

Monday 20th April 2020

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Meeting 7 pm by Zoom Conference Call

1.00	SEDERUNT Pippa Swan (Chair)(PS), Graham Adams (Vice Chair)(GA), Alasdair Swan	
	(Treasurer)(AS), Jacquie Bell (Secretary)(JB), Stephen Bunyan (SB), George Robertson (GR),	
	Craig Rapson (CR), Loretta Stewart ((LS), Herbert Coutts (HC), Gill Wilson (GW), Ian Hamilton	
	(IH)	
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)	
1.03	Declarations of Interest – AS- Dunbar Dementia Carers Support Group. Local Priorities	
	application.	
2.00	Minutes of Meeting – 17 th February 2020	
	Meeting of March 16th 2020 had been cancelled	
2.01	Adoption. February Minutes Approved (Proposed LS, Seconded GR)	
2.02	Action Review- All matters attended to or on the Agenda	
2.03	Matters arising not covered in Agenda -None	
3.00	POLICE REPORT	
	There were no Police Reports for March or April 2020.	
3.01	CAPP Priorities from 19 th February	
	*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	Date of next CAPP –	
	The meeting due to be held on 31 st March was cancelled due to Coronavirus As yet there is	
	no date for another meeting.	
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4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS – Deferred until next full meeting	
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.04	Questions to Councillors – Deferred	
.00	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
.01	Report had been circulated by JB	
	Town Maintenance Issues	
	Roads and Pavements	
	Hospital Road. Temporary repairs are still needed. The road is in a dangerous condition.	
	Concerns had been passed to ELC and Police regarding dangerous conditions related to a	
	slippery combination of agricultural debris and flooding. ELC had notified of closure for	
	utility works between 9th and 16th march. This proved to be for electric cabling works for the	
	new housing estate.	
	Dropped kerbs at Boroughdales, Summerfield Road and Shore Road have subsided and are	
	prone to flooding. Works are to be programmed by ELC.	
	Uneven pavement in Westgate- Trip hazard for Day Centre. 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 for 2020/21.	
	Faded road markings near Cement Works – Passed to ELC August 2019 Dead end pavement at Simpson Avenue – Various Concerns – Passed to Tatylor Wimpey	
	February 2020. They advised that they have appointed contractors to repair their part of the	
	wall along Hospital Road. Opening a hole in this area is part of the Contract. The contractor	
	will work North to South and so exact timing of when an exit hole for pedestrians/cyclists	
	will be created is uncertain.	
	Signage	
	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 as Graham	
	Brotherstone was unable to turn it himself.	
	Sign to Belhaven at Eweford Road had been damaged. Reported to ELC for repair 11/2.	
	Repaired April 2020.	
	Property Sale Sign – In a dangerous position on a lamp post at Duke Street/Edinburgh Road	
	junction. As on ELC property Roads asked to remove it by Planning on 13/3. Chased up with	
	Lighting 4/4. Removed 6/4.	
	Lack of street signage at Alexander Gardens. Passed to Taylor Wimpey 4/4. This will be	
	looked into. Robertson Homes also asked for signage on 6/4. Temporary name signs have	
	appeared at the Avant site.	
	Information Board at Parish Church. Damaged by adverse weather. Original Board is in safe	
	keeping with a Kirk Elder. Needs repair/replacement.	
	Structures	
	Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons). Still to be repaired. ELC Building Control aware. The	
	Ridge are still willing to do the work.	
	Wall near 10c Castle Street. In poor condition. Masonry is falling from it. Reported to ELC	
	November 2019.	
	Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (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 The	
	Ridge and Cllr Hampshire.	
	Benches near Cherrytrees Nursery – Still need repair by ELC.	
	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. Gate Post Decoration at Winterfield Park. A ball is missing from the pedestal. It seems to be	
	ceramic/brick rather than stone. Passed to FOW/ELC April 2020.	
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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 into the drain.

Blocked drains. Reported in Belhaven High Street, Marine Road, Old Spott Road and Shore Road. Still to be attended to. The drain in Old Spott Road is blocked by grass and causing flooding in Spott Road. Had been discussed in person with Callum Redpath on 5/2 but still need attention.

Drain near 105 Cedar Street. Still causing problems in rain. Path is eroded and a poor repair is a trip hazard. ELC aware.

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 were passed to Taylor Wimpey by JB. Water was still standing in the area on 4/3 and Taylor Wimpey were informed by JB.

Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park Car Park. A temporary repair has 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 from the Car Park. He will chase up. It is noted that the Co-op Manager has changed.

Overgrown path Beltonford to Smokehouse. Passed to ELC 11/1. This is Roads rather than Amenities. Work still needed.

Overgrown trees at Lauderdale Park. They are overhanging a nearby garden. Passed to ELC 19/4.

Coastal

Wire meshing at 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 step treads. Passed to ELC 11/1. Neil Clark was to investigate.

