



## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**7 pm by Zoom Conference Call**

1.00	<p><b>SEDERUNT</b> Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), George Robertson (GR) Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson (GW) (by phone), Craig Rapson (CR) Ian Hamilton (IH), Loretta Stewart (LS)(connection lost at 8 pm), Herbert Coutts (HC)(until connection lost) Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Paul McLennan (PMc) Mike Shaw (Member of the Public), Cameron Ritchie (Press) <i>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.</i></p>	
1.01	<p>Welcome PS welcomed all to the meeting.</p>	
1.02	<p>Apologies – ▪ Will Collin (WC), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), PC Gavin Ross</p>	
1.03	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed at this meeting - None</p>	
2.00	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b></p>	
2.01	<p>Amendments and Adoption Approved. (Proposed HC, Seconded GR)</p>	
2.02	<p>Action Review – Councillor Actions see 4.04</p>	
2.03	<p>Matters arising not covered in agenda All matters attended to or discussed.</p>	
3.00	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p>	
3.01	<p>JB had circulated a report from Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell (Area Commander) covering June Police activities. JB had circulated a report from PC Ross. PC Ross would be happy to meet/hear from DCC of any local concerns. The Report was based on incidents reported to the Police between 15<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> July. <b>Road Safety</b> On 26<sup>th</sup> June at Lochend Road a vehicle was stopped for no insurance. The driver was charged, and the vehicle seized. On 17<sup>th</sup> July a vehicle was stopped in Beachmont Place. The male was charged with driving without a valid licence and the vehicle was seized. <b>Anti Social Behaviour</b></p>	

	<p>3 locations had repeatedly featured with regards to youth underage drinking and antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Battery, Dunbar Harbour</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June at the shelter in the grounds of Dunbar Primary School off Belhaven Road.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Dunbar Golf Course- Youths possibly having been at Deer Park.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> July- Reports of youths drinking and jumping into Dunbar Harbour.</p> <p>PC Ross noted that clearly there would have been other unreported issues at these and other locations. Patrols by Police and Community Wardens by car, bike, foot and quadbike of these and other locations will continue.</p> <p><b>Litter</b></p> <p>With the easing of lockdown, rural areas had been extremely popular, and patrols were being conducted to encourage responsible behaviour by picnickers and wild campers. Areas like Tynninghame Woods had been very popular and the car park had been staffed by ELC Officers all weekend due to the volume of traffic. Police had arranged for obstructing vehicles to be towed away.</p> <p><b>Theft</b></p> <p>On 28<sup>th</sup> June a parasol had been taken from outside the Dunmuir Hotel.</p> <p>On 1<sup>st</sup> July an attempt had been made to force open the door to a flat at 34 High Street. No entry had been gained.</p> <p>There had been 2 reports of shoplifting from ASDA. Both would result in charges.</p> <p><b>Other Issues</b></p> <p>There had been a number of call outs of the RNLI and Coastguard in recent weeks.</p> <p>On July 9<sup>th</sup> a multi-agency response was made to a child and adult being swept from the Bridge to Nowhere area by a rip tide. Both were rescued by assistance from the public after being in the water for about 15 minutes. Extra patrol by Police and Coastguard have taken place in the area since that time.</p>	
3.02	<p><u>CAPP Priorities from 19<sup>th</sup> February</u></p> <p>No change</p> <p>Cllr McLennan noted issues with regard to High Street behaviour near licensed premises since the end of lockdown. It was agreed that this should be passed to PC Ross by CAPP Rep, Loretta Stewart.</p>	LS
3.03	<p><u>Date of next CAPP –</u></p> <p>To be arranged.</p>	
<b>4.00</b>	<b>ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
4.01	<p>Norman Hampshire</p> <p>Considerations continue for the wider recovery of East Lothian.</p> <p>There will be pressures on the East Lothian area.</p> <p>East Lothian Council faces a significant financial deficit – at present £15 million. This will have an impact on services particularly on Education and Health and Social Care.</p> <p>Scottish Government rulings have significance for local provision e.g. social distancing requirements on education provision including Home to School transport. Education proposals for blended learning may need to change.</p> <p>Enjoy Leisure is still not allowed to open facilities. Once they do it will be with reduced customer numbers which will impact on income.</p> <p>ELC have written to Scottish Government for increased funding to allow facilities to open and services to continue within the new regulations.</p>	
4.02	Sue Kempson – Not present. No report.	

4.03	<p>Paul McLennan- Cllr McLennan is convening a Town Centre Recovery Group for the wider East Lothian Area. DTA and DCC are valued partners in discussions.</p>	
4.04	<p>Questions to Councillors/Councillor Actions –</p> <p>a) <i>Gull issues</i>. Response still needed from ELC. JB noted related issues of pigeon issues at Spott Road Bridge and Garden Close. E mails from JB had not seen any response from ELC. Cllr McLennan agreed to take forward.</p> <p>b) <i>Old Laundry Building</i>- NH had arranged a meeting with Kate Darrah of The Ridge for July 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>c) <i>Four Seasons Wall</i>- ELC still need to pressure Four Seasons to do works to repair the crumbling wall. NH will ask Building Control for action.</p> <p>d) <i>Sewerage issues</i> at Robertson Homes – PS advised that ELC Planning were following this up.</p> <p>e) <i>Spaces for People</i>. There was much discussion. There was concern that ELC Officers had their own agenda e,g for cycle route provision and IH asked if Council Officers should make a declaration of interest. PS noted concern that proposals had been made by ELC Officers without consultation with DCC. DCC had significant concerns about proposals that had gone forward e. near the High Street vets and continued proposals for Back Road and Hospital Road. There was a lack of communication with the community and a concern that community views were not being heard. There was a request for a route map/master plan for provision. NH said that he would ask ELC Officers to communicate with DCC on these concerns. PS expressed concern that the reports from the Peter Brett consultations of 2019 were still sitting with Peter Forsyth at Roads. NH said that he would ask for the information to be shared with the Community Council.</p> <p>f) <i>Covid Statistics</i>. HC noted that statistics are available for English Councils. NH noted that in Scotland the figures have been collated by Health Board rather than by local authority and thus a similar break down of information is not available.</p>	<p>PMc</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
4.05	<p>Dunbar High Street and Friends – Recovery Roadmap 1 – DCC update PS gave an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches for the Pop-Up Park had now been ordered. PS gave thanks to Cllr Hampshire for pushing this after 10 days of ELC doldrum.</li> <li>• Guidance and forms had been emailed or hand delivered to High St businesses that may wish to use parking spaces for outside. ELC are requiring structural surveys of properties before any consent will be granted</li> <li>• Sustaining Dunbar has made an application on behalf of DTA for funding for the Plan Promoter (£10k)</li> <li>• No funding has been offered by ELC for any of the other initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags, banners</li> <li>Leaflets/maps</li> <li>Voucher offer</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(See also 8.01 below)</p>	
5.00	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b> – JB had circulated by e mail	
5.01	<p><b><u>Town Maintenance Issues</u></b></p> <p><b>Roads and Pavements</b></p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> – Temporary repairs over about 200 metres of the stretch nearest the A1 were carried out on 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. The rest of the road remains potholed and dangerous. The longer term future of the road and route remain under</p>	

consideration. It is linked to plans for Halhill North. Intentions of ELC for the future of the route are unclear, more so since the proposed temporary closure as a safe route to school as part of Safe Spaces for People. DCC have raised concerns about the proposals.

