concern that as the town grows there are developing pockets of social isolation. The Ridge has found that it is a holding resource for troubled young people. Waiting lists for services are very long. Sadness was expressed about the recent suicide of a Dunbar teenager. There was discussion about the forthcoming Mental Health Awareness Event at the Bleachingfield. <i>Link Workers</i>- These are to be attached to GP services. A tender for the contract is still to be issued. <i>Reprovision of Older People Services</i>- An update meeting had been held at the Community Hospital on 14th January. There was concern about the slow progress. Some delay had been due to the Project Group having previously worked on the Community Hospital. Project groups are to be set up in the 3 areas – Dunbar, North Berwick and Musselburgh. Jane Ogden Smith (ELHSCP) is to discuss with Miriam Anderson, the main project lead, on how to take this forward in the DELAP Area. <i>Statistics</i> – There had been input from Gordon Hunt, Senior Information Analyst. He is looking at Health and Well being statistics in the East Lothian to inform the NHS/IJB. He will contact the Statistics Group of the Patient Participation Forum in Dunbar. <i>Ageing Well</i> – An information event will be held at Bleachingfield on 28th October. <i>Dementia</i> – Intergenerational meals continue at DGS on Wednesdays. People are welcome to attend via Sue Northrop of DFEL.</p>	

	<p><i>Addiction recovery</i> – An interesting session arranged by Jill Last of The Ridge had been held in Dunbar on January 18th.</p> <p><i>Community Hospital</i> – Those attending the Re-provisioning Meeting had had an opportunity to look around. Concerns continue about future provision for Minor Injuries Care and access by public transport.</p> <p>Next Meeting – 4 pm on February 19th at Bleachingfield Centre.</p> <p>Mental Health Awareness Event- February 6th</p> <p>This had been very well attended by members of the public. Credit is given to Alex McLean who had initiated the event along with Jill Last of The Ridge. Information had been available on services currently available (although sadly outside Dunbar) and some providers like Changes had been on hand to talk about what they might offer. Changes will be offering a group programme at the Bleachingfield in February. Information was gathered on what kind of supports people would like. This will be collated and passed on to relevant organisations.</p>	
11.02	<p><u>DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach</u> –</p> <p>DSHNG AGM had been held on 4th February. The Minutes and Chair’s Report had been circulated.</p> <p>ELC had advised that a contractor had been appointed and works will commence on 16/17 March.</p> <p>ELC will liaise with DSHNG to arrange a local residents’ advice session prior to the commencement of works.</p>	
11.03	<p><u>20 mph Trial</u></p> <p>ELC Cabinet had approved 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 to remove the arterial routes into town from Belhaven and Queens Road.</p> <p>JB had circulated the Officer Report from the Members Library and draft information on the proposed TRO which will be for public consultation. JB had contacted Morag Haddow about a difference between some of the named streets to be included and the map. The streets identified by JB/SB had been removed from the proposed TRO to be advertised publicly.</p> <p>JB had passed on the DCC request for Kellie Road to be included in the 20 mph area. However, she had been advised by Council Officers that the road does not meet the criteria for 20 mph in that it has limited side roads off it and limited numbers of houses directly on the carriageway.</p> <p>Members discussed the proposals. It was agreed that JB would ask ELC to support the original DCC consultation area and for Kellie Road to be 20 mph.</p> <p>PMc said that he would support the proposals and that he would contact ELC.</p>	<p>JB PMc</p>
11.04	<p><u>Station</u></p> <p>JB had circulated an update from Allan Brooking on works at the station. This has generally been overnight work to install cladding on the lift towers. Work will continue onsite until the planned completion date of March 2020. Following the completion of construction and enhancing development works a replanting and landscape plan will commence during the first planting and seeding season of 2020. Allan Brooking’s contract as Community Liaison has been extended until June 2020. Following work at Dunbar he will move on to the new station projects at East Linton and Reston.</p> <p>Station parking proposals had been on display at the public consultation event on February 5th. DCC members had attended.</p>	

