



MINUTES

Monday 18th May 2020

Meeting Held at 7 pm by Zoom Conference Call

PRESENTATION – DUNBEAR PARK MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

Presentation By Ken Ross OBE of RDRL on Behalf of Halhill Developments Ltd

Ken Ross(KR) spoke on behalf of the development company.

He advised that the proposals had been outlined in a recent feature in the East Lothian Courier. An interactive public web consultation would be held between 2 and 8 pm on 3rd June. A website would be available to the public for comments.

The mixed use development would seek to build on the popularity of the DunBear sculpture which had seen over 8 million hits on the Orbit Communications website by Christmas. DunBear had played an active part in the recent fundraiser for Children in Need/Comic Relief.

KR said that it was hoped that the development would lead a construction based response in the area to recovery from the Covid 19 Pandemic. There would be a wide variety of construction jobs as the site was developed followed by a variety of other employment opportunities.

KR said that there had been consultation with a number of community groups. He said that a healthcare provider had been in discussion with ELC regarding the care home and elderly amenity housing provision. There had been discussions with a community provider of youth services.

Keyworker housing was seen to be an important part of the proposal- to reward NHS and other public sector staff for their work during the Covid 19 Pandemic. KR was keen to provide houses for heroes at affordable rents. He felt that society post pandemic would be a more caring one.

The development would be a low carbon community – in line with ELC commitment to the environment and the ELC Climate Change Strategy. There would be a district heating system and no gas on site.

An initial stage would be to build a road through from the development to the Old A1 at Broxburn. The development was felt to be an ideal sustainable community for people to work, live and play.

Q and A

PS had previously circulated questions from DCC. There was an opportunity for the design team to respond to these and for further questions to be asked. The questions fell in to a number of subject areas.

Timing. There were concerns about the timing of the proposals when members of the community may have their minds on other issues. KR felt that it was an opportune time to think of a low carbon community.

Change of Land Use – KR noted that there had been changes elsewhere e.g in Haddington.

Employment use land may be slower to develop than housing supply land.

Care Home/Older People Amenity Housing Provision – JB, GW and LS raised concerns. KR said that a health provider connection had had contact with ELC. JB noted that she had had contact with members of ELHSCP and IJB who had not been aware of the proposals. ELHSCP were formulating their own proposals for future provision. A paper with analysis of data was to be presented to the June IJB meeting. Until that had been processed there would not be further consideration of options. JB noted that from experience Health and Social Care would not purchase beds from the private sector. A previous proposal for a care village in Dunbar had not been progressed by ELC/NHS. GW noted concerns about private provision. PS suggested that further information should be given to the developer on NHS/Council contacts.

Key Worker Housing- Concerns were noted by JB about the business plan for 100 units. Concern was noted about affordability of rents. KR advised that the previous 50 units for mid market rent at Avant had raised 350 notes of interest. There was discussion as to how far afield interest had come from. There was discussion about eligibility. Maximum income level for a 2 bedroom unit would be £26K and £32K for a 3 bedroom home. There was discussion about payment of £75 towards any educational contribution. KR had suggested that this should not be necessary as applicants would be from East Lothian. Members disputed this suggestion. JB noted that a request not to pay £75 for Education at the Avant Development had been rejected. JB noted that the land is not required for housing in the ELC Housing Strategy and is not required as part of the housing supply land required of ELC by the Scottish Government. JB noted that affordable housing was zoned into one area which was contrary to discussions at recent Planning Committees where it had been agreed that affordable housing should be dispersed around developments in a pepper pot fashion.

Visitor Centre- The original application for a Visitor Centre at the Bear had been rejected by ELC planners. KR said that a visitor centre would be offered to give information on the Bear but also to encourage people to visit Dunbar and its attractions.

Renewable Energy- All units would have solar panels and car charging points. There would be a district heating system and no gas energy. Further consideration would be given to systems e.g. ground source heating.

Environmental Credentials. WC/IH expressed concern about the link between John Muir and the loss of green space to building. KR stated that every effort would be made to ensure that the landscape and routeways/paths would be carefully planned and managed in line with the developer's ambition for an ecologically/environmentally friendly development.

Retail – It would be intended not to replicate offerings already on Dunbar High Street.

Drive Through Eateries – No detail was given on this. People would be able to use car chargers whilst getting a snack and a coffee.

Hotel - no information

Consultation. There would be an on line event on 3rd June. There would be publicity in The Courier with an advert on May 21st. JB noted concerns about information to those who are not on line and who do not read the paper. AO advised that hard copy information would be available on request. Information would be made available about an address for written comments. JB asked for information on this so that it might be promoted. It was suggested that a leaflet drop might put pressure on Royal Mail. IH suggested that wider information could go via a Courier distribution if this went ahead as part of Covid 19 activities.

Infrastructure. There was concern about impact on infrastructure – health, education and roads e.g. around Spott Road and links to the A1. KR noted that he would be expected to fund improvements in the west of East Lothian e.g. Old Craighall, QMU junction. He would be happy to fund improvements nearer Dunbar e.g. A1 junctions

Name- KR noted that DunBear had been given to the statue following a public competition. This was therefore the proposed name of the area.

Halhill Developments representatives left the meeting to allow DCC members to further discuss the presentation.

Further discussion by DCC members on proposals

NH noted that the development was a speculative one. The developer was allowed to bring forward proposals for developments on their own land at any time. The land is zoned in the LDP as employment land.