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

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

*Simpson Avenue-* Dead end pavement. An opening into Hospital Road has now been made and the wall repaired.

*South Street, Belhaven-* repairs made after 30 years of requests.

*Condition of Concrete Road between Hospital Road and Halhill Steading/Moray Avenue.* A member of the public had raised concerns. This is a private unadopted road- various owners. Not intended as a public route. Future linked to Halhill North development. JB seeking more information.

### **Signage**

*Fingerpost to Station at One Way System.* Still pointing down Kings Court. Waiting on a blacksmith to turn it in the right direction. Chased with ELC 16/7. Graham Brotherston will remind the blacksmith.

*Lack of signage at Alexander Gardens.* Passed to Taylor Wimpey 4/4. A temporary sign has been erected. A permanent sign is still required. Delayed by Covid. Chased 13/7. A sign will be arranged by Taylor Wimpey.

*Information Board at Parish Church.* Damaged by adverse weather. Original in safe keeping. Needs replacement or renovation.

*Speed reactive Sign at James Kirk Way.* Concerns about position. Passed to ELC for movement to a better position 28/4. Still needs to be moved. Gordon Horsburgh aware.

*Broken Sign at Westgate.* Graham Brotherston ordered a replacement on 13/5 but it cannot be fixed into place until the masonry is repaired. Waiting on Rev Hall to advise when a stonemason has fixed the masonry.

*Covid Information board at Winterfield Park –* blocking sightlines for traffic leaving the car park. Passed to ELC 1/7. Moved 20/7.

### **Structures**

*Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons)* -still to be repaired

*Ruins of Lochend House (DCDC)-* Cllr Hampshire taking forward discussion with The Ridge

*Benches in poor condition near Cherry trees nursery* -New benches made by Barry Craighead. Installed by Barry and George Robertson with some help from Jacquie Bell on 9/7. Thanks to Barry for his handiwork and Barry and George for doing the heavy work of removing the rotten old benches and reinforced concrete plinths. Thanks to ELC Amenities who took away the rubbish and rubble.

*Walls in Hospital Road –* A Taylor Wimpey Contractor is still 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. Work delayed by Covid. Waiting on Taylor Wimpey to make a decision about inclusion of the painted pebbles left by local children as part of the repair. Chased on 13/7. Paula at Taylor Wimpey responded on 13/7 that they are not yet in a position to discuss artworks for Halhill North where planning discussions continue. No response from Paula as to whether the local volunteers can make the current stones a permanent fixture in the wall.

*Gate Post decoration at Winterfield Park.* A ball is missing from the pedestal. Passed to FOW/ELC April 2020. Gordon Whitelaw investigating.

*Damaged wall in Belhaven High Street.* This has deep cracks. Reported to ELC 9/6 who inspected on 11/6 and will arrange repair. It cannot be demolished as part of the carriageway construction where there is a difference in levels.

*Wall Demolition near Lignieres Way Playpark*, Planning condition was for the old wall to be rebuilt. However, workers have suggested that part is to be demolished entirely and part reduced in height with fencing above. Passed to ELC Enforcement 30/6 who are investigating.

*Condition of Wall near Halhill Steading*. Linked to Halhill North development. Seems to be in ownership of Taylor Wimpey. JB following up.

#### **Drainage**

*Loose Drain Cover in Disabled Car Park near Primary School*, A metal plate has been fastened down but a permanent repair is still required by ELC Roads as the plate could easily be removed to reveal a deep hole.

*Blocked drains*. Blocked drains in Belhaven High Street, Shore Road and Old Spott Road had been cleared in June 2020.

A drain near 105 Cedar Street is still causing problems in heavy rain. Flooding erodes the pavement causing a trip hazard. A temporary repair by ELC has eroded. Chased 13/7.

*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 is still chasing Co-op to ask for action on this and also to remove dead trees in the car park.

*Overgrown trees at Lauderdale Park*. Passed to ELC 19/4. Tree Officer has requested pruning now that the Park has opened up.

*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 is still to do a survey of the area. Some of the trees are now subject to a TPO.

*Dead planting/Landscaping/Playpark in poor condition at Yosemite Park*. Residents pay Persimmon for maintenance as the Factor will not take on responsibility. The provision is a planning condition. ELC Planning Enforcement involved. Some dead planting and weeds had been removed and the grass mown in July 2020. The playpark remains in poor condition. Enforcement Officer is monitoring progress. Once work is completed, the Enforcement Officer along with a member of Landscape staff will meet with Persimmon and the Factor to ensure that works are completed to a satisfactory standard and that the Factor is willing to take over responsibility.

*Dead planting in Alexander Gardens*. Responsibility is with the Factor Hacking and Paterson.

*Overhanging branches from Belhaven School trees* causing obstruction for pedestrians on Belhaven High Street. Passed to School/ELC Tree Officer on 14/6. Branches trimmed on 16/6 by school groundsman. Further work will be arranged with a Tree Surgeon.

*Overhanging branches in Knockenhair Road* are blocking the pavement. Passed to ELC 1/7. Tree Officer will arrange pruning if the resident does not cut the branches back but ELC staff have much work to catch up on post lockdown.

*Ragwort* – an issue on various verges e.g. Park Avenue and near the railway line. Passed to ELC 1/7 but differing responsibilities depending on the location. ELC does not see it as a high priority except near grazing animals. A member of the public had removed ragwort from verges on the road between Broxburn and the cement works. Other residents had also removed plants from near pathways. Amey have dealt with some stretches of the A1.

*Overgrown branches in Kellie Road* between Kellie Place and Lochend Road. Passed to DCWG (Ute Penny) 7/7 for attention.

*Giant Hogweed* (controlled plant) – Growing on Lammermuir House open space behind the Queens Road wall. Passed to Lammermuir House 7/7. Manager will ask Property Manager to investigate.

## **Coastal**

*Wire meshing* over the stones at Bridge to Nowhere is breaking up and becoming dangerous. Repair still needed. Tara Sykes had visited on 17/7. The metal has corroded due to the saltwater. An alternative surface and materials are required. *Visitor counter on path between Shore Road and Seafield Pond* had been damaged. Reported to ELC 19/5. Removed July 2020.