Lighting

Lights in the car park and park near the Pool have been dark for many weeks. Reported to Enjoy Leisure January 17th. They do not appear on the Report It map as they are not maintained by Roads. No response from Bill Axon.

Heritage Lamp at Abbeylands, High Street. Broken for some time. Member of the public had reported it and had had no response to phone calls/emails. Chased up with Glen Kane. Parts are on order but held up by Covid 19.

Many faulty lights in Steadings Crescent. Brodie Road also affected Passed to ELC 5/4. Scottish Power issue. Scottish Power on site 15/4. Resolved 16/4.

Faulty Lights at Halhill Healthy Living Centre. Have been out for some time. Not in ELC Portfolio on report It. Passed to Chair of DCDC as Halhill Centre closed due to Covid 19. **Litter**

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

Fly Tipping at Lauderdale House. Concerns had been passed to Community Warden. Castle Rock Housing are dealing with this ongoing issue in conjunction with ELC.

DAL have had to remove their volunteer bins for the period of the Covid 19 outbreak due to the risks to volunteers of litter picking.

Fly Tipping. There have been many reports of fly tipping throughout the area e.g. Eweford underpass and A1 laybys.

<u>Services</u>

Timetable Information. Perspex is to be repaired by ELC at the Duke Street bus stop so that timetable information can be provided. Border Buses and Eves are still to provide timetable information in the new cabinet at Summerfield Park.

	<i>Covid 19</i> Public buildings, coastal car parks, amenity sites and other services have been closed due to Covid 19.
	<u>Other</u>
	<i>Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line</i> . 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 owner. Safe footpath Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane – Still needed. Roads are looking at this. There
	are issues about the adjoining wall that belongs to Monkscroft. <i>Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar Connections-</i> Contacts are continuing to renew the memorial to Lt Col David Sutherland at Dunbar Churchyard. Means to fund a monument are being discussed with family members and the Sikh community. <i>Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA.</i> There had been discussion at the AELCC meeting on March 2 nd . Peter Forsyth of Transportation was trying to make links with Network Rail. Otherwise the situation remains complex and the pathway cannot be completed. Robertson site manager is willing to complete the work if Network rail give
	permission although his workmen are now off site due to Covid 19. <i>Routeways from Taylor Wimpey Development near Simpson Avenue</i> . The path ends at the wall adjoining Hospital Road. JB requested information from Taylor Wimpey who advised that a Contractor would make a hole in the area as part of repairs to the wall. <i>Rural Access Near Whiteadder Reservoir</i> . E mails had been received about the fencing off of the area. It seems that there had been past fire and other damage to the land and facilities e.g. picnic tables destroyed. It is in East Lammermuir CC Area. JB had passed on and was awaiting more information prior to the outbreak of Covid 19 which has limited public access to wild areas. <i>Speeding at Brodie Road</i> . Peter Forsyth of ELC had promised measures to improve road
	safety at a meeting in November 2016 with Cllr Veitch and others including JB. Residents are concerned that the problems are increasing and measures have not been put into place,. Being followed up by JB with ELC and Muirfield Links Owners Association. <i>Earth Works at new Cemetery Site</i> . Concerns had been raised about blowing dust from the site and earth mounds at the Old A1. Also concerns about the extent of the site. Passed to ELC 19/4. Matters arising/questions: NONE
5.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail
5.01	Financial Statement AS had circulated the Annual Accounts for 2019/20 for DCC members to view. The accounts had been passed to Paul Rowan at GA Spratt for Independent examination. JB had paid the annual RAGES subscription of £10 for which she had been reimbursed from DCC funds. The Annual Zurich Insurance premium had been paid - £212.40
5.02	Local Priorities Fund
	As yet there has been no information from ELC on provision of a Local Priorities Grant for 2020-21. <u>Updates</u> Stonestacking/Arts event – Postponed. AS had suggested that the use of the grant given in 2019 should be monitored. To date it had not been possible for the event for which the funding was to have been used to take place, most recently due to the Virus. This was