DCC member views again fell into a number of thematic areas

Timing – Why bring forward at a time when the community has its mind on other issues and at a time of potential economic recession?

Publicity/Consultation – How to inform the wider public of the proposals and record their views. In particular those who are not on line and who do not read The Courier.

Keyworker housing – Business plan for numbers. How it would be allocated. There was much concern on local social media regarding further housing without enhancement of service infrastructure.

Care Home/Elderly Amenity Housing- How would this link in to ELHSCP proposals? JB, LS and GW all had concerns about private provision and implications for public infrastructure. There was concern about GP support to an increased number of older people in the community as would be produced by the care home/amenity housing.

Roads Infrastructure – Concerns about pressures on Spott Road, Spott Road roundabout and also at the Cement Works junction should traffic be moved out of town via that area.

Linkages – Concerns were expressed regarding links between the old and new towns There were concerns as to how visitors to/residents of the new development would be encouraged into the High Street/older town attractions.

Consultation - Which local groups had been consulted with?

Nursery – Concerns were noted about private provision when some private nurseries are closing due to the Scottish Government funding mechanisms.

LDP Zoning- IH asked if the land could revert to agricultural land? It was noted that this was not possible. The area has been identified as employment land for a considerable time.

It was agreed that PS would collate feedback from the post presentation discussion and pass this to Halhill Developments as a first response. **PS**

1.00	SEDERUNT - Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Graham Adams (GA) (Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB),Loretta Stewart (LS), Craig Rapson (CR), George Robertson (GR)(part meeting due to Power cut), Gill Wilson (GW), Herbert Coutts (HC) (part meeting), Ian Hamilton (IH),Rev Keith Mills (Member of Public), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH) For Presentation and Discussion – Terry Prior (TP) (Halhill TRA), Philip Mellor (Chair DTA), Helen Armet (HA) (East Lammermuir Community Council) For the Development Team – Ken Ross (KR), Alex Orr(AO) (Orbit Communications), Brian Paterson, Ian Craig, Campbell Black, Cameron McLennan	
1.01	Welcome – PS welcomed all to the virtual meeting. In line with Government instructions for the protection of the public from the risk of Covid19 infection, public meetings are prohibited. DCC therefore meeting by video link. Minutes will be made available to the public in the normal way and will be ratified at the first DCC meeting to be held after the lifting of prohibitions.	
1.02	Apologies – Will Collin (WC), Cllr Kempson Received post meeting- Kris Thacker (East Lammermuir Community Council)	
1.03	Declarations of Interest – None	
2.00	Minutes of Meeting – 20th April 2020	
2.01	Amendments and Adoption- Approved (Proposed GA, Seconded GR)	
2.02	Action Review – All matters attended to/ on the Agenda	
2.03	Matters arising not covered in agenda - None	
3.00	POLICE REPORT JB had circulated a report from Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell (Area Commander) covering April Police activities. He intends to circulate a report on a monthly basis. PC Ross had advised JB that he hoped to circulate a report for the meeting. However, JB had heard from Police Colleagues that this had not been possible.	
3.01	<u>CAPP Priorities from 19th February</u> *Jim and Jemima Cut Outs to be sited at as many locations as possible prior to the next CAPP. *Outdoor access at a specified rural location * Changes to the road layout at the west approach to East Linton	

3.02	<u>Date of next CAPP –</u> To be arranged.	
4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS –	
4.01	<p><u>Norman Hampshire</u></p> <p>NH noted that ELC was doing everything possible to support local resilience groups. NH had met with Helen Harper and Gordon Horsburgh of ELC. It was thought all local vulnerable people were being supported. Thanks were given to local volunteers. NH noted pressures on ELC services. Many staff were off work due to illness/need to self isolate themselves or family members</p> <p>NH noted that Covid19 had had a major effect on the Council budget set in February. Income had reduced. Funding from Scottish Government would not be sufficient to cover costs.</p> <p>NH noted the effect on bus operators. Services had been reduced. There would be future costs to allow for social distancing of passengers.</p> <p>NH advised that Planning Committees would be held on Skype for the foreseeable future. Halhill North would come forward soon. An application was still awaited for the proposed Cala development at Dunbar Golf Course. An updated application was still needed for the Robertson Homes site.</p> <p>NH advised that works at the East Beach had been on hold. However, there had been some natural regeneration of the sand.</p> <p>NH noted that consideration was to be given to safe connections around the community. The Scottish Government were giving grants for temporary/emergency measures. Community views were to be ascertained via a consultation on the ELC website.</p>	
4.02	Sue Kempson – Not present	
4.03	Paul McLennan- Not present	
4.04	<p>Questions to Councillors</p> <p>a) GA asked about systems for payments for licences/charges required for Christmas Lights. NH thought these were in hand. He agreed to ask Sharon Saunders to circulate information on processes.</p> <p>b) AS asked when Local Priority/Annual Grant monies would be made available. NH thought this was in hand. JB noted that Ralph Averbuch, Chair of AELCC, had indicated that payments would be made in the coming week (See Treasurer Report)</p>	NH
5.00	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
5.01	<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> Temporary repairs are still needed. The road is in a dangerous condition. <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> <p><i>Uneven pavement in Westgate.</i> Longer term repair to be programmed by ELC.</p> <p><i>Uneven slopes to crossings in West Port and High Street.</i> ELC are to programme alternative surfaces and safer slope gradients in 2020/21.</p> <p><i>Faded road markings near Cement Works.</i> Passed to ELC August 2019.</p> <p><i>Simpson Avenue – dead end pavement.</i> Contract work for Taylor Wimpey to make an entrance in the wall is still to be completed.</p> <p>Signage</p> <p><i>Fingerpost to Station at One Way System.</i> Still pointing down Kings Court and causing confusion for pedestrians. Waiting on a blacksmith to turn it in the right direction.</p>	

Lack of street name signage at Alexander Gardens. Passed to Taylor Wimpey 4/4. To be investigated. Due to Covid 19 initial signs may be temporary.

