



## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**7 pm by Zoom Conference Call**

1.00	<b>SEDERUNT</b> Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan(AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), George Robertson (GR), Ian Hamilton (IH), Herbert Coutts (HC), Stephen Bunyan (SC), Craig Rapson (CR), Loretta Stewart (LS), Gill Wilson (GW)(on phone) Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Paul McLennan (PMc) Cameron Ritchie (Press) Mike Shaw, Rev Keith mills (Members of the public)  <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>	
1.01	Welcome – PS Welcomed all to the meeting.	
1.02	Apologies – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Will Collin (WC), PC Gavin Ross</li></ul>	

2.00	<b>AGM 2020 –</b> Chaired by Stephen Bunyan JB had circulated the minute of the October 2019 AGM. JB Had shared the meeting link on the DCC Facebook Page.	
2.0 1	<u>Chairman’s Opening Comments (SB)</u> SB welcomed all to the AGM. He thanked all DCC members for their service. He noted that there should have been East Lothian wide Community Council elections in 2020 but these had been delayed due to Covid. He noted that although most community councillors had been willing to stay on, 2 members, Will Collin and Ian Hamilton, had decided to stand down. He thanked them for their service. Will had been a member for over 20 years and Ian for a shorter time but both had made a significant contribution to the work of DCC. SB hoped that both might be called on for their expertise if required in the future.	
2.02	<u>Reports</u> <b>Chairman -Pippa Swan.</b> The full Report from PS was circulated as an attachment to the minutes. PS noted the unusual circumstances of 2020 and the Covid 19 Pandemic. This had seen changes to the way in which Dunbar CC could do its business with the move to online meetings. Members of the community had stepped to the fore in supporting others. Particular mention was made of GR. Who had taken charge of the volunteer response across Dunbar and West Barns and to JB and IH for their back up to him. It	

had been agreed that at the Annual Awards the Stephen Bunyan Award for Teamwork would be made to the Community.  
PS had noted that Covid had curtailed planned celebrations for the 650<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Burgh Charter and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Civic Week. Alternatives had been put into place.  
PS thanked DCC members for their various fields of work for the community.  
PS thanked retiring members, Will Collin and Ian Hamilton for their years of work.  
PS noted that all members would be expected to stand down in 2021 for the East Lothian wide Community Council elections. She hoped that as wide a range as possible of local people would consider joining the Community Council.

GR thanked PS for her work as Chair.

AS noted, that thanks should also go to the Civic Week Committee, particularly Eileen Moore who had done much to formulate the alternative activities like the community competitions. GA gave his thanks to the continued hard work and commitment of the Christmas Lights Team. He noted that the work of DCC goes further than just those on DCC itself. Subcommittee members and others also give much to the community.

JB noted particular thanks to Will Collin for his many years of service. Other members noted his knowledge of youth matters and his continued link to the schools. A round of applause was given. PS agreed to send Will a formal note of thanks.

**Treasurer - Alasdair Swan.** AS had previously circulated the 2019-20 accounts which had been independently examined by G Spratt and Co., Chartered Accountants. AS had submitted the accounts to ELC.

#### **Highlights**

\*The development of the Christmas Lights continued, attracting much praise from the Dunbar community, and the move to LED lighting had proved to be very successful.

\*The painting of the West Port facades was completed during the year.

\*The excess of expenditure over income of £5279 was partly attributable to the Christmas Lights improvements but also to the wonderful work of the Christmas Lights team in renovating the Corn Exchange building.

\*The Civic Week Team generated a surplus of £1442 through its fundraising activities.

\*The War Memorial project proceeded to plan and was delivered within budget.

\*Sergeant Penn's memorial was refurbished during the year.

\*20 Local Priorities received funding during the year with grants that totalled £9947.

#### **Funds**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 there were –

Restricted Funds	£ 2651
Designated Funds	£14362
General Funds	£ 868
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>£17881</b>

#### **Post Balance Sheet Events**

In addition to the items mentioned above, AS noted that the Community Council had been active in 2020/21.

Activities included-

\*Managing Covid 19 Grants

\*Designing a solution to provide Access for All at Belhaven Bay

\*Organising a remote Civic Week

\*Planning for a remote Christmas Lights switch on.

PS

	<p>SB noted that funding for the Sgt Penn memorial renovation had come from Dunbar Castle Lodge although it had been in the name of DCC. SB thanked AS for his kind work as Treasurer.</p>	
2.03	<p><u>Election of Office Bearers 2020/21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Chairman (Incumbent, Pippa Swan) <b>Pippa Swan</b> - Proposed SB, Seconded GA <b>AGREED</b></li> <li>b) Vice Chairman (Incumbent, Graham Adams) <b>Graham Adams</b> - Proposed AS, Seconded GW <b>AGREED</b></li> <li>c) Treasurer (Incumbent, Alasdair Swan) <b>Alasdair Swan</b>- Proposed GA, Seconded LS <b>AGREED</b></li> <li>d) Secretary (Incumbent, Jacquie Bell) <b>Jacquie Bell</b>- Proposed GR, Seconded GW <b>AGREED</b></li> </ul>	
2.04	<p><u>Selection of Community Emergency Response Plan (CERP) Leader and Deputy Incumbents - Leader – GR, Deputy – JB</u> The continuation of these appointments was approved. GR will advise Sandy Baptie at ELC.</p>	GR
2.05	<p><u>Selection of Representatives to Community Panels/Trusts</u> NB Will Collin and Ian Hamilton will step down as DCC representatives on local groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>Dunbar and East Linton Local Area Partnership</i> (GR attends as Chair. JB attends as Vice Chair and DCC Rep.SB is also a voting DCC Rep. Subs are LS and PS) It was agreed that the representatives would continue.</li> <li>b) <i>Torness Liaison</i> (Incumbent AS) AS will continue.</li> <li>c) <i>Tarmac Liaison</i> – open to anyone. (Main link incumbent GR) GR will continue. JB and SB are also involved.</li> <li>d) <i>Viridor Liaison</i> (Incumbents JB, SB) JB and SB will continue.</li> <li>e) <i>John Muir Country Park Advisory Group</i> (SB Chairs on behalf of the Antiquarians. WC had been DCC Rep). SB noted that the remit of the group and membership is still to be looked at. SN will continue. PS wished to attend for the Access to All Project. GR wished to join.</li> <li>f) <i>Town House Working Group</i> (Incumbents SB, WC, HC) – SB and HC will continue</li> <li>g) <i>Bleachingfield Committee</i> (Incumbents LS and GW (Represents the Elderly SB noted that he had stood down but been asked to continue as Chair at the AGM as nobody else had stepped forward. He will continue. LS noted that she had had no communications. This will be rectified by SB with Helen Harper, Bleachingfield Manager.</li> <li>h) <i>John Muir Birthplace Trust</i> (Incumbent WC) JB wished to be involved again as a past Trustee.</li> <li>i) <i>Dunbar Community Development Company</i> (DCDC)(Incumbents SB for DCC, HC and GW for other organisations). The current arrangement will continue.</li> <li>j) <i>CAPP</i> - (Incumbent LS) Open to the public. LS will continue as main DCC link.</li> <li>k) <i>Patient Participation Group</i> (Incumbent GW) – GW will continue</li> </ul> <p>ELC have asked for an updated pro forma list of DCC members and vacancies. This will be submitted to them by JB and indicate that there are 2 vacancies.</p>	JB
2.06	<p><u>Any other AGM Business</u> <u>Vacancies.</u> There was discussion about these.SB noted that members could be co-opted or an advertisement made for people to join. PS noted that GA had had discussion with 2 people who may be interested in joining DCC. It was agreed to have further discussion at the November meeting.</p>	
2.07	<p><u>AGM Chair – Closing</u> Comments SB noted thanks that so many were willing to continue for the forthcoming year. He suggested that there might be a busy time ahead.</p>	

