



MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 16th November 2020

7 pm by Zoom Conference Call

**PRESENTATION :
SUSTAINING DUNBAR**

**Ola Wojtkiewicz (Community Engagement Manager, Sustaining Dunbar) –
Update on Sustaining Dunbar Projects, the What If Network and the Local Good
Food Alliance.**

A Powerpoint presentation had been circulated to DCC Members.

Ola is currently working as a Community Engagement Manager for Sustaining Dunbar. This is a fixed term contract. She has been in post since July 2020.

Ola gave a brief history of Sustaining Dunbar (SD) which was established in 2008. It is a Community Development Trust which has a commitment to caring for the environment and making the world a better, safer and fairer place for all. SD covers Dunbar and East Linton Ward. It is managed by a Board of local Trustees.

SD has helped generate a number of local projects e.g. Dunbar Community Bakery, Zero Waste Dunbar.

It has a number of ongoing projects e.g. Belhaven Community Garden, What If? Local Good Food Alliance, Local Community Halls Network.

Anyone interested was invited to get in touch.

SD was thanked by PS for their support in seeking funding for the local Covid response.

There was a discussion about the need to support local food producers. AS noted concerns about the impact of Brexit on local fisherman as much shellfish goes directly to Europe. Concerns were also noted about the implications of the Berwick Bank windfarm for local shell fishermen.

There was a discussion as to how SD may link to VCEL and its wider remit for volunteering in East Lothian.

PS gave thanks to Ola for her interesting presentation.

1.00	SEDERUNT 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 (SB), Craig Rapson (CR), Loretta Stewart (LS), Gill Wilson (GW)(on phone) Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Paul McLennan (PMc) , Cameron Ritchie (Press)	
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	<p>Mike Shaw, Rev Keith Mills, Yvonne Wemyss, Tammy Swift-Adams (Members of the Public)</p> <p><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	Welcome – PS welcomed all to the meeting	
1.02	Apologies – Ben Thomas	
1.03	<p>Casual Vacancy</p> <p>Ben Thomas had expressed an interest in one of the 2 vacancies but he could not be present. Discussion deferred.</p>	
2.00	Declarations of Interest	
2.01	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed at this meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS declared an interest in the local Priorities Application from Dunbar Dementia Carers Support Group. 	
3.00	Minutes of Meeting – 19th October 2020	
3.01	Amendments and Adoption – APPROVED (Proposed AS, Seconded CR)	
3.02	<p>DCC Action Review</p> <p>(For Councillor updates – See Councillor reports)</p> <p>All matters attended to or on the Agenda</p>	
3.03	Matters arising not covered in agenda – All matters attended to or on the Agenda	
4.00	POLICE REPORT	
4.01	<p>Prior to the main meeting, DCC members, Cllr Hampshire and Cllr McLennan were to have had a briefing from Area Commander, Chief Inspector Mitchell, regarding Youth issues and Anti Social Behaviour in the town. Unfortunately, he was unable to join the Zoom meeting. The 2 Councillors gave a brief update and noted the legal and civil procedures which are required when dealing with these matters.</p> <p>JB had circulated a written report from PC Hutchison. The Report was based on incidents reported to Police between 19th October and 16th November.</p> <p>Road Safety</p> <p>On 29th October a vehicle was stopped on Spott Road, Dunbar. The driver failed the roadside breath test and was subsequently charged with drink driving.</p> <p>On 12th November a vehicle was stopped on Belhaven Road. The driver was found to be travelling without insurance and was charged accordingly.</p> <p>On 15th November a vehicle was stopped on Belhaven Road. The driver failed the roadside breath test and was subsequently charged with drink driving and other road traffic offences.</p> <p>Speed Checks</p> <p>Pop Up Jim had been deployed over the course of the month, of note to Queens Road, Dunbar.</p> <p>Static Pro laser speed checks had been conducted in Belhaven Road. 2 motorists were issued with Fixed Penalty Notices for speeding offences and a further 11 motorists were warned. Speed checks were conducted over significant periods of time and it was pleasing to see that the majority of motorists were adhering to the limits.</p>	