	<p>Residents of Salisbury Walk etc are still liaising with Allan Brooking over issues that are adversely affecting their quality of life/privacy. AB has been responding. Craig Rapson is DCC link.</p> <p>Shona Borthwick and others had been in contact on behalf of residents regarding concerns about developments of an access path etc. Local residents attended the DCC meeting. JB agreed to meet with residents about their concerns prior to ELC March Planning Committee meeting. See Questions to Councillors.</p>	
12.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING	
12.01	<p>Planning Matters to Note</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Halhill North - 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. A public exhibition will be held on 18th February. Rod Steven and Stephen Livingston of Robertson Homes noted that following the exhibition an updated application will be submitted to ELC. Residents of Newtonlees/Broxburn remain unhappy about the proposals. 5. 19/00831/P – Soft Play Centre – Still to be determined 6. 19/00871 – Extension to Halhill Bar Area. To be determined. 7. Robertson Homes Safe Access Route – Planning Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC 8. Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks – Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC 9. 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. A public drop in had been held on 5/2 which members had attended. To be determined. Considerable disquiet had been expressed about this unconventional approach to the planning process and residents are uncertain as to how the feedback at this session is to be used. 10. 19/01162/P- Erection of 37 houses at Halhill To be determined. 11. Cat’s Pyjamas – Open again (FB page reactivated). Retrospective Planning Permission for Change of Use still to be registered. JB had had contact with NH, SK and Planning Enforcement. The applicant has not responded to requests for information by Planning. If paperwork is not received by the end of February the application will be voided by ELC and enforcement action taken. 12. Viridor – Initial information had been received that the company are intending to make an application to ELC to construct a plastics recycling and reprocessing plant at Oxwellmains. It is intended that this will make use of the heat from the ERF. 13. 19/01299/PCL- Development to Access Station from the South. See Questions to Councillors. 	
12.02	<p>Licensing Matter to Note</p> <p><i>Beer Zoo-</i> had been awarded its full licence at the January Board.</p> <p><i>Cats Pyjamas</i> – The premises have been opening on an alcohol free/BYOB basis since mid January. Occasional Alcohol Licences have been granted for 28/2-1/3 (035/20) and for 6/3-8/3 (036/20). Members of the public had not been aware of information about the applications on the ELC licensing portal until the time for representations had expired. JB had been in contact with NH, SK and Licensing/Licensing Board members about this situation. The Fire Brigade are to conduct a Fire Safety Audit of</p>	

	the premises. Requirements are less onerous for an occasional licence than for a Full Licence. As yet an application has not been submitted for a Full Licence which would need Planning Consent to be in place for Change of Use.	
13.00	<u>MEETINGS ATTENDED</u>	
13.01	<p>Path to Spott Meeting – February 4th. JB had attended. Spott is only 2 miles from Dunbar. However, there are challenges in travelling between the 2, particularly for cyclists and pedestrians – increasing traffic on narrow lanes, steep gradients, crossing the A1. Spott Community Association have succeeded in getting a Sustrans grant for a feasibility study into a walking /cycling route. This will be carried out by Philip Immirzi and Crispin Hay. The meeting was to give a brief overview of the Project. There was a discussion about the opportunities – to make the route safer, to link communities- but also the constraints – land ownership, the A1, Sustrans/Transport Scotland minimum standards for infrastructure. It is hoped to set up a Steering Group which will include people from Spott and other communities, people interested in the project. Depending on the results of the Feasibility Study further Sustrans funding can be sought. They will pay up to 50% of costs. Grants would be needed from other sources for match funding. Following the public meeting GR and JB had met with Philip Immirzi on February 12th for a general discussion of the project. JB had sent Philip Immirzi a number of documents relating to the A1 Corridor. Patrol With Jimmy Wilson, Community Warden – JB had met with Jimmy on 22nd January The main objective had been to follow up on reported hot spots for dog fouling. On this patrol there was a particular problem along the Cliff Top Trail. Jimmy will be putting