*Damaged electrical box near Whitesands toilets.* Not dangerous. Will be repaired by a contractor once Covid restrictions allow. Chased 17/7. Contractor visit still needed but they are from out with East Lothian.

*Coastal Trail* – Various repairs needed and a hand-rail required on a steep stepway near the townward arch. Tara Sykes advised on 17/7 that plans to do the work are in hand.

*Seafield Pond.* There had been discussion at DELAP about water quality. This had been ongoing for many years. The source of contamination is not known. In addition, there can be problems with blue green algae. Gordon Horsburgh is arranging permanent signage to advise against water activities at the pond.

### **Lighting**

*Lights in the park and car park near the Pool* remain dark. Reported to enjoy Leisure January 17<sup>th</sup>. They are not on the Report It map as they are not maintained by Roads. O response from Bill Axon.

*Heritage Lamp at Abbeylands.* Broken for some time. Member of the public had reported it and had no response to e mails/phone calls. Chased up with Glen Kane. Parts are on order. Delayed by Covid.

*Faulty lights at Halhill Healthy Living Centre.* - Not in ELC Portfolio. Passed to DCDC Chair as centre closed. Chased 14/6.

## **Litter**

Litter issues have increased as lockdown has eased. Dunbar Against Litter remain very active.

## **Services**

*Timetable Information* – Perspex is still to be repaired at the Duke Street, Belhaven stop.

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

A new electronic panel has been installed in the High Street. This will have up to date timetable information, but it will not yet be linked to real time bus departures.

Bus services had gradually been reinstated during July.

Scotrail services will resume from August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Post boxes.* Homes are not meant to be more than half a mile from a Post Box. JB had requested boxes for the Robertson, Halhill and Cala sites. JB had had to supply photographic and map information as sites are not on google maps. Royal Mail have now confirmed that a box will be sited in Comrie Avenue.

## **Other**

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

*Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane* – Still needed. Linked to the Peter Brett report that is sitting with Peter Forsyth at Roads.

*Maharajah Duleep Singh- Dunbar Connections.* Contacts are continuing to renew the memorial to Lt Col Sutherland in Dunbar Churchyard. Progress has been limited by Covid as Monumental Mason works have been on hold.

*Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA.* Still need. Subject to Planning Enforcement. Negotiations are still ongoing between Robertson Homes, ELC and Network rail.

	<p><b><i>Routeway from Taylor Wimpey development near Simpson Avenue.</i></b> The wall has now been breached and repaired with an exit from Simpson Avenue into Hospital Road.</p> <p><b><i>Speeding at Brodie Road.</i></b> Actions are still required.</p> <p><b><i>Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces.</i></b> Auctioning of the Middlemass Road green spaces continues. Residents Association continue to try and arrange land transfer of some open spaces from Greenbelt. Playparks remain locked off. The 2 owners were served Breach of Conditions notices in February 2020. These indicated steps needed to make the areas compliant with planning conditions within 2 months. One owner has moved, and efforts are being made to locate them by ELC Legal. The other owner has taken no steps to improve the play park. Following allowance for Covid 19 delays it is now likely that ELC will recommend referral of the case to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p><b><i>Sewerage issues at Robertson SUDS Pond.</i></b> Major issues. ELC asked to chase.</p> <p><b><i>Pigeons at Spott Road bridge (Network Rail)</i></b> – continue to be a problem. Netting needs replacement which needs permission from Network rail. Chased Environmental Health 13/7.</p> <p><b><i>Pigeons at Garden Close</i></b> – passed to Environmental Health 13/7. Nearby flats are in ELC ownership.</p>									
<b>6.00</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b> – Circulated by AS by e mail									
6.01	<p><u>DCC Finance Report</u> The Bank Balance at the end of the month was £43,593.66</p> <p>The restricted funds held within the General Account at the end of June 2020 were</p> <table> <tr> <td>Covid Fund</td> <td>£26858</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access for All Fund</td> <td>£ 3123</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities</td> <td>£11647</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Fund</td> <td>£ 598</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS £41,585</b> (£3000 awarded but not yet paid to Christmas Lights account)</p> <p>The unrestricted funds held in the General Account at the end of June were Balance in the General Fund £1368.00 <b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £1368.00</b></p> <p>Covid Fund Receipts to the end of June amounted to £38,600 Covid Fund payments to the end of June amounted to £12, 384 (32%) Payments for Meals on Wheels recently reduced to just over £500 a week</p>	Covid Fund	£26858	Access for All Fund	£ 3123	Local Priorities	£11647	War Memorial Fund	£ 598	
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6.02	<p><u>DCC Annual Accounts</u> The statutory accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 had been independently examined by G Spratt and Co. £60 had been paid for this service.</p>									
6.03	<p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u> The Local Priorities Budget advised by ELC for 2020/21 will be £10,020</p> <p><i>New Applications-</i> None .</p>									

7.00	<b>SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
7.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u></p> <p>Works at the Corn Exchange had recommenced after lockdown and the Lights Team had made huge changes to the building which was fast becoming a fully functioning workshop.</p> <p>GA and his team were thanked for their work.</p> <p>Summer bunting had been erected by the Team on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments provided by Graze were much appreciated.</p> <p>TTROs had been applied for. GA noted issues with the application process for payment refunds. NH advised that processes were now in place.</p> <p>A Fundraising Dunbar's Got Talent competition had taken place and winners were to be announced.</p> <p>The next fund raiser will be a bike ride (distance equivalent) to Lapland. More details will be forthcoming.</p> <p>The Bank balance at the end of June had been £7600.56</p> <p>A grant of £2500 had been received from Community Windpower via Be Green</p> <p>GA had had contact with Eamonn John and others at ELC after he found by chance that Dunbar In Bloom had been given access to the Corn Exchange to store their water bowser. He had noted that due to the ongoing state of the building that the bowser could be stored there but that this would be with some restrictions e.g. the bowser not covered by DCC insurance, no other tools to be stored there, GA should be told who has keys.</p> <p>Condolences were passed to GA and his family along with the Christmas Lights Team following the passing of team member (and GA's father in law) Alistair.</p>	
7.02	<p><u>Civic Week (GR)</u></p> <p>There had been excellent coverage given by The Courier to the various competitions.</p> <p>SB had written a potted history of Civic Week for the website and Facebook page.</p> <p>The bank balance at the month end was £7268.71</p> <p>A further £100 was to go to one of the prize winners after which the current Civic Week expenditure could be closed off</p> <p><i>Community Awards</i></p> <p>A further nomination had come in for an individual for their work during Covid 19. JB had noted the nomination and circulated to DCC members.</p> <p>WC had suggested that the 3 awards should go to the Community of Dunbar as a commendation of the joint actions of individuals and groups during Covid 19.</p> <p>AS had made an alternative suggestion that the individual awards could be made to individuals, but the Stephen Bunyan Team Award could go to the community of Dunbar.</p> <p>There was discussion about this. It was agreed that there were a number of nominees for the individual trophies. However, the Stephen Bunyan Team Award could be awarded to the community. SB was happy with this proposal. It was suggested that GR, who had done much work during the Covid Response, might receive the trophy on behalf of the community.</p> <p>It was suggested that the reward event might take place in December.</p>	