New Applications Dunbar Dementia Carers Support Group - £295 for coach hire to visit Paxton House in May. This would be unlikely to take place due to Covid 19. Other needs for funding by the group may be needed at a later date. Thus AS suggested that the application should lapse pending a new application in the future. This was agreed. Dunbar Christmas Lights AS advised that the Christmas Light will need their Annual Grant. This was approved. £350 requested for bunting replacement. Approved. £1000 for coloured lighting at the Town House. A joint project with Rotary. Approved. The 3 approvals were granted pending the provision of a Local Priorities Grant from ELC. <i>Civic Week</i> The Annual Grant would not be required due to the cancellation of Civic Week.	
SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u> GA had collected a cheque for £2500 from Be Green/Community Windpower. Work at the Corn Exchange had sadly had to be suspended due to Covid 19. Grants had been requested and approved to replace bunting (£350) and to install coloured lights at Dunbar Town House (£1000). See 6.01. Some lights are to be repaired on behalf of West Barns Christmas Lights Committee. A payment towards this will be forthcoming from West Barns CC once the cost is known.	
 <u>Civic Week (GR)</u> There had been discussions about the holding of Civic Week in the Coronavirus scenario. It had been agreed that it could not go ahead in June and it had been cancelled. <u>Community Council Awards (PS)</u> PS had circulated a brief report. A public call for nominations had been launched in February 2020 for returns by 10th April. 5 nominations had been received prior to the Covid 19 lockdown on 21st March. 1 young person, 3 adults and a couple/team. It was agreed that the awards process should be postponed until Autumn with a view to a reception and Awards Night in December (subject to Covid 19 restrictions having been lifted). PS suggested that the Covid 19 pandemic may bring exceptional people to notice and thus consideration should be given in due course as to how to mark their contributions out with the framework of the annual awards. It was thought that with so many doing so much to assist in the community it would be preferable to mark contributions in general rather than single out an individual. 	
DCC INITIATIVES	
War Memorial Project (HC) 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 <u>.</u>	
<u>Corn Exchange Repair</u> - (GA) Gordon Horsburgh, as Connected Communities Manager, is now the designated ELC Officer for management of this community asset.	
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8.03	Parish Church Gravestone Stabilisation (GR)	
	Work cannot progress due to Covid 19	
8.04	<u>650</u> th Anniversary of Royal Burgh Charter	
	Historical Accounts/Website (SB)	
	SB has written a number of historical articles about the Royal Charter, the Royal Burgh and	
	other items of interest regarding Dunbar History. These appear on the Community Council	
	Website. Information is also on the DCC Facebook page. SB will be writing further items.	
	Thanks were given to SB for his work on the interesting articles and also to Philip Immirzi for	
	his assistance in creating the new area of the website dedicated to Dunbar history.	
	Mercat Cross (HC)	
	HC had circulated impressive orthophoto images produced by John McCreadie.	
	The images had been shared with Bob Heath, Conservation Architect and Paul Zochowski at	
	ELC.	
	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.	
8.05	Community Resilience	*
	Coronavirus Response - Community Response Update (GR)	
	GR had circulated a brief report on the response to date. Dunbar and West Barns is divided	
	into 9 volunteer clusters. There had been a very positive response to the call for volunteers	
	– over 250 within a very short time of asking.	
	The response had brought together a number of individuals and groups including the Ridge,	
	Dunbar Basics Foodbank, Dunbar Churches Together, the 4 Community Councils and ELC	
	staff.	
	GR was thanked for his work in setting up systems so quickly. Thanks were also given to IH	
	and JB for their assistance as Spocs.	
	A dedicated Resilience Section is now available on the DCC website. Thanks were given to	
	Philip Immirzi for his help with this.	
	Covid 19 Fund (PS)	
	PS had circulated information on this fund which is intended to assist with any cases of	
	hardship in the Ward. IH had secured initial grants from Be Green and the National Lottery.	
	Osbert Lancaster of Sustaining Dunbar had secured further funding from A Scottish	
	Government Funding initiative. Further funding is awaited including from Scotrail (East	
	Lothian Community Rail Partnership) and Belhaven Parish Church. Funding options also	
	include a Just Giving Initiative, that will be managed by The Ridge through their charity set	
	up and linked to a Comic Relief/Children in Need TV fundraiser involving DunBear (statue)	
	on April 23 rd .	
	Panel members had been appointed to represent the 4 Community Councils, DELAP and	
	Dunbar Churches together. The Treasurer is AS.	
	Referral forms had been distributed to a number of organisations.	
	GR gave thanks to PS and AS for their work in setting up the Fund.	
	Hot Meal Provision	
	Hot Meal Provision had begun on 20th April. This followed discussions between PS, Katy	
	Pollock of Home Start East Lothian (who lives in Dunbar), Helen Harper of ELC Connected	
	Communities and chefs who normally provide meals for Belhaven Hill School. They were	
	currently working from the Bleachingfield Centre Kitchen. 2 course meals are being	
	provided. Referral forms had been circulated. Meals are £2.50 per day for those who feel	
	able to pay. Meals were for 5 days initially. The service may expand once demand is clearer	