up extra signage. JB and Jimmy had a chat about the recent accident in which a dog had been fatally injured in a fall from the cliffs. Jimmy is looking to get signs along the cliffs with clearer GPS co-ordinates to make it easier for agencies like Coastguard to see where incidents are. There was a visit to the Persimmon Playpark at Yosemite Park which has been a problem area for dog fouling and littering. Concern was shared about the poor quality of the greenspace maintenance and the condition of the playpark surfaces. Issues of vegetation at the Co-op car park were discussed. Jimmy had also reported the dead trees. There was a discussion about the ELC Report It site and potential ways in which it could be more helpful prior to the meeting with Stewart Cooper and Roads. Sustaining Dunbar – 3rd February <i>Co-working.</i> A venue is still being sought. <i>John Muir the Activist Events</i> – In a link with the John Muir Birthplace there will be an exhibition and events in 2020 to consider John Muir as an Environmental Activist. There will be a link to the Climate Emergency. Report It – Stewart Cooper (ELC Communications) and Callum Redpath (ELC Roads) 5th February This was a computer based meeting to look at ways in which the Report It section of the ELC website might be improved to make it more user friendly and of greater help to ELC for statistics and necessary information. ELC updated their customer portal in 2018 and they are looking for ways to improve it. Thus, it was thought helpful to have information from a regular user. Some of the issues were discussed e.g. unresponsive interactive maps for reporting broken lights and potholes. A glitch was found and a way to rectify this will be sought. A way to upload photos will be considered. Opportunities to report other common problems e.g. overgrown vegetation, structural defects and links to Departments other than Roads and Dog</p>	

	<p>Fouling will be considered. A new Webmaster will be coming into post (currently being advertised) and they will be looking to make general improvements as the new Chief Executive is keen to encourage digital communications. JB's contributions to and sharing of ELC Social Media were welcomed as a means of disseminating important public information.</p> <p>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership (CRP) 11th February</p> <p>Future Projects</p> <p>Chair, Harry Barker, is to attend a meeting with Scotrail regarding the effect on CRPs of the early ending of the Abellio Contract. The Scotrail Rep at the meeting said that CRPs will continue to get an £8000 grant for the next financial year. This will enable the funding of projects to promote the CRP function and small community projects.</p> <p><i>Leaflet</i>- A guide to East Lothian rail services is available in 29 stations and some museums. Following discussions with QMU staff this is to be updated with assistance from a student as a part of a course project. In the meantime, a small print run will be produced of the current leaflet for distribution by John Menzies.</p> <p><i>Sports Sponsorship</i>. A sponsorship of Musselburgh Windsor FC had not been successful. An arrangement with Dunbar Ladies Hockey Club is to be explored.</p> <p><i>Travelling Classrooms</i>. These have proved popular in Edinburgh and the Borders. British Transport Police, school staff, Community Police and others including CRP members combine information on rail safety with a train journey and a visit to Waverley Station. This encourages young people to travel by train...in some places many adults have never been on a train.</p> <p><i>Care Home/Dementia Days Out</i>. These have worked well in the Borders. Harry will make contact with Sue Northrop of DFEL.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Christmas Lights</i> – Consideration will be given to sponsoring a CRP display.</p> <p>Parking Issues – There was a discussion about parking issues at various stations.</p> <p>Thistle Assistance Card – There was discussion about this Scheme, initially run by SESTRAN which is being expanded across Scotland. The need for awareness by transport operators and others was discussed.</p> <p>Willis Review – A White Paper is to consider the splitting up of Network rail into regions. Rail in Scotland may possibly be moved to the jurisdiction of Transport Scotland.</p> <p>Dunbar – JB had updated on the new platform opening. JB advised that Alan Brooking is to continue in post until June and he will then work on the East Linton and Reston station delivery. JB noted the need for a safe crossing point at the head of Station Road and the request for the fingerpost to point to the station rather than down Kings Court.</p> <p>Future of East Lothian CRP – Harry Barker intends to stand down as Chair in 2020. The continuation of East Lothian CRP needs to be considered. It needs new membership from East Lothian communities. It also needs more support from ELC Council Officers and elected members.</p>	