Information Board at Parish Church. Had been damaged in adverse weather. Needs repair/replacement. The original is in safe keeping.

Speed Reactive sign at Yosemite Park. Concerns about position. Passed to ELC for movement to a better position 28/4.

Horse warning sign at Eweford. Requested on 10/5. Ordered by Keith Scott at ELC on 12/5.

Broken sign at Westgate. Somebody accidentally drove into the sign and wall. Graham Brotherston ordered a replacement on 13/5 but it needs the wall to be repaired before it can be fixed into place. Rev Hall has advised that repair of the wall is in hand once a stone mason is able to attend to fix it.

Structures

Queens Road wall (Four Seasons). Still to be repaired. The Ridge remain willing to do the work.

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 (Chair of DCDC) and The Ridge.

Benches in poor condition near Cherrytrees Nursery. Repair not possible. Will be removed. ELC have no replacements in stock and no budget to purchase new ones. Barry Craighead of DELAP has been asked if he could provide new ones.

Walls in Hospital Road. Taylor Wimpey have appointed a contractor to repair their part of the wall. They will be working from North to South. The remainder of the wall is the responsibility of Persimmon. During Covid 19 children have been painting stones and leaving them at points around Dunbar to cheer people on their daily exercise. Some of these are placed on the old walls. A member of the public involved has been in contact with JB to see if it would be possible for some stones to remain in the wall. This has had positive support on local social media. JB has contacted Taylor Wimpey to see if the contractor may be able to incorporate the stones into the repaired wall. Paula at Taylor Wimpey will discuss this with the design team as they have to provide community art for the Halhill North development.

Gatepost decoration at Winterfield Park. A ball is missing from one of the pedestals. Passed to FOW/ELC April 2020. Gordon Whitelaw will investigate.

Drainage

Loose drain cover in disabled car park near Primary School. A metal plate has been fastened down but a permanent repair is still needed by ELC Roads as the plate could easily be removed to reveal a deep hole.

Blocked drains. Reported in Belhaven High Street, Old Spott Road, Marine Road and Shore Road. The blocked drain in Old Spott Road is overgrown by grass and is adding to flood issues at Spott Road Bridge. JB discussed issues with Callum Redpath of ELC on 5th February but work remains outstanding.

A drain near 105 Cedar Street is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing a trip hazard for pedestrians. A traffic cone is still in situ. Passed back in January 2020 to ELC who are still to follow up.

Flooding of footpath/cycleway at Alexander Gardens. Taylor Wimpey are monitoring the situation. There has been little rain since the last flooding issue in early March.

Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park car park. A temporary repair had been made. Roads are to 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 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. It is noted that the co-op Manager has changed.

Overgrown path Beltonford to Smokehouse. Work still needed by ELC Roads.

Overgrown trees at Lauderdale Park. Passed to ELC 19/4. Tree Officer to follow up once he can access the park.

Condition of woodland between James Court and Spott Road wall. Reported to ELC 10/5. Tree Officer has established that the land is on the ELC Housing account. He will survey the area and bill Housing for any work required.

Dead planting/landscaping in poor condition at Yosemite Park playground and open space. Residents pay Persimmon for maintenance and the Factor will not take on responsibility due to the poor quality of the works. The provision is a planning condition for the housing development. Passed to ELC 10/5. Planning Enforcement will investigate and ask Persimmon for a timetable to rectify the problems.

Coastal

Wire meshing over the stones near 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 concrete step treads. Passed to ELC 11/1. Neil Clark was to investigate.

Dangerous metal walkway on Bridge to Nowhere – Repaired 27/4.

Lighting

Lights in the park and car park near swimming pool. They have been dark for a number of weeks. They do not appear on the Report it Map as they are not maintained by Roads. Reported to Enjoy Leisure January 17th. No response from Bill Axon.

Heritage Lamp at High Street (Abbeylands). Has been broken for some time. A member of the public had reported it and had had no response to e mails/phone calls. Chased up with Glen Kane. Parts are on order.

Faulty lights at Halhill Leisure Centre. Not in ELC Portfolio. Passed to DCDC Chair as Centre is closed due to Covid 19.

Litter

Concerns had been passed on about litter on the A1 to Transport Scotland. Some litter picking had been observed on 10/3.

There have been many reports of fly tipping during the Covid 19 outbreak e.g. at the Eweford tunnel, A1 laybys.

Dunbar Amenity Site is closed due to Covid 19. Consideration is being given as to how it may re-open. This would need to be in conjunction with neighbouring authorities.

Services

Timetable information. Perspex is to be repaired by ELC at the Duke Street bus stop.

Borders Buses and Eves still need to provide information in the new cabinet at Summerfield Park.

Bus services have been reduced during Covid 19. Scotrail have suspended train services to Dunbar.

Covid 19. Public buildings, coastal car parks, amenity sites and other services remain closed due to Covid 19.

Post Box. Homes are not meant to be more than half a mile from a Post Box. Many houses have been built since the last box was erected at Moray Avenue in 2018. An extra box has been requested from Royal Mail.