8.06	 <u>A1 Safety (JB)</u> A date was 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. Spott Village Association are looking at safe routes between the village and Dunbar. JB had accepted a personal invitation to be part of a steering group. Crossing the A1 will be part of the considerations to be taken into account. DCC had been invited to nominate a representative to the steering group. It was agreed that JB would take on the joint role. 	
9.00	AREA PARTNERSHIP (George Robertson, Chairman)	
9.01	Update - Business Meeting on 9 th March Staffing - Gordon Horsburgh was introduced as the new Connected Communities Manager. Doug Haig will be returning to his substantive post in Haddington after a handover period. Youth Provision. Adrian Girling gave information on proposals for a new Social Enterprise to enable youth facilities in Dunbar. Adrian had previously been involved with The Space in North Berwick. Ideas include upgrading of the current pump track at Lochend woods and the Skatepark at Pine Street. He will be linking with Helen Harper (Community Learning Development Worker) and others. Funding – was given to a range of projects including to the Intergenerational Meals at DGS, an events programme at John Muir Birthplace, equipment for Dunbar in Bloom and IT equipment for the small schools at Innerwick, Stenton and West Barns. Sadly, the Educational Budget has been cut. Ideas are sought for the Amenities and Roads budgets. Part of the Roads budget is already committed to the disabled car park at West Barns Village Hall. Further funding was given to the benches project by Barry Craighead. Sub groups- There were updates from the Young Person's and Health and Wellbeing sub groups. The former will need to reconsider its remit as previously it had been giving initial oversight of the applications for funding from the Educational Attainment budget. Area Plan- a final draft was circulated. Comments should be made by the end of march. Members Handbook – This cannot be completed until the Area Plan is finalised as there is a cross over of information. Chair- George Robertson announced his int	
9.02	<u>Future Meetings</u> These have been put on hold depending on the progress of Coronavirus Next Business Meeting – June 22 nd TO BE CONFIRMED Annual Public Meeting – April 27 th - POSTPONED	
10.0 0	COMMUNITY COUNCIL LINKS	
10.0	Health and Social Care Provision	
1	Health and Wellbeing Sub Group – 19 th February Mental Health Services – This remains a priority for DELAP. A successful drop in Mental Health Awareness event had been held at Bleachingfield on February 6 th . The event had	
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indicated a clear need in the area for mental health counselling and information. Helen Harper is to write up the findings from the day.

Changes have been running groups sessions at Bleachingfield. The dates for this had been brought forward in response to the high local demand.

Link Workers- These are to be attached to GP services. A tender for the contract is still to be issued.

Re-provision of Older People Services- There had been no response from Jane Ogden Smith regarding the request for support for future planning in the Dunbar area. Concern was expressed that without clarity on the expectations of a working group it was not possible to make any progress. Concern was expressed about the continued delays in the re-provisioning process.

Patient Participation Group. This will now have alternating chairs. Gordon Hunt from NHS is still to contact Terry Prior about statistical information. There was discussion about the need for mapping of services, the need for information banks. It was not clear if Link Workers would have a role in developing information materials or if they would just be sign posters to services.

Dementia services – Further consideration is needed regarding development of a Dunbar Meeting Centre. A possible venue might be DGS where the intergenerational group continues to work well.

Community Treatment and Care Service. A presentation was given by Krista Clubb on this new service which stems from the new GP Contract. The first provision will be at Haddington Community Hospital but it is intended to be put in place across the County. Some treatments will be provided by the new service rather than by GPs or community nurses e.g. ear irrigation, Vitamin B12 injections, some blood tests. Provision will be at Dunbar Health Centre. Home visits will not be made. These might still be made by District Nurses.

Community Hubs for people with Complex Needs. A meeting will be held on 10th March. JB will attend.

Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Services. Ruth Coates wishes to give a presentation to the Group. Maggie McLeod will facilitate this.

Next Meeting – 4 pm on March 30th at Bleachingfield Centre. Cancelled due to Coronavirus

Development Proposals at Spott Road. Halhill developments had circulated a pre planning notification regarding their land at Spott Road. This land appears in the LDP as for commercial use. The proposals include a care home, elderly amenity flats, a children's nursery as well as retail outlets, a hotel , a solar farm and a district heating plant. JB had passed information to Jane Ogden-Smith at ELHSCP as the proposals for older people's care are out with the business plan proposals being developed by the Health and Social Care Partnership for the re-provisioning of services.

Link Workers – Request for Organisations to tender to provide this service in GP surgeries had been advertised in March 2020.

Community Hubs for Services for People with Complex Needs (Learning Disability, Physical Disability, Mental Health etc).

JB had attended on 10/3 along with Maggie McCole of The Ridge. The meeting was for reps from all Area Partnership/Health and Wellbeing sub groups but there were only reps present from Dunbar, Haddington and Musselburgh.

Changes to the way in which services are delivered are at an early stage. There was consultation from 2018. It was clear from responses that service users and families wish services to be as local as possible.

There is a desire to pilot projects in 2 areas with Community Hubs and Resource Workers who would link service users to activities including employment. Services might be tendered to 3rd sector agencies rather than by statutory authorities.