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<b>3.00</b>	<b>DCC Business Meeting</b>	
3.01	Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed at this meeting - None	
<b>4.00</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020</b>	
4.01	Amendments and Adoption - APPROVED (Proposed GR, Seconded GA)	
4.02	<p>DCC Action Review (For Councillor updates – See Councillor reports)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dust fall from Tarmac Plant – GR, SB and JB had attended a meeting with Tarmac staff. GR and JB had circulated notes. It was felt that the new manager did wish to engage with the community and address issues. Tarmac accepted responsibility for recent dust issues and will be taking action. (See 12.01). JB noted further incidents. Members of the public had been advised to contact Tarmac directly. JB will keep GR informed of any further issues.</li> <li>b. DCC representation to ELC Planning in respect of Bayswell Hotel – JB had submitted DCC response DunBear Park – JB noted that the application was still to be validated by ELC. Information will be circulated to members by JB when available.</li> </ul>	JB
4.03	Matters arising not covered in agenda – All matters attended to or in the agenda.	
<b>4.00</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
4.01	<p>PC Ross and PC Hutchison were both on leave. PC Hutchison had agreed to submit a written report when he returned to duty for circulation to members and inclusion in the minute.</p> <p>The departure of PC Ross has been delayed until the end of November. LS had made contact with PC Hutchison. LS had circulated a comment from PC Hutchison on enforcement of Covid regulations by local businesses. Managers/owners should seek compliance from customers. If facing difficulties, they might contact the Police.</p> <p>I H had had further contact with local shops who had faced compliance issues. Isobel Knox of DCWG had noted issues from youth disorder in the woods near Hallhill Steading. PC Ross had been made aware by Isobel who wished this to be a CAPP issue. PC Ross has asked local people with concerns to report to the Police. CR had questioned police monitoring of fireworks parties given that the official Round Table display would not be held. JB had passed to PC Ross and PC Hutchison with LS copied in.</p> <p>The written report was based on incidents reported to Police between 21<sup>st</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.</p> <p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p>On 25<sup>th</sup> September a vehicle was stopped on Brodie Road. The driver was found not to have insurance to drive the vehicle and was charged.</p> <p>On 29<sup>th</sup> September a vehicle was traced to James Court. The driver failed a roadside breath test and was subsequently charged with drink driving.</p> <p>On 5<sup>th</sup> October a driver was issued a Fixed penalty Ticket for careless driving following a collision at Thistley Cross roundabout.</p> <p>On 10<sup>th</sup> October a vehicle was stopped near Thistley Cross roundabout. The driver failed a roadside breath test and was subsequently charged with drink driving.</p> <p>On 24<sup>th</sup> September weather conditions on the A1 resulted in a multiple vehicle accident and temporary closure of the A1.</p>	

	<p>Officers have received complaints about speeding in High Street, Belhaven. Pop Up Jim will be deployed and speed checks carried out in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>Anti Social Behaviour</b> Police are aware of ongoing issues related to youth disorder/drinking within Lochend Woods. They are liaising with DCWG and partner agencies with a view to addressing the issues. Community officers are conducting high visibility patrols in the area at the peak periods of Friday and Saturday evenings when they are able. Officers encourage local residents to continue to report incidents to Police Scotland via 101 at the time.</p> <p>On 2<sup>nd</sup> October a report was being made of a theft of alcohol from the Countess Crescent Co-op. It was believed to be linked to ongoing youth issues. Enquiries are ongoing.</p> <p><b>Tackling Serious and Organised Crime</b> Operation Juneau is a multi-agency operation aimed at tackling and reducing the harm of substance misuse in local communities. The Operation took place across the county in September and October. The work was publicised through social media. 4 warrants were enforced in the Dunbar area during the period. A number of charges for possession and supply of controlled drugs are to be reported. Opportunities were taken to engage with the local community and discuss anti-social behaviour and substance misuse. PC Ross along with ELC Community wardens had attended a pop-up event at Dunbar Garden Centre.</p> <p><b>Acquisitive Crime</b> No housebreakings or vehicle crime had been reported. Some minor incidents of theft had been recorded.</p> <p><b>Other Issues</b> Operation Torsion is the local policing response to Fireworks/Bonfire Night. Although there are no planned fireworks displays due to Covid 19 restrictions some private displays may take place. Dedicated patrols will be conducted locally and nationally on 5<sup>th</sup> November and these resources will be directed to deal with any issues arising from private displays.</p>	
4.02	<p><u>DCC Liaison with Police</u> There had been a request from DCC at the September meeting that consideration might be given to use of Zoom for CAPP meetings. JB noted that some CAPP areas had been meeting virtually. The idea is still to be progressed in Dunbar and East Linton CAPP area. LS had had contact with PC Hutchison. She will continue to liaise with the Police to see what can be done to reinvigorate links between Police and the community.</p> <p>CR questioned what might be happening about the policing of local fireworks in the absence of a public display. He was aware that some people may be thinking to gather in local open spaces. LS agreed to make enquiries about this.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>LS</p>
5.00	<p><b>ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p>	
5.01	<p><b>Norman Hampshire</b> <b>Fireworks</b> – large displays like that organised by the Round table in previous years cannot go ahead. ELC have advised that small private displays might be held e.g in a garden. Anyone intending to use fireworks should alert their neighbours due to the potential upset for pets. <b>Covid - Schools.</b> Education will continue. Advice is that classrooms shared by children should be ventilated by keeping windows open. Therefore, pupils and staff should dress warmly. School transport is still running.</p>	