Other

Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line. Still required. There have been further concerns from the public about the lack of path lighting and the muddy state of paths 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 lighting or an improved surface. Given the number of concerns he will try to make further contact with the property owners.

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.

Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections. Contacts are continuing to renew the memorial to Lt Col Sutherland at Dunbar Churchyard. Means to fund a memorial are being discussed with family members and the Sikh community in the UK. Progress is currently limited due to Covid 19 as Monumental Mason works are on hold.

	<p>Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA. There had been discussion at the AELCC meeting on March 2nd. Peter Forsyth of Transportation has been trying to make links with Network rail. Otherwise the situation remains complex and the pathway cannot be completed. Robertson Site manager is willing to do the work if Network rail give permission although his workmen are now off site due to Covid 19.</p> <p>Routeways from Taylor Wimpey development near Simpson Avenue. The path ends at the wall adjoining Hospital Road. JB had requested information from Taylor Wimpey who had advised that a contractor will make a hole in the area as part of repairs to the wall.</p> <p>Speeding at Brodie Road. Peter Forsyth had promised measures to improve road safety at a meeting in November 2016 with Cllr Veitch and others including JB. Residents (Muirfield Links Residents Association) are concerned that the problem is increasing and not all the promised measures have been put into place. JB had contacted Marshall Greenshields. The junction of Brodie Road and Middlemass Road remains under consideration. Some technical regulations have changed to design requirements (Design Manual for Roads and Bridges) which ELC must comply with. ELC need to be sure of the competence of the initial advice given and/or other mitigation necessary to enable changes of road priority at the junction or alternatives to proceed. Options are being worked on for the junction and any proposals will need an independent road safety audit. Marshall will update on progress. In the meantime, as part of proposals for the new Persimmon development, 2 raised crossing points for pedestrians are to be provided which will be a physical measure to reduce speeds on the road. Siting of speed reactive signs is being considered.</p> <p>Earth works at new cemetery site. Concerns about dust blowing from both the site and from earth mounds at the Old A1. Also concerns about the extent of the work. This was essential work. Chris Clark (ELC Environmental Health) had visited and advice was given to workers not to use their amenity hut as it was not possible to maintain social distancing and to work away from the Steading and other homes when the breeze is blowing. Problems have continued and been further reported to ELC. Andrew Hogarth, Principal Amenities Officer, is to look into ways to mitigate the problem in the area that is designated for housing (Robertson Homes site still to be determined) rather than cemetery e.g. grass seeding. Planning Enforcement are aware of the problems.</p> <p>Payments for ELC Contract Workers. Passed to ELC who are looking to resolve the matter.</p> <p>Fires in Woodland. Passed to DCWG and Halhill Developments.</p> <p>Fires at Country Park. Passed to ELC.</p> <p>Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces. Discussions continue and a residents' land management company is being set up to take over land still owned by Greenbelt. Taking on other areas is complex due to the number of owners of different blocks of land. Future Property Auctions are still marketing the Middlemass Road plots. Although physical auctions cannot take place at the Edinburgh Marriott Hotel due to Covid 19 they do continue online. Enforcement Orders were served on playpark owners by ELC in 2019 but they are still locked off and in a dangerous condition.</p> <p>Access to Barns Ness Lighthouse for Cement Works Manager., ELC had locked off the access road to prevent public access to the coastal car park during Covid 19. Tarmac needed the lighthouse for the new manager to live in. Following contact by JB ELC Landscape and Countryside arranged access from 1/5.</p>	
6.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail	
6.01	<p>Financial Statement</p> <p>The statutory accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 were with G Spratt and Co, awaiting independent examination.</p> <p>The bank balance at the end of April was £32,152.91 (previous month £3,350.21)</p> <p>Grants and donations amounting to £26,600 had been received for the Covid Fund.</p> <p>A grant of £2843 had been received for the Access for All Fund.</p>	

	<p>VAT of £880 had been recovered during the period. The Zurich Insurance Premium (£212.40), RAGES Sub (£10) and accounting sub (£15) had been paid from the General Fund.</p> <p>Total expenditure to date from the Covid Fund was £1361. Detailed accounts for the Fund are available on request.</p> <p>The restricted funds held within the General Account at the end of April 2020 were Covid Fund - £25, 239 Access for All Fund - £3123 Local Priorities fund £1907 War Memorial Fund £598 TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS £30,867</p> <p>The unrestricted funds held within the General Account at the end of April 2020 were VAT due to Christmas Lights £689 (now paid) (See 7.01) Balance in the General Fund account £597 TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS - £1286</p>	
6.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u> No grants had been paid from the Local Priorities Fund during April. As yet there has been no detailed information from ELC on provision of a Local Priorities Grant for 2020-21. Ralph Averbuch of AELCC had indicated in an e mail on 18/5 that grants would be paid with a small uplift during w/c 18/5. <u>Updates</u> <i>Stonestacking/Arts event</i> – Situation being monitored <i>Dunbar Christmas Lights</i> The Annual Grant, £350 for bunting replacement and£1000 for coloured lighting at the Town House (a joint project with Rotary.) had been approved in April, pending payment of the ELC grant. The payment for the Bunting (£280) had been made on May 18th. <u>New Applications</u> - None</p>	
7.00	SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS	
7.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u> Work at the Corn Exchange remains suspended due to Covid 19. Some lights are to be repaired on behalf of West Barns Lights Committee. A payment towards this will be forthcoming from West Barns CC once the cost is known. At the end of April the bank balance was £3596.39 The net cash outflow was £2787 A VAT refund payment of £689 had been made to the Christmas Lights account at the start of May.</p>	
7.02	<p><u>Civic Week (GR)</u> Civic Week 2020 has been cancelled. However, there will be an alternative community activity. GR had circulated information on a best dressed window, house and scarecrow competition Thanks were given to Eileen Moore for organising this.. The bank balance at the month end was £7,407.55. There was no movement in the account during April. <u>Community Council Awards (PS)</u> There had been further e mail dialogue on potential nominees.</p>	