This meeting was an initial discussion about common issues across areas and those

	particular to individual areas e.g. transport, community capacity. There was a discussion about resources e.g. potential premises. Feedback was that some of this was inaccurate e.g. Dunbar Rugby Club has no premises of its own, East Linton Council Chamber is small and not disability accessible, other facilities were missing from the list. There was a concern that there might be some overlap for accommodation with Dementia Meeting Centres e.g in Musselburgh, North Berwick and Dunbar. There was a concern that Health and Wellbeing subgroups already had other issues to consider e.g. Re-provisioning of services like Belhaven. The Musselburgh rep felt they could not be a pilot area at this time as they are looking to set up a Dementia Meeting Centre – Musselburgh has no Day Centre service for older people.
	Information from the meeting will be written up by Christine Chambers of ELHSCP. It will be used to inform further discussion at ELHSCP/IJB who would need to fund pilot projects. Reprovision of Services for Older Peop le – JB had been invited to a closed meeting on 31 st March. This was cancelled due to Coronavirus. There has been no further update.
10.0 2	DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach – ELC had applied for a Marine Licence for the Northern Breakwater. This had been advertised in the Courier on February 20th. JB had written to Marine Scotland to advise that DCC support the application. ELC had advised that a contractor had been appointed and works would commence on 16/17 March. ELC were liaise with DSHNG to arrange a local residents' advice session prior to the commencement of works.
	A TTRO had been published for the road closures required at Lamer Street and surrounding area. JB had shared these on social media. Lamer Street was to be closed from 16 th March to 27 th July. Parking was to be suspended in Victoria Street and Lamer Street from 16 th March to 31 st May. Work began but had been suspended due to Coronavirus.
10.0 3	20 mph TrialJB had contacted ELC to advise that DCC wished the TRO area to be as originally consulted on. Also, that DCC wished Kellie Road to be 20 mph.The TRO proposal was advertised in The Courier on 6th March. JB had circulated information.Objections need to be submitted to ELC by 27th March. Objections must be in writing with a statement of the reasons for objection.The area consulted on does not include Kellie Road as requested by DCC.Those raising issues on DCC Social Media have been asked to indicate concerns with ELC.People have indicated varying views e.g. Belhaven High Street and Belhaven Road being withdrawn from the scheme.JB had collated DCC views and submitted them to ELC.
10.0	StationFollowing the February DCC meeting JB had had contact with residents of Retreat Crescentregarding the proposed station access planning application. JB was to have represented DCCat the Planning Committee on 4th March. However, the application had been withdrawnfrom the Agenda and since withdrawn altogether. Further work is needed before a newapplication is submitted.JB had contacted Alan Brooking following complaints about the deep potholes in StationRoad. Repairs will be made. There are no plans to resurface Station Road at this time.JB had circulated an update from Allan Brooking on the station works. Proposed works tocomplete the cladding of the towers, planting and landscaping have been suspended due toCovid 19. Plans to start work on the car park expansion are also on hold until it is safe forconstruction sites to open up again.An e mail had been received from Gavin Tulloch on behalf of the Salisbury Walk ResidentsAssociation which was a copy in to an message sent to Allan Brooking. They still had

	ere looking for a response from Network Rail. JB had noted their contact. Allan
	ng had responded to them.
PLANN	IING AND LICENSING
Planni	ng Matters to Note
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
	is hoped an application will 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 Monskcroft. 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.	
	objections, approved on 20 th March. JB had supported the applicant in chasing the
-	appointed Planner.
	19/00871 – Extension to Halhill Bar Area. Approved on 26/2/20.
7.	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 28 th March
	due to coronavirus and thus the work cannot be completed until matters are resolved and construction staff are back on site.
Q	 Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks – Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC
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5.	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. JB had represented DCC at the Planning Committee on 4 th
	March. AS had attended for DSHNG and PS for local residents. The application had
	been called in by Cllr Hampshire. The application was refused by 8 votes to 1 (Cllr
	McLeod). Reasons for refusal included the lack of easy disability access to the town
	centre, the steep industrial style metal staircase, road safety and ownership issues
	at the access lane.
1(D. 19/01162/P- Erection of 37 houses at Halhill Approved on 16/4. Did not go to
	Planning Committee. Conditions include a travel plan must be approved before
	homes can be occupied and construction traffic must not use Fall Avenue which
	had been the topic of a public objection.
11	I. 19/01171/P Cat's Pyjamas . A Retrospective application for change of use had
	been submitted. JB had circulated information. Local residents have submitted
	objections. DCC had been asked to submit views on 26/2. ELC had been advised of
	DCC objection to the proposals which had been agreed by JB with PS. The main
	concerns are road safety and public safety of the venue. The original planning
	consent for the office had restricted use to Class 4 to limit public access on the
	grounds of road safety and to protect the residential aspect of the Conservation
	Area.
12	2. Viridor – Initial information had been received that the company were intending to
	make an application to ELC to construct a plastics recycling and reprocessing plant
	at Oxwellmains. JB had circulated information. A public exhibition was to have be
	held at the Bleachingfield Centre from 2-9 pm on 23 rd April. Advert appeared in
	Courier on 16/4. Viridor were now proposing a Virtual Public Exhibition from 24/4-