8.00	<b>DCC INITIATIVE UPDATE</b>	
8.01	<p><b><u>Community Resilience</u></b></p> <p>GR had continued to host meetings for Cluster Leads involved in the local response initiative. The response across the area has started to wind down naturally with some of the 9 clusters busier than others. Consideration needs to be given to how people, who still have needs are supported post the emergency phase. Some volunteers are willing to continue to assist on a good neighbour basis. The volunteer base was e mailed to see how many were willing to continue and who could be called on for any future community needs. There had been a considerable positive response.</p> <p>GR, IH and JB had continued to be Duty SPOC for the Dunbar/West Barns area on a rota basis. Again, contacts had decreased. Some needs had been passed on to ELC for resolution as requiring more input than might be expected of a volunteer.</p> <p><u>Covid 19 Fund (PS)</u> Some grants had been made.</p> <p><u>Hot Meals Service (PS)</u>. These had continued to be well received. Delivery has reduced to around 50 on 2 days a week. Consideration is needed for those who still need a service once Covid 19 support has ceased. A new caterer will be needed.</p> <p><u>Dunbar High Street and Friends Facebook Group and Page (CR)</u>. There are around 140 businesses signed up. Posts to the group for business owners are linked by CR to the Page of the same name which the public can like and follow.</p> <p><u>Laptops (GR)</u> There had been a really good response of donations from the community. Children who had received them had been delighted. An Apple Mac PC had been given to the Sea Cadets and some tablets to local youth groups. Many thanks to George for his work on setting up the machines and their delivery to local schools.</p> <p><u>Clothes for Kids – GR</u> had circulated a request for volunteers for this new initiative. Clothes have been gathered for recirculating to local youngsters. Contact person is Helen Harper, Community Learning Development Officer, at Bleachingfield.</p> <p><u>Community Emergency Response Plan (CERP)</u> – IH had circulated a draft plan for Dunbar and West Barns. Comments had been submitted by members and IH had forwarded the plan to ELC.</p> <p><u>Long Term Recovery Plans.</u></p> <p><u>Business/High Street</u> – PS had circulated a document which had been produced following discussions with DTA. This considers options for safe shared spaces to encourage use of the town centre facilities and open spaces like Lauderdale Park and the green space near Bayswell Road toilets. Bill Axon of Enjoy Leisure had given permission to use the latter space. However, Landscape and Countryside had since not been happy about plans for picnic benches in the area</p> <p>The document had been shared with Morag Haddow , ELC Transport Officer, for consideration as she has been tasked with making adjustments with the Safe Spaces money awarded by Scottish Government.</p> <p>JB had circulated a draft paper produced by Morag.</p> <p>PS and GR had attended a meeting with Morag and Peter Forsyth about options for the town centre.</p> <p>A TTRO was put into place without discussion with DCC, DELAP, DTA or local businesses to suspend parking in High Street (near the vets) and Countess Road (opposite Kings Court) from 7/7-31/12. Following objections this had been dropped.</p>	

	<p>There had been suggestions for seating areas for businesses. However, ELC wishing building condition surveys at the expense of business owners – not feasible.</p> <p>A pop-up park is to be set up near Lauderdale House. Following intervention from Cllr Hampshire picnic benches are on order. There will be opportunities for musicians etc to play e.g. for the Music Festival.</p> <p>Cllr McLennan is leading an ELC wide Economic Recovery Group. PS and Philip Mellor of DTA have been attending virtual meetings. Cllr McLennan is also holding meetings with DTA on a regular basis as well as special meetings with hotel and pub owners/licensees.</p> <p><i>A Single Point of Contact</i> for Dunbar recovery matters had been appointed by ELC.- Jean Squires</p> <p><i>Spaces for People</i> – ELC had received funding of £1.4 million. Suggestions including making Back Road, Belhaven one way and closing Hospital Road between Eweford Steading and Belhaven Hospital had met widespread public opposition. PS, GR and JB had all submitted concerns as had Halhill TRA and West Barns Community Council.</p> <p>The proposals also include continuation of the 20 mph limit. It seems that the TRO for changes had not had full legal sign off and so the TTRO for the trial will be renewed. PS had written to ask that the zone should include Kellie Road (previously excluded) and West Barns.</p> <p><i>Tourism</i> – Councillor Findley (North Berwick Coastal) is convening a Tourism Recovery Group</p> <p><i>Resilience and Recovery</i>– ELC wide meetings are being held to consider the way forward. Membership of the Community Recovery and Renewal Group includes Ralph Averbuch of AELCC, CAB Managers, Councillors, Area Partnership Chairs., Connected Communities staff and VCEL. The first meeting was on July 15<sup>th</sup>. (See 12.02)</p>	
<b>9.00</b>	<b>AREA PARTNERSHIP</b> (George Robertson, Chairman)	
9.01	<p>A Meeting was held by Zoom on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. It was joined by Caitlin McCorry from ELC Connected Communities.</p> <p><i>Funding</i> – A number of applications were discussed. Voting was to be off-line. It was agreed that the cap on any applications will be £5000. There was concern about 3 applications from an ELC Department as it was thought that the monies were to promote community projects and priorities rather than pay for ELC services.</p> <p><i>Roads Funding</i> Members were asked to consider ideas for roads funding. Part of the money had been allocated for the parking spaces at West Barns Hall. Caitlin McCorry noted the <i>ELC Community Investment Capital Fund</i> as a source of monies for projects like village hall upgrades. A number of applicants had already made applications to this fund.</p> <p><i>Area Plan</i> – Ready for circulation</p> <p><i>Membership Handbook and Constitution</i> – ready for circulation</p> <p><i>Benches</i>. JB had noted that new benches had been made by Barry Craighead, DELAP Vice Chair, for the area near Cherry Trees nursery as ELC Amenities had been unable to provide them. Hold up on installation was removal of the old rotten benches and restoration of the paving. Gordon Horsburgh (Connected Communities Manager) had agreed to assist so that the new benches could be put into place.</p>	
9.02	Next Business Meeting- 31 <sup>st</sup> August by Zoom unless Covid Circumstances Change	