	<p>There had been some outbreaks within schools but none in Dunbar. There are clear processes in place to identify those in contact with those who have the infection and guidelines for isolation.</p> <p><i>Business.</i> Some businesses had had to close again due to the new regulations. Some breaches by members of the public had been reported and followed up by ELC Officers. Members of the public are asked to support business by keeping to the guidelines.</p> <p><i>Community facilities.</i> Many are still closed which has led to difficulties for community organisations. Some organisations had noted concerns that the inability to meet together had led to mental health/isolation issues for members. Consideration needed to be given regarding different ways in which groups may be able to continue to support their members during the Pandemic.</p> <p><b>East Beach-</b> Considerable work had been done by the Contractor on the regeneration. Thanks were given to PS and others who had worked on the Project. NH noted that PS had raised issues with large deposits of seaweed. Other local authorities had also been experiencing large deposits this year. SEPA reports indicate health hazards from rotting seaweed in urban areas. NH suggested that a meeting should be held with the local residents' group to consider management of the seaweed. PS gave thanks to NH for his work and commitment to the East Beach Project.</p> <p><b>The Ridge-</b> NH noted the excellent work done to regenerate the Backlands and Black Bull Close. Work had progressed to Empire Close. NH noted the excellent training opportunities for young people from across East Lothian. The Ridge had made links with Robertson Homes for young people interested in construction work to have on site experience.</p> <p><b>Spott Road Pigeons.</b> A Contractor has been appointed. To allow for road safety the road will need to be closed with a diversion in place to allow work to be done to cull the birds and erect new netting. Dates for this are to be confirmed.</p> <p><b>QMU Business Park-</b> The Business case for the Food and Drink Hub which is part of the City region deal will be signed off on 27/10.</p>	
5.02	Sue Kempson – Not present. No report	
5.03	<p>Paul McLennan- <u>Action Update</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Police enforcement of Covid19 Rules (Town Centre Recovery Group).</b> PS had discussed this with the Area Police Commander and other ELC Councillors. It was noted that there had not been many reports of concerns. However, there was a protocol in place and reported breaches were followed up.</li> <li>b. <b>Dunbar Station car parking plans</b> were to have been circulated. P Mc hasd asked ELC officers for updated details which he will circulate when available.</li> <li>c. <b>Black Lives Matter Group.</b> A Steering Group had been set up. It was considering its Terms of reference which would cover a range of diversity matters. It was hoped that the group would launch before Christmas. It would be helpful if DCC could appoint a rep to the group in due course.</li> </ol> <p><u>Other Matters</u></p> <p><b>Funding for Business</b> – Ongoing supports into 2021 are to be considered.</p> <p><b>Gulls-</b> There is to be further consideration as to how they are managed.</p>	PMc
5.04	<p>Questions to Councillors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Robertson Homes</b>– Sewerage matters – JB noted that concerns are being raised by local residents about works at the SUDS area. Improvements to the SUDS to prevent contamination by sewage. had been required as part of planning consent for the new Robertson development. Material from</li> </ol>	



	<p>the SUDS area was being dumped in a gap in the hedge at Newtonlees Farmhouse. Workmen were using the private farm road without permission to do the work. Planning Enforcement were now involved. JB advised that residents were also concerned that a tarmac crossing had been formed across the private farm track without permission of the road owners. It was agreed that this needed follow up by ELC Officers as residents were very concerned about the situation.</p> <p>PMc offered to take up matters with Robertson Homes.</p> <p>NH noted that there had been meetings regarding the current SUDS. The design did not meet Scottish Water requirements and it was to be remodelled. There were also issues with the pumping system which was not working properly. This needed to be rectified by the Contractor to satisfy Scottish Water and ELC.</p> <p><b>b) Spaces for People</b> (PS) NH noted that work was ongoing. JB had circulated information following contact with Morag Haddow at ELC. (See 9.01)</p> <p><b>c) Fire Safety Regulations.</b> JB noted that proposed new requirements were intended to come into force by February 2021. Information had come to light via a leaflet from a supplier of equipment. A number of individuals, agencies like CABx , Age Concern and others had raised concerns about the timescale and costs given the Pandemic. PMc had contacted the Scottish Government Minister. DCC members raised concerns about the situation, feeling that the timescale was unrealistic and the costs would be difficult for some people to meet.</p> <p><b>d) A1 Belhaven Junction-</b> Concerns continue about safety in the area given increasing traffic volumes. JB, Terry Prior of Hallhill TRA and members of West Barns CC had been pursuing this for some time without any real interest being taken by ELC Officers and Transport Scotland. There was concern that action needed to be taken before further housing is erected to add to the issues. JB had been asking Peter Forsyth at ELC to arrange a meeting of the A1 Action group. PMc noted that the situation needed to be taken forward. Further discussion will be arranged for interested parties.</p>	<p>PMc</p> <p>PMc</p>
6.00	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>	
6.01	<p>Circulated by JB by e mail</p> <p><b><u>Town Maintenance Issues</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Roads and Pavements</i></b></p> <p><i>Hospital Road.</i> Repair is still urgently needed. Future of the route is linked to A1 safety and planning proposals in the area e.g. Hallhill North.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs</i> at Boroughdales, Summerfield Road, Shore Road, Pine Street and elsewhere have subsided and are prone to flooding. Works are to be programmed by ELC. Being considered for use of the DELAP Roads Budget.</p> <p><i>Uneven pavement in Westgate.</i> Trip hazard. Longer term repair to be programmed by ELC.</p> <p><i>Uneven slopes to crossings in West Port and High Street.</i> ELC are to programme alternative surfaces and slope gradients for 2020/21.</p> <p><i>Roads condition issues at Yosemite Park.</i> Lots of potholes and other issues. Many complaints from residents. Responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. The roads in the area are not adopted by ELC. JB taking forward.</p> <p><i>Condition of Cement Road between Hospital Road and Moray Avenue.</i> Concerns have been raised by a member of the public. This is noted to be a private road used by the public at their own risk.</p> <p><i>Outstanding roads issues</i> have been passed to GR by JB for consideration of funding from the DELAP Roads budget.</p> <p><b>Signage</b></p> <p><i>Lack of Signage at Alexander Gardens.</i> Planning Enforcement chasing September 2020. Also raised by JB with Taylor Wimpey Customer Services.</p>	<p>*</p>

*Lack of signage at Robertson/Avant and other new estates.* This is causing issues for delivery drivers and emergency vehicles. Provision is the responsibility of developers. Planning Enforcement involved.  
*Information Board at Parish Church.* Still needs renovation or replacement.  
*Speed reactive sign at James Kirk Way.* Still needs to be moved. JB had discussed a new site with Keith Scott at ELC.  
*Speed reactive sign at Knockenhair Road.* Will be moved. JB had discussed a new site with Keith Scott at ELC.  
*Broken sign at Westgate.* Repaired September 2020.  
*Damaged sign at Wilson Road.* Somebody had tried to pull it from the ground. Repaired September 2020.  
*Damaged John Muir Quotation sign at Lochend Woods.* Somebody had uprooted it. Passed to DCWG. Repaired.  
*Various worn signs.* Graham Brotherston had arranged replacement/repainting. Further signs still need repair.