	 8/5. Feedback from public requested by 8/5. JB had asked how this would be publicised to those who do not read The Courier and how those without a computer would be able to access the information and respond to the consultation. According to a hard copy letter received on 18/4 anyone without internet could request hard copies of the consultation information by phone or mail from Avison Young in Manchester. JB had contacted them and found that the office was closed with staff working from home. There were concerns about the consultation process. It was agreed that JB would contact ELC Planning to request a delay in the consultation/information from Viridor to be distributed wider than the 2 kilometres from the site proposed. 13. 19/01299/PCL- Development to Access Station. Discussion at Planning Committee due on 4th March had been cancelled. The application had been withdrawn. Proposals will be reworked and resubmitted at a later date. 14. 20/00137/P – Application to convert former Coastguard station into 1 house. JB had circulated information. JB had advised ELC of DCC support for the project. The applicant had been in contact with JB. 15. 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 sing. 16. Halhill Developments – Initial information had been received on a major multi use development proposal for Spott Road. 17. 20/00207/P Application to extend hours of Beer Garden Operation as a variation of Condition 2 of Planning Consent 00/00423/FUL. JB had noted support as this links to the licensing variation request. 19. 19/01256/P – Upgrade work at Dunbar Waste Water Treatment Works. Information had been circulated. Bh ad submitted Vcce works	JB
	about design and materials to be used in the conservation area. Also need to	
11.0 2	Licensing Matter to Note Cats Pyjamas – Applications for 4 Occasional Licenses (13/3-15/3,20/3-22/3,27/3-29/3 and 3/4-5/4) had been advertised on the ELC website on 21st February. A further application for an occasional licence was advertised on March 7th. DCC had also been advised via the Licensing Office. Multiple objections had been submitted via the community. This made a total of 12 occasional applications. The applications were to be brought to the Licensing Board meeting on March 26th. However the applications were withdrawn on March 19th. The applicant did hold some private events on 13th and 14th March. An incident on 13th March had been reported by a member of the public. On March 16th the applicant noted temporary closure of the venue for Coronavirus Brigg and Barrel, Belhaven High Street- Major Variation. 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 have been asked for their views on this. Neighbours were supportive. JB had responded.	

MEETINGS ATTENDED
Community Bakery – February 22 nd . JB had attended
A new Polish baker had been employed. Once he is established it was hoped Monday
opening would begin again.
Community Carrot AGM – February 22 nd . JB had attended.
The community buy out of the Crunchy Carrot had been successful. Over 650 Community
shares had been issued. A purchase of the property and business had been made possible
through the Scottish Land Fund. The Community Carrot had taken over community ventures
like Sunny Soups from The Ridge.
Twinning Association AGM 24 th February. JB and SB had attended.
SB continues as the Hon President. Jim Wyllie of East Linton continues as Chair.
A successful visit had been paid by visitors from Lignieres in Autumn 2019. This marked the
25 th Anniversary of Twinning. It was hoped that a visit from Dunbar to Lignieres may be made in 2020.
2 Scholarship students had visited from Lignieres in 2019. They had enjoyed their visits.
Unfortunately, there had been no application from DGS to visit Lignieres in 2019. An
application had been approved for a DGS student to travel to France in 2020.
New Association members are always welcome.
Day Centre- 25th February- SB and GW had attended.
Attendance remains steady. New referrals are being followed up. Sadly, some service users
have passed away or moved into care.
Funding remains an issue, especially for transport. Purchase of a Centre bus is not feasible.
Funding applications are being made.
New Trustees would be welcome.
Covid 19 has now limited Centre attendance. Staff are working and visiting members with a
lunch who have no other supports.
Kingsmeadow Residents Association AGM- 25 th February. JB had attended.
Malcolm Payton continues as Chair with Andrea Johnstonova as secretary.
<i>Greenbelt Land</i> . Efforts continue to pursue purchase of these for a nominal sum through the
Scottish Land Fund which will require the set up of a SCIO. The majority of owners have to
approve this action.
Playparks. Issues about the safety of these areas are ongoing. ELC have issued Enforcement
Notices against the individual owners. It is difficult to enforce fines on owners. However, the
playparks remain dangerous and locked up.
Auction Plots – Flower Beds. These continue for sale through future Property Auctions
despite contact with the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and ELC Trading Standards.
In the meantime, local residents continue to pay a gardener for the maintenance of the
plots. The asking price had been reduced to £12,000. This is expensive for the Association to
consider purchasing from the absent owner who does not pay to maintain the areas.
East Lothian Educational Trust – February 27th. JB had attended
A number of awards were made for individuals and school trips. The latter enable schools to
subsidise the costs of whole class outings and camps for those whose parents could not
afford them.
The Trust continues to be better utilised by some areas than others. It was felt more
publicity might be given to what if can offer for those of school age, students and adults e.g.
for costs of academic books, course fees for vocational college courses etc. Cllr Akhtar
(Cabinet Member for Education) had confirmed that the Area Partnership funding for
educational Attainment had been cut. Thus, the Trust may be another route for some to find
funding e.g. for sports equipment or musical instruments.
AELCC- March 3 rd JB had attended
Community Council Links
<i>New Structures</i> - Caitlin McCorry and Sharon Saunders had noted new structures regarding
Community Planning and Community Council support. These had come into place on March

previously.