14.00	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Spott Community Association/Philip Immirzi – Feasibility Study Spott to Dunbar Public Meeting on February 4th. JB had attended.</p> <p>Paul Zochowski- Public Meeting on Coastguard Site parking on Feb 5th- JB had circulated</p> <p>Torness- Newsletter</p> <p>Local People Leading – Newsletters</p> <p>Brake- Newsletters</p> <p>Jane Ogden Smith – Information on Mental Health Awareness event on Feb 6th</p> <p>Ralph Averbuch- Next AELCC meeting 7 pm on March 2nd in Haddington Council Chambers</p> <p>Planning Democracy- Update</p> <p>Local Governance Review- newsletter</p>	

<p>Via Facebook- Gillian Tennant- Concerns about incomplete/unlit path from Robertson Homes to ASDA – JB had responded</p> <p>PC Ross – Information on Workshop regarding the new Police Call Handling process at Brunton Hall on 4th Feb</p> <p>Alan Brooking – Station Update</p> <p>DSHNG- AGM 7 pm on 4th February</p> <p>Marshall Greenshields, ELC – Feedback from meeting about DPS/DGS school road safety held on 23rd Jan. PS had circulated.</p> <p>Brian Martin, Field and Lawn- Offering a Christmas Lights Design and Installation Service. JB had noted that Dunbar has its own team working throughout the year.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Tony Martin – Concerns about state of wall along Hospital Road- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook-Mikael Forup – Need for a safe crossing at Station Road – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Douglas Ashton – Lack of lights at Leisure Pool Car park and surrounding area. JB had responded</p> <p>Sandy Baptie – Weather updates re Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis</p> <p>Morag Haddow. Link to 20 mph report in ELC members Library. Initial draft information about the permanent TRO proposals.</p> <p>Scott Kennedy ELC – Belhaven Bay Water quality incident – Bathing restrictions had been lifted on 4/2.</p> <p>Kevin Sewell, ELC – Initial information about Operation Centaurus (exercise regarding an incident at Torness) to be held on 8th September.</p> <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful- Community Leader Climate Programme</p> <p>Paul Gillon- Seeking Information on Halhill North. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Ann McGee – Directions to Bear by public transport. JB had responded.</p> <p>Kevin Sewell, ELC- Resilient Community Open Evening on March 24th at Penston House</p> <p>Via Facebook-Tom Robertson – Legality of minimum charges for card payments – JB had responded. They are legal.</p> <p>Via Facebook – Ian Hume – Overgrown path between Beltonford and Smokehouse. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Marti Morrison – Flag protocol for Duke of York’s Birthday. JB has responded – DCC has no arrangements for this event.</p> <p>Via Facebook – George Brading- Concerns about gradient of new Whitesands steps. JB had responded.</p> <p>Robertson Homes – Information on Public Exhibition- 2-8 pm on 18th February at Fair Acres Show Home.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Laura West- Seeking information on responsibility for lights and paths. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Amy West – Further flooding at Alexander Gardens. JB had responded.</p> <p>Kevin Sewell, ELC – Grit bins</p> <p>Sue Anderson, Viridor – Initial Information about planning application for a plastic recycling and processing plant at Oxwellmains.</p> <p>Mr Cockburn – Concerns about dangerous parking/mud on road near Avant/Robertson Site. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Scott Maxwell – Flooding at Underpass below railway between new housing and Countess Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Shona Borthwick- Concerns about Station Access developments. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Gavin Wilson-Concerns about landscaping for screening of Walker Homes by Robertson Homes. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Jared Knox- Further near miss at One Way System. JB had responded</p>	
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	<p>Craig Gordon- Incomplete path between Albany Grange and Beveridge Row. PS had responded.</p> <p>Michael Allan – Incomplete path between Newtonlees and ASDA. PS had responded.</p>	
15.00	<p>AOB</p> <p>Bear – Following a competition the Halhill Bear had been named DunBear. Congratulations to the competition winner, Emily Hotchkiss, who is a S5 pupil at DGS.</p> <p>.</p>	
16.00	DCC MEETINGS - March 16th 2020	