### **Structures**

*Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons).* Still to be repaired. Condition continues to deteriorate.  
*Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDC)* Funding still to be sought for restoration by DCDC.  
*Walls in Hospital Road.* In poor condition. Ownership is split between Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon. Planning Enforcement involved. Taylor Wimpey had done some repairs. There had been some concern that cement was being used rather than lime mortar as cement is not beneficial to sandstone.  
*Gate Post decoration at Winterfield Park.* Still to be replaced. Gordon Whitelaw was investigating.  
*Damaged wall and traditional lighting bracket by Belhaven post box.* It had been hit by a recycling lorry on 18/9. Biffa had arranged repairs. Completed September 2020.  
*Eroded wall in Muirfield Road.* JB investigating ownership. Likely to be ELC or Amey. Wall in poor condition near Hallhill Steading. JB investigating ownership. Likely to be Taylor Wimpey.  
*Wall in poor condition in Castle Street.* JB exploring responsibility.

### **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.  
*A drain near 105 Cedar Street (fronting Summerfield Road)* is still causing a problem in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded to create a trip hazard. ELC Roads are still to follow up.  
*Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park car park.* A temporary repair had been made but it is eroding. Roads are still to programme a permanent repair on behalf of Amenities.  
*Flooding at Alexander Gardens.* Problems continue in rain despite installation of a pump at the Albany Grange compound in 2019. Badly affected on 4/10. Taylor Wimpey aware. Planning Enforcement involved. ELC drainage staff involved to give advice.  
*Eweford Underpass.* There had been deep flooding on 4/10. Passed to Bear/Transport Scotland.  
*Missing Toby Top in East Links Road* near Lammermuir House Care Home. Passed to Scottish Water 7/10. Repaired 16/10.  
*Drains in Old Spott Road-* are blocked again. Overflow adds to flooding issues under Spott Road Bridge. Passed to ELC 18/10.



## **Vegetation**

*Tree growing from the Heritage Dovecot in the Co-op grounds.* Tree Officer still chasing Co-op regarding this and the need to remove dead trees in the car park. The Co-op has a new manager.

*Condition of woodland between James Court and Spott Road wall.* Tree Officer is still to do a tree health survey.

*Dead planting/landscaping/playpark in poor condition at Yosemite Park.* Planning Enforcement involved. Persimmon have been asked for a timescale for works.

*Dead planting at Alexander Gardens.* Responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. Planning Enforcement involved. Taylor Wimpey Customer Services also aware.

*Giant Hogweed at Broxmouth Estate (poisonous) –* outcome of investigation by Robert Thick of ELC Environmental Protection still needed.

*Tree felling at Station works.* Discussions continue between network rail and local residents. Planning Enforcement involved.

*Overgrown vegetation near John Muir Gardens –* blocking footpath and overhanging gardens. Some is DCWG and some a Factor. JB exploring.

*DunBear Maintenance.* Planting has not been successful on the mound around the bear (poor soil quality). This will be dealt with by the contractor.

## **Coastal**

*Wire meshing over the stones near Bridge to Nowhere* is breaking up and becoming dangerous. A quote for repairs is awaited.

*Damaged electrical box near Whitesands toilets.* Still to be repaired.

*Coastal Trail.* Various repairs needed and a handrail required on a steep stepway near the townward arch. Tara Sykes advised on 6/10 that works are in hand.

## **Lighting**

*Lights in the park and car park near the Leisure Pool remain dark.* Reported to Enjoy leisure on January 17<sup>th</sup>. They do not appear on the report It map as not under Roads. No response from Bill Axon to messages. Chase 7/10. Paul lanetta aware as this is an assets issue for ELC.

*Heritage lamp at High Street (Abbeylands)* Broken for a long time. Chased up 6/10 with Glen Kane who advises matters are in hand.

*Faulty lights at Halhill Healthy Living Centre.* Chased 7/10. Spaces for People team involved. Repaired October 2020.

*Damaged electrical box at Ashfield Place.* Glen Kane has advised that all 610 boxes in East Lothian are to be repainted and repaired as required by a Contractor.

*High Street/West Port Lights had failed from 5-7/10.* A failed timing mechanism had been repaired.

*Faulty lights near Pine Street skatepark.* Reported to ELC 9/10.

Vandalised floodlights at DunBear Park. New lights are to be installed with stronger cages to prevent vandalism.

## **Litter**

DAL remains active. They would like funding for extra bins. A Dunbar CC application form has been sent.

Youths have been congregating in an area of Lochend Woods near Hallhill Steading. They are burning fires, leaving large amounts of glass and other debris. DCWG and local residents concerned. Police aware. (See Police Report)

## **Services**

### **Transport**

*Damaged Bus Stops –* Perspex is still to be repaired by ELC at the Duke Street bus stop so that timetable information can be provided. Other stops also need repair. A new contract for bus stop provision is needed but it has been delayed.

A bus shelter is still needed at Lochend Road to replace the one that was vandalised. This is waiting on the new contract to come into place.

*Bus Forum.* Currently no date for a meeting. It has not met in 2020.

**Post Box at Comrie Avenue.** Still on order from Royal Mail.

**Other**

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

**Cycle routes around cement works.** Discussions ongoing.

**Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane** – still needed

**Maharajah Duleep Singh, Dunbar Connections** – Ongoing

**Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA.** Still needed. Subject of Planning Enforcement. Negotiations still ongoing between Robertson Homes, ELC and Network rail. Building at the new Robertson site cannot commence until this pathway is completed and other conditions are met.

**Routeways from Albany Grange to Hospital Road.** These are part of planning conditions but they come to a dead end against the wall. Planning Enforcement involved. Stone Mason began to work on behalf of Taylor Wimpey on 7/9. ELC Roads were to consider road safety in the area before the wall is opened up into Hospital Road. In the meantime, there are concerns that people are climbing over the wall as a short cut.

**Speeding at Brodie Road near John Muir Gardens** – Actions still needed.

**Kings Meadow Playparks and open spaces.** Auctioning of the green spaces and playparks continues. Planning Enforcement and others involved. Planning would like to take legal action against the known playpark owner but there is a delay in court processes due to Covid. Residents have now formed a limited company to take on land from Greenbelt. JB had attended a meeting on 13/10. Cllr NH is to see if the owner of 2 of the playparks will negotiate a transfer. Further meeting to be arranged. Ownership of the other playparks is still to be pursued. Taylor Wimpey are to be contacted as the developer who set up the initial link with Greenbelt to see if they can give financial/practical assistance.

**Issues at Robertson Homes site.** Major problems of sewerage contamination of the water at the SUDS pond continue. Environmental Health (Colin Clark) is involved. The pond needs to be emptied and cleaned out with further monitoring of the contamination. The resident of Newtonlees Farmhouse has raised concerns that sludge from the SUDS is being deposited in a gap in their hedge. Workmen are using the private farm road to do this without permission. JB had alerted ELC as the resident had had no response to letters sent to Robertson Homes.