8.00	DCC INITIATIVES	
8.01	<p><u>War Memorial Project (HC)</u> HC had been discussing provision of an information panel with Paul Zochowski of ELC. He had circulated draft wording to Working Group members for comment on 15/4. There was no further information.</p>	
8.02	<p><u>Corn Exchange Repair (GA)</u> Work is currently suspended due to Covid19 restrictions.</p>	
8.03	<p><u>Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)</u> Work cannot progress due to Covid 19</p>	
8.04	<p><u>650th Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter</u> Historical Accounts/Website (SB) SB had written further historical items which had been added to the website by Philip Immirzi and information shared to the Facebook page. Mercat Cross (HC) A working group meeting will be arranged in due course for the project. This will need to wait until the end of Covid 19 restrictions. PS asked that this item should be taken from the DCC Agenda at this time. There should be further discussion as to whether or not DCC should support a project once more information is available from HC and the proposed Working Group.</p>	
8.05	<p><u>Community Resilience</u> <u>Coronavirus Response - Community Response Update (GR)</u> GR had circulated a brief report on the response to date. Dunbar and West Barns is divided in to 9 clusters with 250 volunteers. They can do a range of tasks from shopping to gardening and a friendly phone call. There is a pet walking cluster across the area. Requests for help have been steady which indicates that the area has a number of people who are supported by friends and family. GR, IH and JB share a Duty SPOC Rota, taking a week at a time. Cluster SPOCS, Maggie from The Ridge and Margaret from the Foodbank have regular Zoom meetings to share experiences and discuss developments. Statistics are being recorded of contacts by the Community. <u>Covid 19 Fund (PS)</u> The Scottish Government monies, applied for by Osbert Lancaster of Sustaining Dunbar, on behalf of the community had been awarded. DunBear had taken part in the Big Night In (Comic Relief/Children in Need)TV fundraiser on April 23rd with donations going through The Ridge as their charitable status allows Gift Aid. Cheque donations had been received from East Lothian Community Rail Partnership (£500) and Belhaven Parish Church Famine and Disaster Fund (£350). Be Green have allocated a further £20,000 which can be drawn down to support Covid 19 initiatives. A first draw down has been made to fund prizes for the Civic Week competition. A number of small grants had been made from the Fund. <u>Hot Meal Provision</u> These had been well received. Service has expanded to 7 days of meals delivered 3 days a week. They are now prepared at Loretto School kitchen as there is more capacity than at the Bleachingfield to meet demand. Katy Pollock and Helen Harper are to be thanked for their work on this project. ELC had given a grant of £10,000 towards the Meals, the cost of which is around £1000 a week.</p>	

	<p><u>Dunbar High Street and Friends Facebook Group</u>. (PS/GA and CR)- Following discussion between PS and Philip Mellor of DTA this initiative has been set up to assist local businesses, affected by Covid 19, with their marketing both locally and to a wider audience. GA advised that the initiative was almost ready to go live. A working group is to be established to consider further marketing by social media (Facebook/Instagram etc) and a website.</p> <p><u>Sanitiser Donation</u> – 60 litres had been donated from Glenkinchie Distillery (Diageo) for the local cluster teams and the Foodbank. Further supplies had been requested for the Meals Service and East Lammermuir area volunteers.</p> <p><u>Access to Healthcare Transport</u>. IH noted recent taxi costs that had been paid from the Covid fund for Hospital transport. He had looked at available community resources. He queried if transport availability might be investigated. JB noted current cuts to bus services and that Scotrail have suspended trains to Dunbar. IH suggested that GR/Covid volunteers might be asked to make further research into what is locally available at this time.</p> <p><u>East Lothian Courier</u> – GR had had contact from the Editor regarding support for the paper at this time. There was sympathy for the situation of local media but there were mixed views on paying for copies for local circulation. This would need further consideration.</p>	
8.06	<p><u>A1 Safety (JB)</u></p> <p>A date is still awaited for Richard Perry of Transport Scotland to meet with ELC regarding roads access through the Halhill Development to Spott Road. JB , Terry Prior (Halhill TRA) and West Barns CC would like to take part in any discussion regarding the Belhaven junction. Richard Perry had asked Terry Prior for more information on topics for discussion which had been supplied by JB.</p> <p>Spott Village Association are looking at safe routes between the village and Dunbar. JB had accepted an invitation to be part of a steering group. Crossing the A1 will be part of the considerations to be taken into account. JB had advised Ann Lyall ,Chair of Spott Community Association, that she will represent DCC on the steering group.</p> <p>Both of the proposals which are at PAN stage by Viridor and Halhill Developments have implications for roads infrastructure and safety including the junctions/roundabout access points to the A1.</p>	
8.07	<u>25 pounder Gun (SB/IH)</u> No further information	
9.00	AREA PARTNERSHIP (George Robertson, Chairman)	
9.01	<p><u>Update –</u></p> <p>The Annual Business Meeting on April 27th had been postponed</p>	
9.02	<p><u>Future Meetings</u></p> <p>These have been put on hold depending on the progress of Covid 19.</p> <p>Next Business Meeting – Due on June 22nd</p>	
10.00	COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS	
10.01	<p><u>Health and Social Care Provision</u></p> <p><i>Health and Wellbeing Sub Group</i> – Had not met due to Covid 19</p> <p><i>Link Workers</i> –No further information</p> <p><i>Community Hubs for Services for People with Complex Needs (Learning Disability, Physical Disability, Mental Health etc)</i>. No further information.</p> <p><i>Re-provision of Services for Older People</i> -. JB had requested information as there had been no update since a proposed meeting in March had been cancelled due to Covid 19. Miriam Anderson (Programme Manager for NHS Lothian Capital Planning Major Hub Projects had</p>	