10.00	<b>COMMUNITY LINKS</b>	
10.01	<p><u>Health and Social Care Provision</u></p> <p><b>Re-provision of Services for Older People</b> - JB had circulated a paper on Future Directions presented to IJB on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Information had been limited. JB had asked for more information from IJB/ELHSCP staff.</p> <p>Jane Ogden-Smith (JOS) had advised that there had been a verbal report to the IJB regarding the re-provision of services across East Lothian. This had been covered in The Courier. It had been noted that some rethinking was needed of service provision in the light of the pandemic. JOS was to send an update document to local groups. JOS had noted that the team who had been working on re-provision had been tasked with other Covid related duties, but they will be returning to the project.</p> <p><b>Community Provision</b> - Mental health, Adults with complex needs, primary care and more– The IJB paper also referred to other matters of Health and Social Care provision. Generally, there is no progress as meetings have been suspended due to Covid 19. JB had asked for an update on progress across fields of provision.</p> <p><b>Link Workers</b> – These had been due to be in place in GP surgeries from April. The tendering process had been delayed.</p> <p><b>Mental Health</b> – Terry Prior of Halhill TRA/Health and Wellbeing sub-group had asked for further information on mental health statistics from JOS. He had also asked for statistical information used for services planning by ELHSCP/IJB.</p> <p><b>Dunbar Patient Participation Group- DunBear Park Discussions.</b> Terry Prior (Chair of DPPG) is arranging a meeting with Ken Ross and the DunBear Park Team. He had already had some discussion with Ken Ross about the Care element at the development. He wished to discuss the proposals with reps of DCC/DELAP before discussing further with Ken Ross. PS, JB and GW had attended a Zoom meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>There was a degree of concern about the ongoing delays in the re-provision of Belhaven. It was noted that this had been subject to stop/start discussions since 2009. It had been repeatedly promised that the hospital would not close until a new facility is in place. Alison McDonald, Chief Officer of ELHSCP, had advised Jacquie on 15/7 that staff who had been working on the project had been diverted to the Covid response or had been furloughed. They were returning to work on the project. Currently work is being done to develop a Business Plan for the 3 projects in Dunbar, Musselburgh and North Berwick.</p> <p>Terry had noted that Ken Ross is now proposing, through an end provider, a development of around 40 Extra Care properties. JB had noted that ELHSCP staff had stated that they had had no discussions with the developer and Alison McDonald had said that it was a private, speculative proposal.</p> <p>At the same time, it was recognised that there is a need, as shown in the 2018 consultation on re-provision, for some extra care type housing in the area. This had been a proposal at the IJB meeting in December 2018 but the IJB/ELHSCP had agreed to develop such a facility alongside continued care home/cottage hospital facilities.</p> <p>JB and GW had queried the affordability of a privately built development. Terry had noted his experiences in Peterborough and JB had visited Dovecot Court in Peebles. JB and GW had queried where residents might come from and if they were from outside Dunbar if this might put pressure on the Medical Centre. They queried how staff might be sourced.</p> <p>It was agreed that Terry would set up a meeting with Ken Ross and the Team. In the meantime, JB agreed to send Terry relevant documents e.g. IJB papers and papers from the Belhaven Forum as well as the ELC Housing Strategy which includes Extra Care Housing.</p>	

	<p>PS proposed and DCC members agreed that JB and GW, as Co-Chairs of the DELAP Health and wellbeing sub-group should represent DCC in the discussions on DunBear Park care provision and that they will keep DCC informed of developments.</p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing Sub-Group</b> – It is intended to arrange a virtual meeting to discuss the ongoing issues. However, some members had been busy with Covid related matters which was delaying setting of a date. JB had been in contact with Jane Ogden- Smith of ELHSCP to arrange a meeting via Microsoft Teams.</p>	JB/GW
10.02	<p><u>DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach</u> –</p> <p>PS had circulated an update. She had met with Dave Northcott of ELC on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Construction had commenced following Scottish Government lifting of restrictions. There had been a delay as Scottish Water had wanted a survey of the sewage interceptor pipe. Sand had had to be pumped from the pipe.</p> <p>Work had begun on the southern breakwater and the new groyne bio wall. Information about the groyne bio wall had been posted at the works compound and there was a mock-up of what it might look like. JB had posted information on DCC Facebook.</p> <p>A timetable is still needed for the work at the northern breakwater. NH said that although the ELC budget is under strain the funding for the work is in the Capital Budget and thus it is intended to go ahead, hopefully as continuation works from the present construction to limit disruption local residents caused by the closure of Lamer Street.</p> <p>JB noted that a member of the public had queried about seaweed disposal during the construction period. NH noted that this was incorporated into the work plans by the contractors.</p>	
10.03	<p><u>A1 Safety (JB)</u></p> <p><i>Meeting with Transport Scotland.</i> Richard Perry of Transport Scotland had met with ELC Officers on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Community reps had not been invited despite their requests to be involved. JB had circulated correspondence from ELC and Richard Perry that had been passed on by Terry Prior, Chair of Halhill TRA.</p> <p>A particular focus of the meeting had been the A1 junction to/from Belhaven, particularly the access south to the A1. Taylor Wimpey have been asked to conduct an updated Traffic Assessment (TA) as part of their Halhill North application. Should use of the junction warrant a merge lane this might be considered by Transport Scotland as a planning condition for the development.</p> <p>The correspondence also illustrated issues about the future of Hospital Road. Its long-term use will have a bearing on the future of the junction.</p> <p>A temporary closure of Hospital Road had been one of the ideas mooted as part of Spaces for People. This had led to widespread opposition with concerns raised about the displacement of traffic flows including at the junction.</p> <p>JB and Terry had contacted Transport Scotland to note concerns about delays in considering safety measures at the junction and asking for community groups to be kept informed of discussions.</p> <p><i>Spott Village Association safe routes to Dunbar project.</i> JB had attended an on-line meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The consultants had done considerable work as part of a feasibility study. They had looked at 3 possible routes. The preferred option on paper would be via the underpass to Beveridge Row and Belhaven. There will be</p>	