In addition, there are further issues about development without permission of the landowners at the site e.g. a tarmac crossing being formed over the private farm road. Complaints have been submitted to ELC by the residents who are considering a press release.

**Pigeons at Spott Road Bridge (Network Rail).** Continue to be a problem. ELC have been in discussion with Network Rail for permission to do the work. Contractor now appointed and arrangements for the work are to be made.

**Pigeons at Garden Close** – nearby flats are in ELC ownership. Still to be dealt with by Environmental Health.

**Fly infestation at Goldenstones Avenue.** Environmental health had been involved. Romie Blair of DAL had removed the bins. A deep clean of the area is still needed. James Coutts, ELC Head of Housing is involved.

**Parking in Yosemite Park** – Safety measures still required.

**Play area/general built environment issues at Writers Court.** JB had raised at ELHA AGM. To be followed up. JB in contact with ELHA staff.

**Building debris in East Links Road.** Passed to Roads 29/9. Chased 7/10. Removed 12/10.

**Idling Taxis in High Street/Station.** Passed to Environmental Health, Vehicle Emissions Officer, Tom Burr and others 6/10.

**University of Edinburgh, Master of Landscape Architecture Students.** JB had met up with students and lecturers for field trips on 29/9 and 6/10. The students have a project considering alternative ideas for DunBear Park and use of green and blue

	<p>spaces in Dunbar. JB had circulated surveys and local groups had been invited to workshops/one to one discussions.</p> <p><b>Upgrade of Skate park at Pine Street.</b> JB had had contact from a local group wishing to upgrade the skate park. Advice had been given e.g. on funding opportunities.</p> <p><b>New Regulations on Home Fire Safety.</b> Homeowners and landlords are expected to have provision in place by February 2021. These include smoke alarms, carbon monoxide and heat detectors. Information had come via iain Gray MSP and a private business rather than from the Scottish Government. JB had asked ELC if they will have an installation programme for tenants and had suggested to iain Gray that the timescale for installation needed to be extended.</p> <p><b>Cement Works Dust.</b> There had been further issues. JB had given advice to affected residents.</p>															
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7.01	<p><u>DCC Finance Report</u> Circulated by AS by email General Account The bank balance at the end of September was £33458.96 The Restricted funds held within the General Account at the end of September 2020 were</p> <table> <tr> <td>Covid Fund</td> <td>£22512.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access for All Fund</td> <td>£ 306.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities Fund</td> <td>£ 7557.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Fund</td> <td>£ 598.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b></td> <td><b>£30973.00</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of September 2020 were</p> <table> <tr> <td>Balance in the General Fund</td> <td>£2486.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b></td> <td><b>£2486.00</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>There were no Covid payments or receipts during the month. The Access for All payment was for Royal Haskoning DHV's services</p>	Covid Fund	£22512.00	Access for All Fund	£ 306.00	Local Priorities Fund	£ 7557.00	War Memorial Fund	£ 598.00	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>£30973.00</b>	Balance in the General Fund	£2486.00	<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>£2486.00</b>	
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7.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u> <u>Updates</u> AS/JB had made payments to September applicants. A note of thanks with a series of photos had been sent by the Junior Hockey Club. Dunbar United had also sent a note of thanks. <u>New Applications</u> None</p>															
<b>8.00</b>	<b>SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>															
8.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u> The bank balance at the end of September 2020 stood at £9527.04</p> <p>The virtual trip to Lapland Fundraiser had concluded. Around £1450 had been raised. GA gave thanks to the Team for taking part and those who had donated. Lights in the High Street and West Port had been dark from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October. ELC had repaired a timing clock. Paperwork for erection of the lights and switch on is in place. A virtual Lights Switch On is planned with local people being asked to light up their homes in support. This had been publicised on social media. A number of people involved in the local Covid response will be involved in a draw to decide who pulls the switch.</p>	*														

	<p>A school competition has been held to design a new display. This will be made and erected by the Team.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights Team continue to make improvements to the Corn Exchange.</p> <p>DCC members again gave the Team thanks for all their work.</p>	
8.02	<p><u>Civic Week (GR)</u> No update The bank balance at the end of September stood at £7218.71</p>	
9.00	<b>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</b>	
9.01	<p><b><u>Community Resilience (GR)</u></b> GR and JB continue to share duties as Covid Duty SPOC for Dunbar and West Barns. There have been no new referrals in recent weeks. ELC were seeking an update on the Community Emergency Response Plan (CERP). The DCC adopted plan required: a) Flood Reps in addition to Lead and Deputy SPOC. These will cover Belhaven, the harbour/East beach area and West Barns. Volunteers had come forward to Belhaven and the harbour areas, but a volunteer needed to be confirmed for West Barns. b) Review of the Plan. Action will be followed up by the CERP Leader and Deputy. <u>Covid 19 Fund (PS)</u> Funds from Community Trust will soon be 'time expired'. Conversations are ongoing with Sustaining Dunbar (applicant on behalf of DCC and DTA) and grantors to agree future use of retained funds and to identify new demands for funding in the 'recovery' phase. <u>Dunbar High Street and Friends (CR)</u> Initiatives continued with the social media presence being used by local businesses. DTA Meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October. (See Meetings attended) <u>Ongoing Concerns</u> <i>Business/High Street –</i> A new restriction on licensed premises began on 9/10. They are to be closed for an initial 16 days. JB, PS, GR, GA and CR had attended a DTA Meeting on 13/10 (See Meetings attended) <i>Spaces for People –</i> JB had contacted Morag Haddow at ELC and circulated an update. The wall at Countess Crescent was to be demolished and replaced with a fence during half term. New bike racks had been installed at JMCP and Shore Road. Updated drawings and Road Safety audits were awaited for the Belhaven Village, Belhaven Road and Queens Road areas. Morag will circulate when available and a meeting arranged to discuss them. A safe crossing point was being installed near the Dunbar Business Centre in Spott Road. The road crossing patrol person post at Belhaven Road near Parsonspool had been readvertised. <i>Resilience and Recovery–</i> ELC wide meetings are being held on a monthly basis to consider the way forward. JB attends. Next meeting 28/10. <i>Meals Service-</i> The service provided during Covid had been well received but it had now finished. Some people in the community are known to be having difficulty with meal preparation since the service stopped. JB had spoken to Helen Harper. It was</p>	GR/JB