	<p>advised that ELHSCP were awaiting analysis of data in order to inform requirements and that it was hoped to get information to the IJB in June. The data will be used to inform the project brief and until then no confirmation of provision can be progressed.</p> <p>DunBear Park – Proposals include sites for a care home and elderly amenity housing. These proposals have been drawn up out with the ongoing discussions on re-provision of services by ELHSCP. JB has shared information on the proposed consultation with Jane Ogden Smith who has passed on to Alison Macdonald, Chief Officer of ELHSCP, Miriam Anderson who is leading the re-provisioning work in East Lothian and Cllr Fiona McDonnell, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care and Chair of the IJB.</p>	
10.02	<p><u>DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach</u> Work began but had been suspended due to Coronavirus.</p>	
10.03	<p><u>20 mph Trial</u> JB had contacted Morag Haddow. Morag is preparing a report for the ELC Members Library. This will include responses to the objections received from the public. New signage cannot be erected and street markings changed until the end of Covid 19 restrictions.</p>	
10.04	<p><u>Station</u> Works suspended due to Covid 19.</p>	
11.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING	
11.01	<p>Planning Matters to Note</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 20/00110/PM Halhill North - A formal application was registered on 17th March and DCC asked for comments by Planner, Daryth Irving. JB had submitted views on behalf of DCC To be determined. 2. Golf Club – An application is still to be submitted. GR had circulated an update from the Golf Club in March. There have been ongoing discussions with various parties. It was hoped an application would be submitted by late April. 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 Monkscroft. The situation is complicated by the circumstances of Monkscroft ownership. 4. 19/00020/PPM Application on land at Newtonlees. A public exhibition was held on 18th February. Residents of Newtonlees/Broxburn remain unhappy about the proposals. An updated plan will be submitted in due course. 5. Robertson Homes Safe Access Route – Planning Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC. ELC Roads are trying to make links with Network Rail to progress this. Robertson Homes wish to complete the path but cannot do so without Network Rail agreement. Robertson Homes workmen went off site on 28th March due to coronavirus and thus the work cannot be completed until matters are resolved and construction staff are back on site. 6. Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks – Enforcement Notice served on owners by ELC. No repairs made by owners. Further actions by ELC awaited. 7. 19/01171/P Cat's Pyjamas . To be determined 8. Viridor – JB had had considerable contact with Viridor, ELC Planning., Iain Gray MSP, Consultant Kevin Whitmore and others to negotiate an on line briefing for the Plastics Recycling Plant. This had been held on 30th April. DCC members had joined reps from other CCs, Cllr McLennan and Viridor staff. Members had found the discussion useful in assisting understanding of the proposals. Viridor staff had given information including the process that would be involved in repurposing discarded plastics. There had been a useful discussion on issues including road safety, emissions from the process, raw products handling, litter, community engagement, employment opportunities etc. 9. 20/00137/P – Application to convert former Coastguard station into 1 house. Refused by ELC on 24/4 on the grounds that there was little outlook from the 	

property and no space for useable garden ground or amenity space to allow the occupants sufficient privacy or amenity.