CC Links. In the future CC minutes should be directed to the Connected Communities Managers. For DCC this is Gordon Horsburgh. He will be responsible for DELAP and the 4 local community councils.

Gordon Horsburgh works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Gordon Horsburgh will be responsible for community assets including the Bleachingfield Centre and Dunbar Corn Exchange.

Green Book, Requests were made for CC members to join a working group to update the Green Book prior to CC elections in Autumn 2020.

Training – Requests were made for ideas for training.

Resilient Communities. Sharon Saunders had noted the importance of Community Resilience Plans. Community Councillors would be welcome to visit the Call Centre at Penston House. *Monica Patterson, Chief Executive, ELC.* Introductions were made. She noted that it was hoped that digital connections could be improved with communities. JB noted the issues experienced with the Report It website and the suggestions made for improvements at her meeting with Stewart Cooper and Callum Redpath. Others present noted problems with the Planning Portal.

Keith Dingwall, Senior Planner

- He noted updates in the National Planning Systems which will require secondary legislation e.g. any development with more than 49 hoes will need to be referred for consultation to MSPs and elected Councillors.
- There was discussion about the powers of ELC to enforce planning condition e.g. the pathway from Newtonlees to ASDA which is being held up by Network Rail. Fining of developers should only go ahead if developers are refusing to comply with conditions. There have been cases where developers have tried to have conditions dropped but ELC had refused e.g. Robertson Homes had tried to remove the Educational Contribution at Newtonlees which had been rejected.
- The Scottish Government are consulting on National Planning Framework 4. They had issued a call for ideas.. Roadshows will be held.
- Strategic Development Plans will be replaced by regional Spatial Strategies.
- There are proposals for local communities to develop Local Place Plans. However, it is not clear how these will work without secondary legislation.
- There are proposals to enable community engagement. However, it is not certain how this will work. It is suggested that communities may have more engagement at the pre application stage. However, many communities have suggested that consultation on developments is nothing more than tokenism.

DTA AGM March 10th JB had attended

The attendance had been small although actual membership remains healthy. Philip Mellor continues as the Chair.

Planning. There had been discussion about the proposed Spott Road Eco park. As yet no community consultation event had been booked although the suggested venue was the Dunmuir Hotel. Members had expressed concerns e.g. about roads infrastructure. JB had noted that the planning application for the Coastguard Site car park had been rejected at Planning Committee on March 4th and that the station access planning application due to be discussed at that meeting had been withdrawn.

Station- JB had noted progress on the works and that work on the car park extension was due to begin in the Summer.

ASDA. Work on the extension that had been agreed in 2019 was due to begin in the summer.

20mph. JB had circulated the information on the permanent TRO consultation. Some members had concerns and would write to ELC.

ELC Link. Richard Baty's remit would be changing. Support will be given by Susan Smoith from Economic Development Unit.

Covid 19 It was unknown how this might affect trading in the coming months. *Hanging Baskets*. An application had been submitted to DELAP. However, it had not been

	presented to the meeting on March 9 th . Philip Mellor would follow this up.
	<i>Next Meeting</i> . June 2020 unless urgent matters required discussion e.g Spott Road Planning
	application.
	Halhill TRA AGM 11 th March – JB and GR had attended.
	Terry Prior will continue as Chair. His hard work since the group was established in 2019 was
	commended.
	Kenny Black of ELC gave a presentation on Anti Social behaviour. Sadly, the area has had
	some issues with this.
	Doug Haig and Gordon Horsburgh had given a presentation on the work of DELAP.
	Terry Prior had spoken of the work done over the last year including some of the
	achievements and some of the challenges which continue e.g. roads adoption, the A1,
	factoring. Open, themed meetings will continue to be held. e.g. on ASB as well as ongoing committee
	meetings. These are now on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions.
13.0	CORRESPONDENCE
0	Viridor - Further information on intention to submit a planning application for a plastic recycling and reprocessing centre at Oxwellmains
	Via Facebook- Jill Thomson – Concerns about slippery/smelly conditions on Hospital Road
	due to sprout debris and mud. JB had responded.
	Via Facebook - Matthew Logan – Asking for survey on behalf of DCWG regarding use of
	Lochend Woods to be shared on Social Media. JB had responded.
	Scottish Community Alliance- Local People leading Newsletters
	Via Facebook- Rob McDougall- Seeking update on the Peter Brett Consultations. JB had
	responded.
	Various- Resident concerns regarding Cats Pyjamas Licensing and Planning applications.
	Karen Yorkston- Soft Play Centre Planning application- JB had responded
	Via Facebook -Various – Suggestions for Community Awards – JB had responded and
	passed on Demole Huntley, Concerns about flutioning, ID had responded
	Pamela Huntley- Concerns about fly tipping. JB had responded Campbell Black (Land and Planning Director), Halhill Developments. Initial Information on
	Major Development at Spott Road.
	Rosie Scurr, EDF Renewables/NNG Offshore wind – Wishing to attend DCC to update on the
	NNG windfarm construction. JB had responded (See AOB).
	Ralph Averbuch AELCC, Updated ELC officer contact information for CCs, request for people
	to join a working group to update the Green Book prior to CC elections in Autumn 2020,
	request for ideas for training for CCs.
	Caitlin McCrorie, ELC- Update on Connected Communities Managers
	Jane Ogden-Smith – Closed Meeting on re-provisioning March 24th- JB had responded
	ELC Roads – TTRO for East Beach Works- to start 16 th March
	ELC Roads – TTRO for Road closure of Beveridge Row (Hospital Road) for utility works (
	Electric cabling to the new housing estate). ELC Roads – Notification of Major Road Works in Queens Road for the Robertson Homes
	development. Since postponed due to Covid 19.
	Robin Hamilton, Belhaven Church – Request for a DCC letter of support for grant
	applications to upgrade the Church Hall kitchen for wider community use.
	Various -Responses to ELC on Speed limit TRO advert
	Kilvert Croft- Query as to how the Foodbank may have a role in the Coronavirus scenario. JB
	had responded and passed to Ian Hamilton.
	Ralph Averbuch, AELCC – Re Coronavirus response by communities.
	Sandy Baptie, Kevin Sewell and Various others – Updates on Coronavirus
	Brake- Newsletter
	Scottish Community Councils Alliance – Newsletter
	James McGrath- Query about Planning. JB had responded