	agreed that further consideration needs to be given as to how these people might be supported. Not all like Wiltshire or appetite meals and not all are older people.	
<b>10.00</b>	<b>AREA PARTNERSHIP</b> (George Robertson, Chairman)	
10.01	<b>Business Meeting-</b> Meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> October had been cancelled.	
10.02	Next Business Meeting – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	
<b>11.00</b>	<b>COMMUNITY LINKS</b>	
11.01	<p><b><u>Health and Social Care Provision</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 12/10</u></b> JB and GW had attended. JB had circulated notes from the meeting.</p> <p>Main points were-</p> <p><i>Reprovisioning of Belhaven Hospital.</i> Still Ongoing. Official statistics for the Need Analysis had been delayed as a request for patient information had been held up by the Caldicott Guardians. Concerns about the delay continue. A local working group is still to be set up.</p> <p>Cllr NH had noted the purchase of land at the Herdmanflat Site. He had spoken of provision of extra care housing but it had been noted that a wider range of provision was required across the private, voluntary and statutory sectors. Extra care housing was not a sufficient resource to meet all needs as had been discussed at the IJB meeting in 2018. Reference had been made to agreements made at that meeting to work with communities to make developments that related to local needs rather than a one size fits all approach.</p> <p><i>DunBear Park.</i> The SWOT Analysis and notes from the meeting with Ken Ross/SAOL had been shared. There are still questions about the proposal and further discussions will be held.</p> <p><i>Link Workers.</i> The tender application process had closed. The responses were being evaluated. It is intended that provision will be able to have a local response so that those service providers and staff appointed have local knowledge.</p> <p><i>Mental Health.</i> There were some new services, including for younger people. The annual suicide statistics, due in the Summer, had not been produced due to Covid.</p> <p><i>National Care Service.</i> JB had shared information related to consultations. JB had circulated information on how to respond to the survey.</p> <p><i>CTAC.</i> There had been discussion about access to services for ongoing care like ear irrigation and wound care with a consideration of the accessibility of Haddington Community Hospital which has poor public transport links.</p> <p><i>Services during and post Covid.</i> There had been a discussion about issues which had arisen. There were concerns about access to services. It had been noted that a number of people with dementia had seen a decline in their function during lock down. Carers were under increasing pressure. It was noted that services would need to adapt. The developments at Dunbar Day Centre to incorporate community provision had been seen as a good example of service future proofing. Members had noted examples of issues about service access for those that had been contacted during the Covid response. Concerns were raised about those who would need ongoing support post covid. Some people were still being supported by volunteers with no clear direction as to how support might be moved on to sustainable ongoing provision.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting – 2pm on 16<sup>th</sup> November.</i></p> <p><b><u>DunBear Park Care Provision</u></b> A meeting was held with Ken Ross and SAOL Community on 15<sup>th</sup> September. JB, PS, AS and GW had attended. JB had circulated notes annotated by John Corbett of SAOL . Terry Prior had developed a SWOT Analysis of views. This had been circulated by JB along with a version annotated by John Corbett.</p> <p><b><u>Dunbar Day Centre – AGM and Management Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> JB, SB and GW had attended.</p>	

	<p>GW continues as Chair with JB as Vice Chair.</p> <p>The situation in 2020 had been challenging due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Centre building had been closed. Staff had continued to support service users at home. Although service users cannot go to the Centre ongoing alternatives are being considered for the service to go to the community to support service users. Dunbar Day Centre is being seen as a pilot for ongoing provision by ELHSCP. Sadly, some service users had died or moved into care homes. Further Trustees are welcome to join the Management Committee.</p>	
11.02	<p><u>DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach –</u></p> <p>Works continue.</p> <p>The biowall groyne is progressing.</p> <p>A TTRO had been issued by ELC to continue the closure of Lamer Street until October 31<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Stormy weather had brought a build-up of kelp which was partly cleared in w/c 5/10. Further clearance work was anticipated in w/c 12/10.</p>	
11.03	<p><u>A1 Safety (JB)</u></p> <p>JB and Terry Prior of Hallhill TRA remain concerned about junction safety issues, A further meeting of the A1 Action Group is still required.</p> <p>JB had circulated a response from Transport Scotland received by iain Gray MSP regarding the Belhaven junction. This had been sent to Terry Prior. It noted that the Hallhill North application was still ongoing.</p> <p><i>Spott Village Association Safe Routes to Dunbar Project.</i> JB had attended a meeting on 22/9. The Contract for Sustrans funding had been issued and returned by Anne Lyall of Spott Community Association.</p> <p>A website had set up -SpottDunbarpath and a Facebook page created.</p> <p>Local consultation had been ongoing with community flyers and information in the Press.</p>	*
10.03	<p><u>Station/Network Rail</u></p> <p>The upgrade project continues.</p> <p>Members of the public had been concerned about landscaping and other works continuing without consultation with nearby residents.</p> <p>Discussions were ongoing.</p> <p>Allan Brooking and other Network Rail staff were to meet with residents.</p> <p><i>Tree Felling</i>-Concerns continued but were being addressed by Network Rail. ELC Enforcement involved (See Secretary Report)</p>	
10.04	<p><u>Belhaven Bay – Access for ALL (PS)</u></p> <p>Trial holes suggest that the culvert crossing idea is viable. Crossing design, planning consent, Marine Licence etc all to be progressed. Consultant fee proposal £20k for this work. Anticipated whole project cost now anticipated to be in the region of £120k.</p> <p>PS will now regroup the community team and liaise with ELC.</p>	
11.00	<b>PLANNING AND LICENSING</b>	
11.01	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DunBear Park</b> – Roads and Renewable Energy application is still to be validated by ELC.</li> <li><b>Viridor</b>- New PAN Document had been circulated. On Line Discussion to be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> with local groups. Community consultation events from 3-7 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ol>	



	<p>3. <b>20/00939/P -27 Flats south of St Andrews Centre, Bayswell Road.</b> JB had circulated information. These will be ELHA flats to rent. Affordable properties to rent near to the Town Centre were thought to be beneficial. JB noted that there had been concern from local residents e.g. about pedestrian access.. JB will submit DCC views.</p> <p>4. <b>20/00969/P</b> – 4 houses and associated works in garden ground of Lochend Cottage- Information had been circulated by JB on this renewed application. JB noted that there was considerable concern from nearby residents e.g. about road safety at the busy junction of Lochend Road and Spott Road. JB will submit views to ELC.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
11.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <p>1. <b>20/00110/PM Halhill North</b> - To be determined. Further information has been requested by ELC/Transport Scotland on road and transport links.</p> <p>2. <b>Castle Bay (Cala)</b> – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. ELC have had the funding for this since 2017.</p> <p>3. <b>Robertson Homes Safe Access Route</b> – Planning Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC. Permission for footpath works still required from Network Rail.</p> <p>4. <b>Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks</b> – The Playparks had been put up for Auction on 28/8 by Future Property Auctions as “substantial plots”. ELC and others involved (See Secretary report).</p> <p>5. <b>20/00112/P</b> – Application to erect a house and garage on the site of the former Amusement Arcade. Approved 9<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>6. <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. Environmental Health are following up continued sewage contamination issues at the SUDS Pond.</p> <p>7. <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> Withdrawn by applicant 29/9. A new application is likely. People have been concerned by the felling of mature trees in the area but they were not covered by the TPO.</p> <p>8. <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.</p> <p>9. <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>10. <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>11. <b>Access routes from Albany Grange.</b> These are part of planning consents but are currently blocked off. Enforcement Officer is following up with Taylor Wimpey. Stone Mason work commenced on 7/9.</p> <p>12. <b>Viridor</b> – New PAN document circulated. New Consultation with live web chat will be 3-7 pm on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Online meeting with DCC November 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>13. <b>Unauthorised pergola/beer garden and advertising banners at Bayswell Park hotel.</b> The owner had been advised by Planning Enforcement that this</p>	