10. **20/00112/P** – Application to erect a house and garage on the site of the former Amusement Arcade. JB had circulated information. JB had advised ELC of DCC support for the project. A member of the public had noted concerns about the proposals feeling that the land might be better used for a café or tourist attraction. JB had responded, noting the history of the site.
11. **20/00003/PAN DunBear Park**– Information had been received on a major multi use development proposal for Spott Road. Ross Developments have arranged an on line consultation between 2 and 8 pm on 3rd June. The consultation will remain open for responses until 19th June. JB and PS had circulated details. A Zoom discussion had been held with DCC. (See above).
12. **20/00207/P Application for Change of Use of former Brewery office for Music School.** JB had submitted DCC views in support of the application. Some members had queried disability access to the premises. JB had noted this but said that this should not prevent approval of the proposals.
13. **20/00271/P – Application by Brig and Barrel to extend hours of Beer Garden Operation** as a variation of Condition 2 of Planning Consent 00/00423/FUL. Approved on 30/4.
14. **20/00245/P – Erection of one house at rear of 130-134 High Street.** (Former Bakery). Information had been circulated. JB had submitted views of DCC. A single home preferred to the previous flats proposal at the site. However, some concerns about design and materials to be used in the conservation area. Also need to ensure any breaches of the rear wall during construction are made good.
15. **20/00135/P Canopy, hardstanding, car parking, electric charging point at ASDA.** Approved on 23/4.
16. **15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site.** A planning condition of the approval had been planting to screen the Avant Homes from the lower level Walker homes. Residents have expressed concerns that although Avant homes have been occupied for some time the planting is outstanding. JB had contacted Planning Enforcement. Amelia Smith had visited. Condition 5 had been that planting of a hedge was to have been done within the first planting season after the houses in the boundary area were occupied. She will chase this up as the houses have been occupied for some time. She will ask for extra fencing between the path and the railway line to prevent any unfortunate incidents. JB had noted to her that the strip was meant to be secure to allow access only for maintenance and that there had been an agreement at the Planning Committee that trees would be planted as well as shrubs.. A timescale for the work had been requested from Avant. JB is keeping local residents informed.
17. **20/00336/P – Extension to Lochend Lodge., 20/00186/P Erection of 4 houses and associated works in garden ground of Lochend Lodge and public open space at Lochend Road.** These 2 applications are linked. JB had sent information. Local residents have concerns about impact of the extra houses e.g. on road safety, loss of green space, loss of trees, loss of wildlife habitat. JB had submitted views to ELC.
18. **20/00420/P and 20/00421/LBC. Erection of CCTV camera at Lamer Island** by Dunbar Harbour Trust. Information had been circulated by JB. DCC views in support of the application had been submitted by JB.
19. **14/00358/AM – Open space and playpark at Yosemite Park.** This was a planning condition of the Persimmon housing development. Residents are concerned about its condition. Some houses have been occupied for 3 years and residents are unhappy that they are paying Persimmon maintenance fees. As yet the area is not finished to a sufficient standard for factor Hacking and Paterson to take on. The playpark surface is unsafe and planting is dead. Planning Enforcement are to investigate and ask Persimmon for a timescale for works to be completed satisfactorily. JB is keeping local residents informed.

	<p>Planning Committee meetings are now to be held On line, commencing with Tuesday 19th May.</p>	
11.02	<p><u>Licensing Matter to Note</u> <i>Brigg and Barrel, Belhaven High Street- Major Variation.</i> A request had been made to extend the summer opening hours of the beer garden at the rear from 8 pm to 10 pm. DCC had been asked for their views on this. Neighbours were supportive. JB had responded.</p>	
12.00	<u>MEETINGS ATTENDED</u>	
12.01	<p><u>DTA SKYPE – April 22nd</u>. JB had attended a meeting arranged by Cllr McLennan for DTA members, ELC Councillors, Provost McMillan, Iain Gray MSP, Kenny MacAskill MP and Susan Smith of ELC Economic Development Unit to discuss concerns of DTA businesses and others in the community related to Covid19.</p> <p>Members had shared their varied experiences. Some like the Bakery were still opening. Some like Bowe sports and Community Carrot were working to On Line and telephone orders. Others, like guest houses and hotels were unable to accept guests and thus unable to operate. A number had needed to furlough staff. Cllr Kempson had noted activities of traders in East Linton.</p> <p>There had been a varied experience of successful applications for Scottish Government grants e.g. for small businesses and the self employed. Some applications had been knocked back. Others were still waiting to hear. Iain Gray noted that grants available to small businesses had been improved e.g. an allowance for each premise rather than just one payment for a business. This was still less than in England. Susan Smith noted that other areas for support were still being considered. ELC Economic Development staff could assist with information. There was a Business Gateway helpline available. Iain Gray and Kenny MacAskill both noted their workloads related to business support.</p> <p>Concern was noted about lack of support for traders by High Street banks. There was a difficulty in getting through by phone or by e mail to discuss overdrafts etc. Kenny MacAskill and Iain Gray both noted that this was a common area of concern in the inboxes of MPs and MSPs across the country.</p> <p>There was discussion about post Covid 19 supports. It was felt that local businesses would take time to recover. There was a discussion about marketing. The importance to Dunbar of tourism including golf was noted. JB had noted the existing DTA Facebook page, Discover Dunbar website and that there could be more development of these to go forward.</p> <p>Cllr Hampshire noted the pressures for ELC services. Some services e.g. brown bin collection had had to be suspended. Schools were closed except for certain pupils. Many staff e.g. planners were working from home. The Scottish Chief Planner wished planning processes to continue to avoid a backlog of applications. Service provisions would remain under review. Thanks were given to local communities for their response to support those in need. Those present agreed that the opportunity to discuss and share had been helpful. It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged at a future date.</p> <p><u>DTA ZOOM- May 13th</u>. PS, JB, GA and CR had joined a further meeting arranged by Cllr McLennan.</p> <p>Traders gave a further update on business. Some like the Bakery were open, some doing on line or telephone orders, B&Bs and cafes were closed.</p> <p>Traders were continuing to apply for grants. Some had furloughed staff through the Government scheme.</p> <p>There was a discussion as to how businesses may gradually reopen. Guidelines were being considered for social distancing etc by the Scottish Government and ELC. Cllr McLennan suggested that Building Control/Environmental Health would be asked to speed up advice/consideration of operational measures for public safety. JB had noted the need for clear guidelines after the confusion around dog grooming which had arisen with ELC taking a different line to some other local authorities. Some traders did note the existing long waits for Building Control certificates in some circumstances. Cllr McLennan said that he would feed this back. He was also asked to look into businesses having tables and chairs on pavements to give social distancing space.</p>	