	<p>wider public consultation, probably in September. JB had noted need for consideration of traffic/pedestrian flows as part of new developments.</p> <p><i>Future developments</i> Both of the proposals which are at PAN stage by Viridor and DunBear Park have implications for roads infrastructure and safety including the junctions/roundabout access points to the A1.</p> <p>A1 Action Group, JB, as DCC A1 Spokesperson, had asked Peter Forsyth to arrange a meeting of the A1 Action Group. It has not met since December. NH said that he would ask Peter Forsyth to convene a meeting.</p>	NH
10.04	<p><b><u>Station/Network Rail</u></b></p> <p>JB had circulated an update letter from Allan Brooking which had also been sent to residents close to the station.</p> <p>It was intended to return to the station works on June 29<sup>th</sup> following reductions in restrictions on construction sites by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>During the first few weeks, work will be to undertake task assessments and review health and safety procedures and processes to ensure staff and contractors can work effectively whilst the situation develops.</p> <p>Once Scottish Government regulations allow it is planned to complete the outstanding works at Dunbar. This includes cladding of the lift towers, replanting and landscaping, extending the car park and other enhancement work. Neighbours will be kept informed of what is happening.</p> <p>In addition, Mr Brooking noted that some residents would receive a letter at the request of the British Transport Police advising of the dangers of trespassing on Network Rail land.</p>	
<b>11.00</b>	<b>PLANNING AND LICENSING</b>	
11.01	<p><b><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u></b></p> <p><b>1. 20/00003/PAN DunBear Park</b></p> <p>PS and JB had joined a meeting with DTA on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Concerns had been expressed by members about the Ken Ross proposals for DunBear Park.. It had been felt important for the Dunbar community to have a clear position to influence the development from the earliest stages.</p> <p>PS had submitted a response on behalf of DCC.</p> <p>JB, PS and other individuals had submitted individual responses to the consultation.</p> <p>JB had promoted the consultation on a number of social media platforms.</p> <p>Terry Prior of the Patient Participation Group is to arrange a meeting with Ken Ross regarding the care home/amenity elements of the plan.</p> <p><b>2) 20/00662/P Development in a Conservation Area, Bayswell Park Hotel.</b> JB had circulated planning application information and photos of the site area following a request for DCC views by Neil Millar of ELC Planning. The proposal is for a large extension and separate annexe building in the garden ground of the hotel. JB had also had discussion with local residents who had expressed concerns about the proposals. PMc had also had community representations of concerns about the development. There was an extensive discussion with mixed views by DCC members. It was recognised that Dunbar would benefit from quality hotel provision. However, there were concerns about the scale and design of the proposals. It was agreed that DCC should listen to the views of the community which were being shared verbally and social media. On balance the views of the</p>	

	community were not in favour of the application. It was agreed that JB would share a draft response to DCC members with a view to submit to ELC Planners.	<b>JB</b>
11.01	<p><b>Other Planning Matters to Note</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>20/00110/PM Halhill North</b> - To be determined.</li> <li>2. <b>Castle Bay (Cala)</b> – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. ELC have had the funding for this since 2017.</li> <li>3. <b>1900796/AMM Robertson Homes at Newtonlees</b>. JB had attended the Skype Planning Committee meeting along with 3 concerned local residents. This was approved despite a number of concerns including lack of public transport, no safe access route to schools agreed with landowner, drainage and sewage issues. 14 conditions were set on the detailed plan which are in addition to conditions already in place from the outline plan approved in October 2017. These include provision of a Green Travel Plan, a detailed plan for landscaping, surfacing of access paths on safe routes to school, a detailed plan for a SUDS system and its maintenance, control of dust from works and an archaeological survey of the site which is part of the Battle of Dunbar 1650 battlefield. Local residents of Newtonlees and Broxburn remain concerned about the approval but they have no right of appeal. Residents were concerned about enforcement of the planning conditions, many of which are required before construction works commence.</li> <li>4. <b>Robertson Homes Safe Access Route</b> – Planning Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC. Permission for footpath works still required from Network Rail.</li> <li>5. <b>Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks</b> – Enforcement Notice served on the 2 owners by ELC in February with a 2-month timescale for steps to conform to compliance. No repairs made by owners. One owner has moved, and efforts are being made to locate them. Regarding the located owner consideration is being given to referral to the Procurator Fiscal. ELC Legal services are involved.</li> <li>6. <b>20/00112/P</b> – Application to erect a house and garage on the site of the former Amusement Arcade. To be determined.</li> <li>7. <b>20/00207/P Application for Change of Use of former Brewery office for Music School</b>. To be determined.</li> <li>8. <b>20/00245/P – Erection of one house at rear of 130-134 High Street</b> Consent granted by delegated powers on 26/6/20.</li> <li>9. <b>15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site</b>. A planning condition of the approval had been planting to screen the Avant Homes from the lower level Walker homes. Robertson have started work on their part of the strip. A timescale for the work had been requested from Avant by ELC Planning Enforcement. JB is keeping local residents informed.</li> <li>10. <b>20/00336/P – Extension to Lochend Lodge</b>. Approved on 10/7 under delegated powers.</li> <li>11. <b>20/00186/P Erection of 4 houses and associated works in garden ground of Lochend Lodge and public open space at Lochend Road</b>. To be determined.</li> <li>12. <b>14/00358/AM – Open space and playpark at Yosemite Park</b>. This was a planning condition of the Persimmon housing development. Planning Enforcement are investigating and have asked Persimmon for a timescale for works to be completed satisfactorily. JB is keeping local residents informed.</li> <li>13. <b>20/00492/P</b> – Conversion of former Coastguard station to form one property (holiday let). To be determined.</li> <li>14. <b>20/00137/P</b> – Conversion of former Coastguard Station to a dwelling. The applicant had appealed to ELC. The appeal was upheld by the Local Review Body on July 16<sup>th</sup> and consent granted.</li> </ol>	

	<p>15. <b>20/00554/P and 20/00553/LBC</b>– Alterations to steading buildings at Broxmouth Estate to form wedding venue and accommodation. JB had circulated information for comment on 17/6. JB had submitted DCC supportive comments on 29/6.</p> <p>16. <b>20/01201/P</b>- Erection of 1 House at Manor Gardens Belhaven. Agreed by Committee against the recommendation of refusal by Planners on the grounds of possible damage to mature tree root systems in the Conservation Area. Conditions will include the need to ensure that the mature trees are not compromised.</p> <p>17. <b>Tree Preservation Order to protect individual trees and woodlands in the Spott Road area.</b> PS had circulated information. JB had responded to ELC, noting that DCC supportive of the TPO but that there should be some leeway to construct a safe foot/cycle path within the wall as pressure increases on use of Spott Road from developments. Retention of trees on the A1 to minimise noise was thought essential. Landscape had advised that the need for a TPO had come about due to concerns about potential loss mature trees at the proposed housing site at Lochend Lodge. The woodland is to be surveyed by the Tree Officer and he can consider the potential for a path through the trees but this would need construction that did not tamper with root systems of some of the significant trees which had been part of the historic Lochend House estate.</p> <p>18. <b>Historic Wall near Lignieres Way Playpark.</b> A condition had been for this to be repaired/rebuilt. However, part had been demolished and workmen had suggested that stone was to be moved to another part of the Persimmon site at Earlsgate 2. Another part of the wall was to be reduced in height and topped with a fence or railing. JB had contacted Planning Enforcement on 30/7 and Amelia Smith has been investigating.</p> <p>19. <b>20/00642/P Change of Use/Conversion of former Methodist Church, Victoria Street (Class 10) to Class 11 for community use.</b> Marriage venue. JB had circulated information. Intention is to retain historic features. JB had advised Planning that DCC members are supportive on 12/7.</p> <p>20. <b>20/00641/P</b> – Retrospective application for temporary Park and Ride facility at Eve’s Depot in Spott Road to facilitate construction worker travel to NNG site. JB had circulated information. JB had advised Planning that DCC members are supportive on 12/7.</p> <p>21. <b>20/00662/P – Alterations, extension and new annexe at Bayswell Hotel.</b> JB had circulated information for DCC views on 18/7.</p> <p><b>Planning Condition Compliance</b> ELC are to appoint an officer to deal with Applicant compliance with planning conditions. This area of work particularly relates to large housing developments. There are a number of issues locally and many more across East Lothian.</p>	
11.02	<p><u>Licensing Matters to Note</u></p> <p>1. <i>Brigg and Barrel, Belhaven High Street- Major Variation.</i> Extended opening hours for the beer garden had been agreed.</p>	
12.00	<p><b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b></p>	
12.01	<p><b>DTA Meetings</b></p> <p><b>DunBear Park Discussion 17<sup>th</sup> June.</b> JB and PS had attended. There was a variety of concerns.</p> <p>There was concern about the implications of DunBear Park for Dunbar High Street. There was a concern that DunBear Park might replicate High Street provision. It was felt that this should be avoided</p>	