	<p>required a planning application. The deadline of 25/8 was not complied with. Planning Enforcement have advised that he is disputing the need to make an application for the large structure and banners.</p> <p>14. <b>DunBear Park.</b> Application for roads and renewable energy infrastructure has been submitted to the Scottish Planning Portal. To be validated by ELC.</p> <p>15. <b>20/00858/P -Portocabin at Halhill (Sescot Radio) Station-</b> JB had circulated information. ELC had been advised of incorrect information in the application. Landowner is DCDC not DCC. A corrected application had been validated on 13/10. JB had noted DCC support for the project following response from DCC members.</p> <p>16. <b>20/00886/P – Extension at Bayswell Park Hotel.</b> JB had submitted DCC views to ELC. To be determined.</p> <p>17. <b>20.00939/P- Proposals for 27 flats at 9 Bayswell Road.</b> JB had circulated information. JB had had contact from concerned members of the public. E.g. about pedestrian access.</p> <p>18. <b>20/00969/P –</b> Erection of 4 houses and associated works at garden ground of Lochend Cottage and public open space. New application. JB had circulated information. JB had had contact from concerned members of the public.</p>	
12.00	<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>	
12.01	<p><b><u>Local Good Food Alliance -23rd September.</u></b> JB and GW had attended. JB had circulated notes. There was further discussion about the remit of the group. Some involved are concerned with food production and supply. Others are concerned about food poverty and access to good nutrition. It was agreed that an Action Plan should be circulated and agreed.</p> <p><b><u>Local Good Food Alliance – 12<sup>th</sup> October –</u></b> JB and GW had attended. There had been further discussion of the Action plan for the group. This will be circulated. Allison Cosgrove and others had given a presentation on the East Linton Community Orchard. Further meeting TBA</p> <p><b><u>East Lothian Housing Association – Special General Meeting and AGM 24<sup>th</sup> September.</u></b> JB had attended Peter Ewart remains as the Chairman. A reduction is being considered in membership of the Management Committee. Peter Ewart and ELHA staff had noted the challenges faced by ELHA as a housing provider in the times of Covid 19. Thanks were given to staff in their provision of a service to tenants in the challenging circumstances. JB had noted concerns about the condition of the built environment for tenants in older properties in Dunbar e.g. Writers Court. She agreed to send information to Martin Polhammer, Chief Executive, for follow up.</p> <p><b><u>Tarmac Liaison 30<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> JB, SB and GR had attended. GR had circulated brief notes. Further information from the Plant with commercial information removed will be circulated. The call for a meeting had followed community concerns about dust fall out in September 2020. <i>Staffing</i> – Graeme Bride came into post on 4<sup>th</sup> May. JB was thanked for arranging access to Barns Ness Lighthouse area for him to live during lockdown. Some staff had been on furlough Staff are now back. There is a hope to employ local apprentices in the future. Some posts will be as succession for current staff who are working towards retirement. <i>Production-</i> Covid had been a challenging time. Cement requirements had been hit by the downturn in construction. Tarmac in Dunbar had been maintained by an ongoing contract for a new runway at RAF Lossiemouth.</p>	

*Environment*= Mr Bride did accept responsibility for recent dust issues that had been brought to the attention of DCC. The Plant are keen to hear from those who are affected. Local people had been visited regarding recent dust incidents. It is intended to deal with general cleanliness of the plant but also to invest in longer term solutions e.g. new roofs, new doors on the clinker store.

Mr Bride noted the ongoing provision of dust monitors around the site and wider Dunbar.

Mr Bride noted that the site is subject to ongoing regulation by East Lothian Environmental Protection Services and SEPA. Complaints are always followed up.

*Recreation*- JB had sent messages from Nick Morgan and Iain Reid at ELC regarding active travel routes .Mr Bride expressed willingness to work with ELC staff and others on safe cycle and footpaths.

*Restoration*- Mr Bride noted plans for the filling former quarry. Pumping will be needed to prevent flooding. He was certain that the lake, once formed, would not be suitable for water sports. The depth of the water would have a risk of cold shock to those entering it. It is still hoped that the area will be an attractive wildlife habitat.

*Community Support*- Mr Bride noted that he would be interested to hear from local groups needing support either financial or as a donation of cement/time. JB had mentioned local groups who may benefit.

*Dunbar 1650 Memorial to soldiers taken into captivity*- A plaque had gone missing. This could be restored. Michelle Chisholm of Tarmac agreed to circulate information on the original wording.

*A1 Safety*- JB had noted the A1 Action Group which had not met since 2019. She noted that Mr Bride may wish to attend given the ongoing concerns about safety at the Cement Works junction onto the dual carriageway.

*Liaison Meetings* – It was agreed to re-establish quarterly meetings with representatives from across the local community councils, ELC, SEPA, Tarmac staff etc.

**DTA 13<sup>th</sup> October** – JB, PS, DA , CR and GR had attended

Main points included: -

*Trading*. There had been discussion. Experiences had been variable. Some new businesses had opened up e.g. Pixie Rose Flowers.

*Christmas Lights*- Switch On and other activities had been discussed. A Virtual Switch On will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November. GA had noted how Covid 19 had impacted on fundraising.

*Dunbar High Street and Friends*. The On Line presence had been discussed. This was ongoing. The promotion of the High Street offering was appreciated by DTA members.

*Pop Up Park* – Continuation was supported.

*Financing*. This was discussed. Funding for marketing had been secured through a Town Recovery grant application. The aim would be to increase footfall. Use of the funding needed further discussion.

*Holiday Club* – Use of vouchers for a church organised Holiday Club (not restricted to church attendees) was agreed. PS agreed to link with Rev Hall of St Annesz regarding this initiative.

*Dunbar Park* – An update had been given. DTA Chair, Philip Mellor, had noted that Ken Ross had requested a contribution from DTA for provision of a marketing map.

*East Lothian Gift Card* – This needs further local promotion.

*High Street Promotion* – There was a discussion of the need to balance footfall with public safety.

*Hanging Baskets*. These had been colourful. There was discussion about how continuation might be managed in the future e.g. co-operation between ELC, The Ridge and Dunbar in Bloom.