	Gavin Tulloch – Station development issues – JB had responded	
	RAGES – Suspension of all Scotrail services to Dunbar due to Coronavirus.	
	Via Facebook – Nick Adams- Longstanding light issues in High Street. No replies from ELC via	
	report it, phone calls or e mails. JB had responded.	
	Via Facebook, Alicia McLean – Lighting problems in Steadings Crescent – JB had responded Planning Democracy – Newsletter	
	Allan Brooking – Information on suspension of construction works at Dunbar Station	
	Via Facebook, LeeAnne Murdie – query about hospital volunteering opportunities – JB had	
	responded.	
	Via Facebook, Pamela Shiels – Concerns about lack of street name at Alexander Gardens. JB had responded.	
	Via Facebook- John Williams- Condition of 25 pounder gun at The Glebe. JB had responded	
	Via Facebook- John Williams – Missing decorative Ball at Gateway of Winterfield Park	
	Jane Ogden Smith – Re Sharing of Community Health & Social Care information. JB had responded.	
	Anne Lyall, Chair Spott Community Association – Invitation for a DCC member to join a	
	steering group to consider a route from Spott to Dunbar	
	Alison Cosgrove, East Lothian CRP- Scotrail funding for East Lothian Covid19 charities. CRP will send a cheque.	
	Bruce Nicolson- Concerns about Halhill North Planning application. PS and JB had responded	
	Simon Glover, Zero Waste – Practical Assistance for Covid Hardship needs	
	Andrew Morris= concerns about speeding on Brodie Road – JB had responded.	
	Via Facebook- Nicola Hedges Lonie – Concerns about Halhill Centre lighting. JB had	
	responded.	
	Via Facebook- Andrew Stevenson- Request for publicity for The Destiny Project – East	
	Lothian based campaign for Child Mental Health. JB had responded.	
	Via Facebook- Struan Hogg. Overgrown trees at Lauderdale Park. JB had responded.	
	Via Facebook- William Main – Concerns about dust from cemetery works at Newtonlees. JB	
	had responded.	
	Via Facebook -Various- Concerns about earth bund at Old A1 near Newtonlees- JB had	
	responded	
	Paul Beveridge- Query about extent of fieldworks at new cemetery. JB had responded	
	Lesley Stocks – Concerns about works at Newtonlees (dust and extent of the work) JB had responded	
4.0	AOB	
1.0	a)NNG Offshore Wind Project. The work will mainly affect East Lammermuir CC Area. It had	
	been agreed with Rosie Scurr that rather than NNG attend a Dunbar CC meeting members	
	interested might join the East Lammermuir CC meeting in Spott at 7 pm on 17 th March. NNG	
	will be circulating a newsletter and this can be promoted on social media. If issues do arrive	
	e.g. with traffic movements on the A1, NNG might be invited to a DCC meeting later on the	
	project period.	
	b)Belhaven Church Hall - Letter had been circulated seeking DCC support for grant	
	applications to enable upgrading of the Church Hall kitchen for wider community use. DCC	
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	agreed that SB and IH would investigate what might be done to restore the gun. g) Beach Access. Coastal car parks are currently closed. There have been some reports of people parking on side streets and taking part in water sports like kayaking. The Police are patrolling coastal areas. RNLI and Coastguard have asked people not to enter the sea in case they get into difficulties.	
15.0 0	DCC MEETINGS - 18th May – By Zoom unless Restrictions lifted on public Meetings.	