There was concern that DunBear Park might add to division between old and new Dunbar. JB and PS had noted the issues of connectivity across the railway line. Linkages were known to be very expensive to put into place e.g. reopening of the Ash Grove tunnel.

Concern was expressed about the hijacking of John Muir's legacy by a private developer.

There had been discussion about the pressure that the development might put on roads infrastructure e.g. Spott Road and the Cement Works junction. PS had shared her ideas on an alternative roads proposal and ideas for zoning of the area. This had been supported by those present.

**DTA Members Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June** JB and PS had attended.

*DunBear Park.* There was a follow up to discussion at the afternoon meeting regarding DunBear Park. Members had concerns. JB noted that housing was not in the Local Development Plan (LDP) adopted in 2018.

It was noted that previous discussions on a visitor centre had not been supported by Visit Scotland. There was concern about the content of any Visitor centre e.g. would this promote DunBear Park and Ross developments/The Bear or Dunbar. There was continued concern about the use of John Muir's legacy for the project. It was felt vital that the Dunbar community had influence on the planning for DunBear Park from the earliest stages.

It was agreed that DCC/DTA should work together in trying to gain a solution that works for Dunbar and its community.

*Opening Up.* Some members were further advanced than others. There was a general discussion.

There was discussion about how the High Street might open up. There was concern about mixed messages from ELC.

PS noted that DCC had some infrastructure to hand e.g. bollards and barriers that could be used.

There was concern that some members of the community may feel wary of using the High Street. It would be important to encourage people back. There was discussion about the use of pop up event space at Lauderdale Park, near the Pool etc.

There was discussion about use of the Spaces for People monies (if the ELC bid was successful) to create outdoor seating for cafes etc.

*Dunbar High Street and Friends* PS had given an update on the Dunbar High Street and Friends Facebook initiative.

*Town Centre Recovery.* PMc is chairing a pan East Lothian Group. He noted that Dunbar has a strong business association in the form of the DTA. Some towns have nothing. An ELC wide Business Association may be beneficial. Philip Mellor of DTA and PS would be invited to meetings.

It was suggested that there should be a single point of contact at ELC for advice.

*Hospitality-* PMc had been holding meetings with hoteliers and publicans to consider their specific issues for reopening.

*EDF Outage-* There was discussion about the potential summer outage at Torness. Some accommodation had been in use for key workers during Covid. Outage would bring around 500 workers to the town. This would need management to ensure safety on site but also within the Dunbar community as workers made use of shops etc. it was noted that Outage may be deferred. It was felt important that hotels etc were kept informed of developments.

**Torness Annual Liaison Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June.** AS had attended and circulated a brief report.

EDF are proud of the safety record at Torness.

Torness is financially successful.

	<p>The new NNG offshore windfarm will produce one third of the current Torness output.</p> <p><i>Gaseous emissions</i>- a certain quantity of radioactive waste is vented into the atmosphere. This is too small to register at monitoring stations between Torness and Dunbar and within permitted limits. SEPA and OND are satisfied.</p> <p><i>Potassium Iodide Tablets</i>. Torness are only responsible for provision to a 3 km radius around the station. Tablets are stored at other places where they could quickly be made available to the public. There is a plan for tablet distribution which is checked as part of a statutory Level 2 exercise every 3 years.</p> <p><i>Outage</i>. EDF would prefer to defer this to January 2021 but preparation was being made for July 2020 in case postponement is not approved. The Outage could involve up to 500 operatives coming to Dunbar. EDF safety during Covid has been exemplary but this number of people coming to Dunbar would be a challenge both for EDF and for the town. It had been felt important that hoteliers should know as part of any decision on the date.</p> <p><i>Station Director</i>. Robert Gunn will be moving to Sizewell. His replacement is still to be appointed.</p>	
12.02	<p><u>Coronavirus - East Lothian Response</u></p> <p><b>East Lothian SPOC Meetings</b> GR and JB had joined a meeting for SPOCs from across East Lothian with Caitlin McCorrie (CM) of ELC on 16th June. There had been further discussion of experiences across East Lothian. There had been variable experience of support from Connected Communities Managers and elected ELC Councillors. There was discussion about digital exclusion. Much information to the community has been online but many people, particularly in vulnerable groups, do not have access. To a computer or broadband connection. There had been much discussion about the future of community support. Moving on from the emergency response phase seemed unclear. Caitlin had spoken of passing on supports to Health and Social Care staff but JB had noted that not all being supported qualified for or needed social care support – they just needed practical help e.g shopping which Health and Social Care staff do not provide. There was discussion about Volunteer Insurance and PVG cover once the emergency phase ends and the leeway given for the urgent recruitment of volunteers ends. There was discussion about the ongoing role of SPOCs who are unpaid volunteers. The pandemic has required a much greater time commitment from SPOCs than previous emergencies e.g. Beast from the East. Maureen Allan of Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL- previously known as Strive) had offered to give advice/support re volunteers and other ongoing matters for resilience groups. A meeting was to be arranged for SPOCS with her. A Community Resilience and Recovery Group was to be set up to cover East Lothian. This will include groups from across the county. It was felt important for CCs to feed in to Caitlin any views to be presented to this group. Caitlin should hold a further meeting with CCs prior to any such meeting. It was felt important to have an ELC rep (Caitlin) meet with SPOCs rather than just have a SPOC/CC rep at ELC meetings due to the wide variation of experiences across the county.</p> <p>GR had attended a further joint SPOCs meeting with Caitlin on 7<sup>th</sup> July. This had confirmed that Insurance will still cover volunteers on Covid tasks as the process moves from the Response to the recovery phase.</p> <p><b>East Lothian Resilient Community Groups- Response to the Covid 19 Emergency Report</b> JB had circulated a draft report prepared by Steph Kerr of ELC on 2/7.</p>	

**VCEL** (Volunteer Centre East Lothian)– GR and JB had attended a meeting for East Lothian SPOCs with Maureen Allan, Acting Chief Officer of ECEL (previously Strive) on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Maureen had noted major changes in staffing and function since Strive became VCEL in 2020.