	<p><i>Future Trading</i>- There was a general discussion about local trading in the light of Covid 19 restrictions and a concern that East Lothian was linked to regulations in the wider central belt. There was a discussion about how local businesses were trying to adapt e.g. Take Away meals.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> - TBA</p>	
<b>13.00</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
13.01	<p><b>Terry Prior- Halhill TRA</b> – Wishing update meeting on A1 Junction at Belhaven</p> <p><b>Tracy Penman- Network Rail.</b> Update on tree felling/replanting at Ashfield gardens – Work to take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Work was delayed.</p> <p><b>Scottish Community Alliance</b> – Local People Leading Newsletters</p> <p>Graeme Bride- Tarmac- Arranging Liaison Meeting for 30<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p><b>Via Facebook-</b> Finlay Cook- Building debris on East Links Road. JB had responded. Passed to ELC Roads</p> <p><b>Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell-</b> Local Police Plan 2020-23</p> <p><b>Kris Hawkins, ELC</b> – TTRO for East Beach Works</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Various</b> – Concerns about tree felling in grounds of Lochend Lodge. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Gillian Maginnis-</b> Query about skatepark provision. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Various-</b> Concerns about Bayswell Park Hotel planning. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Laura Richardson.</b> Query about faulty lights in Yosemite Park. JB had responded. They are the responsibility of the developer. JB had advised to contact Hallhill TRA.</p> <p><b>Claire Rylance-</b> Broken glass in greenspace areas at Ashfield. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Scott Kennedy,ELC-</b> Weather warning</p> <p><b>ELC Community Councils</b> – Pro Forma information form on DCC membership</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Deborah Curtis</b> – Condition of sandstone wall at Muirfield Road – JB had responded</p> <p><b>Kenny Fraser, University of Edinburgh-</b> Access to Colour Scheme for conservation area buildings. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Kendra Walsh</b> – Road safety in Queens Road – PS and JB had responded</p> <p><b>Jean-Louis Daeschler</b> ownership of Lochend Woods. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Tracey Penman, Network Rail</b> – Landscaping works delayed.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Neil Munro-</b> Flooding at Alexander Gardens. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook</b> – Pamela Shiels- Flooding at Alexander Gardens. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook</b> – James Odin- Use of Pine Marten for Asylum Seekers. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Harry Barker-</b> Community Rail Partnership matters</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Finlay Cooke</b> – Idling taxis. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Finlay Cooke-</b> Scottish Towns Partnership</p> <p><b>Pamela Huntley and others</b> – High Street lighting failure – JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Sarah McEwan.</b> Seeking information on access to wheelie bins. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Richard Litherland.</b> Planning security of open spaces in housing developments. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>ELC Roads</b> -Resurfacing work on junctions to the A1</p> <p><b>ELC Planning</b> – David Taylor – Planning application for 27 flats in ground at 9 Bayswell Road</p> <p><b>Anouska Woods, Be Green-</b> She is leaving the Be Green Shop on October 14th. JB had asked if the will be replaced.</p> <p><b>Ralph Averbuch, AELCC-</b>Meeting date proposals</p>	

	<p><b>Ralph Averbuch and others – Scottish Renewal Advisory Board</b> - request for ideas. JB had previously attended a Listening event to consult on this (See September minute)</p> <p><b>Alex Orr</b>- Asking for update on views on Care Proposals at DunBear Park – JB had responded. Terry Prior had sent Mr Orr his SWOT Analysis.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Nicola MacLeod</b> – Seeking information on responsibility for roads maintenance at Yosemite Park/Albany Grange area. JB had responded. The roads are not adopted and are the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey.</p> <p><b>Eileen Morris</b> – Issues re maintenance of concrete road and nearby wall. JB had responded. Linked to Hallhill North application.</p> <p><b>Paul Beveridge</b>- Sewerage Issues at Newtonlees- JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook – Jane McLeod</b> – issues at Writers Court. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Isobel Knox, DCWG</b>- Concerns about youth disorder at Lochend woods- JB had responded. Police aware.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook, Mick Slatter</b>- Concerns re development at Bayswell Road. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Ola Wojtkiewicz</b>- Seeking support for Viridor Credits application for improvements at West Barns village Hall. JB had responded and sent a letter of support.</p> <p><b>Sandy Baptie</b> – Resilient Communities Updates</p> <p><b>Sharon Saunders, ELC</b> – Resilience Seminar will be arranged as an online event.</p> <p><b>Jo Demer</b>- Query about completion of crossing at Spott Road. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>David Barrett</b>- Community Council procedures. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>ELC Roads</b>- TTRO - Pavement closure in Countess Road to allow wall repairs</p> <p><b>Via Facebook</b>- Dog damage at Winterfield Park putting green. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook-Kilvert Croft</b>- Opportunities for Foodbank base and storage. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Iain Reid, ELC Sustainable Travel Officer</b>- Cycle path at Cement works. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Lynsey Moody and others</b> – Skatepark upgrade. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Jane Ogden-Smith, ELHSCP</b>- Scottish Government/Alliance Conversations on experience of Health services during Covid. JB had circulated information.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Karen Bell</b> – Faulty lights at skatepark. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Brake</b>- Newsletter</p> <p><b>Various</b>- Concerns about developments at Newtonlees Area. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook</b> – Various-Tarmac dust issues- JB had responded.</p> <p><b>ELC Roads</b> – Further TTRO for East Beach works</p> <p><b>Police Scotland</b> – Reassurance for those with disabilities on the application of Covid regulations e.g. wearing face coverings.</p> <p><b>Terry Prior</b>- Correspondence from Transport Scotland to Iain Gray MSP regarding Belhaven junction to A1</p> <p><b>Harry Barker, East Lothian Community Rail Partnership</b> -Parking Facilities at East Lothian Stations. JB had responded.</p>	
<b>14.00</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
14.01	<i>Remembrance Arrangements</i> – SB had had information from the Lord Lt. Office Celebrations are to be limited. Interested parties had been advised of the situation by JB and SB. Information from SB had been circulated. Only 6 people will be allowed at the War Memorial. GR will represent DCC.	
14.02	<i>DCC Annual Awards</i> : PS had circulated the outcome of DCC member votes. Awards will be announced at the meeting on 21 <sup>st</sup> December.	
14.03	<i>DCC Vacancies</i> – There are 2 vacancies. IH noted that his resignation will be from 1/1/21. Further discussion to be held at November meeting (See AGM Minute 2.0)	

14.04	25 Pounder Gun. SB had had further discussions with 105 Regiment. He had sent briefing papers and will follow up.. It looks as though DCC will need to make its own arrangements.	
14.05	<i>Shore Road Traffic Safety-</i> P Mc said that concerns had been noted about safety in the area as the number of visitors has increased. PMc had met with ELC Countryside Rangers and the Surf School. Consideration needs to be given as to how safety will be managed. PS asked to be kept informed given her involvement in the Access for All project at Belhaven Bay. IH to be involved. It was noted that it would be important for local residents to be included in any discussions.	
15.00	<b>DCC MEETINGS</b>	
15.01	<b>Business Meeting</b> <b>November 16th, 2020 – By Zoom unless Covid Restrictions are lifted</b>	