	<p><i>New Issue Arising</i> Recent complaints had been made regarding anti social driving in the ASDA area. Calls primarily had been received during late evening and concerned noise coming from vehicles. Officers had been conducting regular patrols and they will continue to monitor</p> <p>Anti Social Behaviour On 25th October 2 females and a male were arrested following a disturbance at an address in Fall Avenue. Whereby another male was injured and required hospital treatment. All 3 subjects were held in police custody to appear at court on charges of serious assault, theft and weapons offences.</p> <p>Lochend Woods, Ashfield Park and the surrounding Halhill area continued to be the focus of attention for Community Officers during Friday and Saturday nights. This related to ongoing anti social behaviour and underage drinking. Over the course of the month Police had continued to make efforts to be highly visible in the area with the intention of detecting and disrupting those involved.</p> <p>Patrols in the area had led to alcohol seizures which had been documented on social media. A number of youths had received Parent Advisory Letters (PAL) through the East Lothian Anti Social Behaviour Team. 1 youth had been charged with abusive and threatening behaviour following an incident on 6th November. On 23rd October 1 youth was taken to Edinburgh Sick Kids Hospital due to their level of intoxication and another was taken home to their parents.</p> <p>Recent complaints had been made from the Bleachingfield and Countess Crescent areas regarding youths and loud music in the area. Officers are aware and patrolling regularly.</p> <p>Tackling Serious and Organised Crime Operation Juneau had continued to operate locally and further Misuse of Drugs Act warrants had been enforced in the Dunbar area. 3 people had been reported for drugs possession.</p> <p>Theft On 29th October 4 pedal cycles had been stolen from Dunbar Grammar School. CCTV footage had been obtained and Officers were following a positive line of enquiry. To date none of the stolen bikes had been recovered.</p>	
4.02	<p><u>DCC Liaison with Police</u> Future CAPP meetings are still to be arranged.</p>	
5.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
5.01	<p>Norman Hampshire <i>Covid</i>- NH noted ongoing discussions with the Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland. The local incidence has decreased but East Lothian has links to Edinburgh for employment etc. NH hoped that evidence could be given for East Lothian to be moved to Tier 2.</p> <p>Spott Road Bridge Pigeons – further agreements are to be made with Network Rail for a cull and future preventative measures. Once these are in place work can be done. This will require a temporary road closure.</p> <p>East Beach – Progress had been made. The works had seen a return of sand to the beach. Some repairs are needed to the sea wall following the works. Consideration needs to be given as to how to best manage the kelp.</p> <p>Planning – ELC have made a submission to the National Planning Framework which will replace SESPLAN. Decisions still need to be made as to how many houses ELC will need to provide. NH noted that infrastructure is needed to support new homes.</p> <p>Robertson Homes Underpass. Discussions continue between Network Rail, ELC and Robertson Homes. In the meantime, Network Rail have agreed that Robertson Homes can lay a temporary surface.</p>	

	Berwick Bank Offshore Windfarm. This is a new large scale proposal. Public consultation events are to be held in November and information will be circulated.	
5.02	Sue Kempson – Not Present. No Report	
5.03	<p>Paul McLennan- <u>Action Update</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dunbar Station car parking plans were to be circulated. Further work to be done before they can be circulated. b. Black Lives Matter/Diversity Group – A launch meeting is to be held in January. DCC will be invited. c. Contact with Robertson Homes re issues at Newtonlees – Ongoing. See Planning and Secretary Report. d. Belhaven junction safety – Meeting arranged for 30th November. <p><i>Shore Road Car Park.</i> A discussion had been held regarding increased use and traffic safety in the area. Use is likely to increase in the future and safety needs to be considered.</p> <p>SB noted the longstanding concerns about safety at the Shore Road junction. JB noted that the area had been part of the Peter Brett Consultation which had not been progressed. Further meetings are to be arranged. JB and GR are to be included along with IH.</p> <p>There was some discussion about potential catering outlets at the car park. This followed the proposal for a burger van which had been refused in 2019, having been suggested to the applicant by an ELC Officer. It was suggested that DTA might be included in discussion as catering provision at the car park may impact on local hospitality businesses.</p> <p><i>Hallhill Underpass.</i> Discussions are ongoing as part of the Hallhill North Development. A route under the railway is to be considered. The old underpass to Ash Grove will not be reopened. An alternative will need to be agreed with Network Rail. Any work would require closures of the railway line.</p>	
5.04	Questions to Councillors- None aside from above discussions	
6.00	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
6.01	<p>JB had circulated by e mail <u>Town Maintenance Issues</u> Roads and Pavements</p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> – repair is still urgently needed. Future of the road linked to A1 safety and planning proposals in the area e.g. Hallhill North.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs at Boroughdales, Summerfield Road, Shore Road, Pine Street</i> and elsewhere have subsided and are prone to flooding. Works are to be programmed by ELC.</p> <p><i>Uneven pavement in Westgate</i> – trip hazard for Day Centre. 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>Road condition issues at Yosemite Park.</i> Lots of deep potholes e.g. around Crowbill Road and more issues. Many complaints from residents. The roads in the area are not adopted. Responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. JB taking forward with Taylor Wimpey Customer Services.</p> <p><i>Condition of concrete 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>	

Outstanding Roads Issues – JB had passed some e.g. dropped kerbs to GR who had forwarded to Alan Stubbs at ELC for consideration for funding from the DELAP Budget.

Signage

Lack of Signage at Alexander Gardens. Planning Enforcement chasing September 2020. Also raised by JB with Taylor Wimpey Customer Services. Still required.

Lack of Signage at Robertson/Avant and other new estates. This is causing difficulties 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. Keith Scott at ELC is arranging a new position.

Speed Reactive Sign at Knockenhair Road. Keith Scott is arranging a new position.

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. Ownership is split between Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey. Planning Enforcement involved. Taylor Wimpey had done some repairs. Further work still needed.