Strive had been seen as the official representative/voice/interface of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector in East Lothian. It has considerable Scottish government funding as a TIS and has been the official partner of ELC for community planning etc. However, it was recognised that it had not been fully functioning as such.

Maureen hopes to improve the relationship between VCEL and voluntary groups across the county.

There is a new website. Information and support can be given on setting up and maintaining voluntary groups.

The role VCEL can play in the ongoing Covid scenario is unclear. They can help with PVG. Much depends on decisions made at ELC level e.g. when the emergency response moves into recovery.

Maureen is happy to give whatever support she can.

**Community Recovery and Renewal Group** – JB had attended on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

The meeting had been chaired by Sharon Saunders. 26/44 invitees had attended.

Many were ELC Officers, including from Health and Social Care, Connected Communities and the Contact Centre. Reps from the Musselburgh, North Berwick and Dunbar Area partnerships (Aps) were present. JB had been the only Community Councillor. Cllr Jim Goodfellow, Cabinet Member for Communities had been the only elected member present. Others present were Maureen Allan of VCEL, Musselburgh and Haddington CAB Managers and Keith Barbour of the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed that anyone interested in the process of recovery and renewal from community groups could attend future meetings. These will be on a monthly basis.

The meeting was very much a scene setter than a decision making one. Much time was spent on introductions.

Terms of Reference had been agreed.

There was discussion about the Covid experience in East Lothian. Unfortunately, JB had not received all the relevant paperwork which had had an overview of events, actions and the effects of Covid on people in East Lothian.

There was a recognition that volunteers had played a large part in the response. AP reps noted the need for a joined-up strategy for volunteers to withdraw, especially for those supporting individuals with ongoing needs. Issues were noted about the quality of referrals from ELC and the difficulties in passing on concerns to ELC Social Work.

Eileen Morrison had spoken about the work of the ELC Contact Centre. Staff continue to make calls to a number of isolated shielding individuals. JB had noted increasing evidence of mental health issues including those in relation to social isolation and anxiety for some who have been confined to their homes for so long. Paulo Vestri had noted the number of people in East Lothian who had been furloughed – around 12,500 or 19% of the working age population. Also the increased number s of people claiming Universal Credit and those becoming unemployed, including people who had been self-employed. These numbers are expected to rise further. Loss of employment has led to increases in debt including Council Tax and an increase in Food Bank use. The Covid response has put pressure on ELC finances as well as services. Some services will need modification in how they are delivered e.g. Education and Social Care.

ELC has produced a large document on recovery and renewal which will be divided between Work Groups. Each will have a set of Action cards and Key tasks to

	<p>develop and renew. This will take time. It is not certain as to how long the Group will be needed.</p> <p>Community engagement with the recovery and renewal process was felt to be key to the process.</p> <p>Next meeting . 2 pm on August 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<b>13.00</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
13.01	<p><b>Scottish Community Alliance</b> – Local People Leading newsletters</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Cat Cockburn</b>-Information on placing a memorial bench on the Promenade. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Pauline Jaffray DL</b> – Thanks to all volunteers during Covid 19.</p> <p><b>Various</b> – Concerns about Newtonlees Development</p> <p><b>Via Facebook</b> – Gail Muir- overgrown trees at Kellie Road. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Torness</b> – Information on Close Down of Number 2 Reactor</p> <p><b>Alan Brooking</b> – Update on Station Works</p> <p><b>Sandy Baptie</b> – Weather Update</p> <p><b>Sarah Cheyne, ELC Landscape Projects Officer.</b> Proposal for TPO for trees and woodland in the Spott Road area. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Gillian Wood</b> – Ragwort Issues. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Chris McArthur</b> – Concerns about pigeons under Spott Road bridge. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook, Various</b> – Upgrade of Pine Street Skatepark. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook – Donna Muir</b>- Condition of Lochend House laundry building. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Various</b> - Demolition of old wall near Lignieres Way playpark. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Julie Yorkston</b>- Covid 19 information sign blocking sightlines at exit from Winterfield Car park. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>ELC-TTRO</b> for parking suspension in High Street and Countess Road from 7/7 to 31/12. JB, GR and PS had responded.</p> <p><b>Elaine Moore</b>- Concerns about condition of concrete road and wall near Halhill Steading. PS and JB had responded.</p> <p><b>East Lothian Police</b> – Report for June</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Mary McNeill</b> – Concerns about pigeons at Garden Close. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook-Severine Lemoine- McGuinness</b> - Information about memorial benches. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Karin McDougall</b>-Dunbar Music Festival. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Ilene Donaldson</b> - query about community awards. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Kris Hawkins, ELC</b> -TTRO to close Lamer Street for East Beach Works.</p> <p><b>ELC Community Councils</b> – ClimatEvolution Consultation</p> <p><b>Community Windpower</b> – Construction Programme for Aikengall Ila.</p> <p><b>ELC</b>- Erection of temporary 20 mph signs in towns and villages.</p> <p><b>RAGES</b>- Scotrail update</p> <p><b>Terry Prior</b>- A1 issues</p>	
<b>14.00</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
14.01	<p><b>Dunbar Histories</b> – SB had written further short pieces which are on the website and Facebook</p> <p><b>Facebook</b>- DCC page has now surpassed 1540 likes.</p>	

	<p><b>Mercat Cross</b> – HC had circulated updates. Bob Heath had prepared a report on the conservation needs of the cross based on the photographic work by the McCreadies. HC will arrange a working group meeting.</p> <p><b>25 pounder gun.</b> Renovation still required. SB noted that he had contacted 105 Regiment. It is not proposed to do any works until after the VJ Day anniversary. It may be possible to do a DCC Home renovation if the appropriate paint can be obtained.</p> <p><b>Parish Church Information Board.</b> SB noted that this was missing. It was noted that it is in safekeeping and actions will be taken to put it/or a replacement into place. (See Secretary Report).</p> <p><b>Thanks to Secretary.</b> GR noted the continuing hard work of JB in terms of clerking DCC business, attending meetings, taking community actions and managing the Facebook page. His vote of thanks was endorsed by other DCC members.</p> <p><b>Belhaven Bay Disability Access-</b> PS noted that investigatory holes are to be made to ascertain the feasibility of the project.</p>	
15.00	<b>DCC MEETINGS</b>	
15.01	<p><b>Business Meeting</b>  <b>August 17th 2020</b> – By Zoom unless Covid Restrictions are lifted</p>	