	<p>The next review of Lockdown would be on May 28th. There was a discussion about ELC services returning to normal. In particular, there was a discussion about the Amenity Site. Cllr McLennan noted that reopening was being considered but that guidance was awaited from the Scottish Government. It would be important for reopening to link with that of Amenity Sites in other local authority areas. There was a brief discussion about the Viridor and DunBear Park planning proposals which were both at the initial public consultation stage. Traders were invited to join the presentation to DCC on 18th May. There was a discussion about future marketing. PS noted the DCC/DTA initiative Dunbar High Street and Friends Facebook which was being led by GA and CR. Instagram was also suggested and some web marketing/sales options. Existing sites like 60 Things To Do in Dunbar and What's On were mentioned as was the Shop Local page set up by a local resident. It was agreed that a small working group should be set up to take ideas forward.</p>	
13.00	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading newsletters Via Facebook -Judy Lockhart – North Berwick CC. Information on Covid19 Hot Meals service. JB had responded. Various – Dust and planning issues at Cemetery site. JB had responded. Sue Northrop, DFEL- Dementia Services. JB had responded. AELCC- Query re invoices for Christmas Lights installation by ELC. JB had responded. Andy Morris, Muirfield Links Property Owners Association- Traffic issues in Brodie Road. JB had responded. Michelle Chisholm, Tarmac- Seeking access to Barns Ness Lighthouse for new Cement Works Manager. JB had responded. Via Facebook- Debbie Adamson- Concerns regarding condition of Bridge to Nowhere. JB had responded. Various- Viridor Planning Proposals. JB and PS had responded. Mr and Mrs Hutchison- Issues at strip between Avant Homes and Walker Homes. PS and JB had responded Community Rail Partnership – Newsletter Via Facebook- Jacqueline Wallace – Concerns about fires in woodland between new estate and Primary school. JB had responded. Passed to DCWG and Halhill Developments. Via Facebook- Jo Rangers- Query about Road safety measures for social distancing post Lockdown (part of a Guides project). JB had responded. There is a national campaign regarding this. Karen Bell – Supports for ELC Contract youth workers. JB had responded. Via Facebook – Pamela Royale- Query about regulations for dog walking companies during Covid 19 restrictions. JB had responded. Via Facebook- Deborah Brown- Concerns about placement of Speed Reactive Sign at Yosemite Park. JB had responded. Via Facebook-Variou- Information on Dog Groomer regulations during Covid 19. JB had responded. Official ELC advice supplied. Eleni Gigourtaki, ELC Roads – Query about repurposed phone boxes. JB had responded. Via Facebook- Sarah McEwan- Beach regulations for horse riders during Covid 19. Request for horse warning sign at Eweford. JB had responded. Via Facebook- Anne Morton. Dog Fouling issues at Yosemite Park/ Brodie Road. JB had responded. Ross Developments -Further information on Planning Proposals at Spott Road Via Facebook – Jane McLeod. Seeking information on proposed use of former Methodist church and Hall. JB had responded. Via Facebook. Various Seeking information on DunBear Park and Viridor on line consultations. JB had responded.</p>	

	<p>Via Facebook- Misha Zielinksa- Query re permission to place painted stones on a permanent basis in the walls on Hospital road/an alternative site in Dunbar JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- French Williams. Town Centre flower boxes. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook – Mathilde Mathou. Seeking information on local history resources. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Siobhan Grealy- Dunbar Music School Event. JB had responded</p> <p>Diana Mackie – Christian Aid Week Activities. JB had responded</p> <p>Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell (Local Area Commander) – April Area Policing Report</p> <p>Ralph Averbuch, AELCC- ELC wish to delay Community Council elections until Autumn 2021</p> <p>Via Facebook- Tanya Johnstone Concerns about woodland maintenance between James Court and Spott Road. JB had responded</p> <p>Scottish Community Councils – Newsletter</p> <p>Dunbar & District Twinning Association – Newsletter</p> <p>Via Facebook – Sheila Tait. Query about Covid 19 Volunteering. JB had responded</p> <p>Jane Ogden- Smith, ELHSCP- Update of services for muscular and skeletal pain. JB had responded</p> <p>Iain Gray MSP – Thanks for Covid Response by the Community</p> <p>Via Facebook –Various - Condition of Persimmon Playpark and Open Space at Yosemite Park. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Jo Farrow – Water Saving Week. JB had responded</p> <p>Various – Concerns about dust at cemetery site – JB had responded</p> <p>Various – Concerns about DunBear proposals – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook – Tony Martin– Dead end path at Simpson Avenue – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook – Traffic issues at Manderson Drive. JB had responded</p> <p>Paul Laidlaw , Floodwatch – Information on volunteer radio service and Neighbourhood watch alerts.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Gavin Wilson. Sewage issues at Robertson Homes. JB had responded</p> <p>Gull Control/FOI Charges – PS had responded and passed to Cllr Kempson</p> <p>NnG windfarm – update on construction project</p> <p>Ralph Averbuch, AELCC – update on grant payments and delay of Community Council elections</p>	
14.00	<p>AOB</p> <p>Format of Meetings PS noted that HC had suggested that, subject to regulations, DCC might meet in a socially distanced space. This would allow WC to take part. Following discussion, it was felt that meetings should take place on Zoom until other options are considered safe. Some members did note that they did not wish to meet in a physical space until certain that it was safe to do so.</p> <p>Communications with those not on Internet – There was further discussion as to how information might be made available to those without internet e.g. to circulate information on DunBear Park. IH agreed to speak further to GR e.g. about making use of East Lothian Courier.</p>	IH
15.00	<p>DCC MEETINGS - June 15th 2020 – By Zoom unless Covid Restrictions are lifted</p>	