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

Eroded wall at Muirfield Road. JB investigating ownership. Likely to be ELC or Bear. JB to send information to Tommy Deans at Bear.

Wall in poor condition near Hallhill Steading. JB exploring ownership. Likely to be Taylor Wimpey.

Wall in poor condition in Castle Street. JB exploring ownership.

Belhaven Hill School Wall. A TTRO was issued for the pavement to be closed alongside the school to allow work to take place from 2nd November. Still to commence. JB had met surveyors on 1/11. It seemed extra studies were needed on the structure before work could begin. The surveyors had also been looking at the wall that adjoins Back Road. The TTRO includes an extension into January 2021.

Drainage

Loose Drain Cover in Disabled Car Park near Primary School. A metal plate had been fastened down in 2019 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 is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing trip hazards for pedestrians. Passed back to ELC January 2020. They are still to follow up.

Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park car Park. A temporary repair had been made in 2019. Roads are still to programme a permanent repair on behalf of Amenities.

Flooding at Alexander Gardens. Problems continue in rain. Badly affected on 4/10. Taylor Wimpey aware. Planning Enforcement involved.

Drains in Old Spott Road- are blocked again. Overflow leads to flooding issues under Spott Road Bridge. Passed to ELC 18/10.

Drain at Implement Road – is blocked. Referred to ELC 11/11.

Eweford Underpass. Regularly floods and becomes impassable in heavy rain. A nearby pump does not seem to be sufficient. JB to send information to Tommy Deans at Bear.

Vegetation

Tree Growing from the Heritage Dovecot in the Co-op Grounds. Tree Officer still chasing Co-op regarding this and the 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. Work still needed by persimmon and a timescale has been requested.

Overgrown vegetation near John Muir Gardens. Blocking footpath and overhanging gardens. Some is DCWG and some a Factor. Being explored.

Tree in dangerous condition near Baillie Court. To be removed by DCWG.

DunBear Maintenance. More secure caged lights are now in place. The contractors have tidied up the weeds and rubbish from the slope around the Bear.

Coastal

Wire meshing over the stones at Bridge to Nowhere is breaking up and becoming dangerous. Quote for repairs awaited.

Damaged electrical box near Whitesands – still to be repaired.

Coastal Trail – Various repairs needed and a hand rail required on a steep stairway near the townward arch. Tara Sykes had advised on 6/10 that the work was in hand.

Water Quality Event at Belhaven Bay in December 2019. Belhaven Brewery had admitted responsibility for allowing a caustic substance to enter the waste water system. This had damaged the system at Beltonford Water Treatment Works. The Brewery had been fined £10,000 in October 2020.

Lighting

Lights in the park and car park near the Pool. Still need repair. Responsibility of Enjoy Leisure. Paul lanetta aware as an assets issue for ELC.

Heritage Lamp at Abbeylands.. broken for some time. Chased up with Glen Kane. In hand 6/10.

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

Faulty Lights near Skatepark – reported to ELC 9/10.

Litter

DAL remain active and are seeking extra bins.

Youths continue to congregate in an area of Lochend Woods near Hallhill Steading. They are burning fires, leaving large amounts of glass, drug wraps and other debris. DCWG and local residents concerned. Police aware and are conducting patrols (See Meetings and 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.

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

Bus Forum. There is currently no date for the Forum to meet. RELBUS has not met since 2019.

Rail Forum – Currently no date for a meeting. Has not met in 2020.

RAGES AGM. Cancelled due to Covid. Plans are progressing for the new East Linton Station.

Transpennine Trains – Have withdrawn their services to Dunbar.

Post Box – Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail.

Phone Box, Bayswell Road. A member of the public had contacted JB as they had noted a sticker on the box from August 2019 suggesting that the box was under threat due to lack of use. They had said that they and some neighbours may be interested in adopting it as the sticker indicated that this may be possible. JB had had contact with Keith Dingwall at Planning. He advised that this iconic red box had been on a list of 8 East Lothian phone boxes identified for removal by BT in

November 2019. Neil Millar of Planning had submitted an objection to its removal and that of another box in Musselburgh on the grounds of their prominent position within Conservation Areas on 5/2/20. BT had acknowledged this on 7/2/20. Keith Dingwall had advised JB that although the box was still in place that did not mean the box would be safe in the longer term as boxes elsewhere had been removed from Conservation Areas. He advised that if anybody was interested in adopting the box ELC would be supportive. JB had advised the member of the public who will consider the idea of adoption further.

Other

Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line – Still needed
Cycle Routes around Cement Works – Iain Reid and Nick Morgan of ELC had met with Graeme Bride of Tarmac. He had been supportive of proposals to divert the cycle path away from the works and closer to the railway. Sustrans will be approached to fund a new route.

Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane – still needed

Maharajah Duleep Singh- Dunbar Connections – Ongoing. Awaiting agreement from nearest descendant to details of memorial for erection and instruction of Robertson Memorials.

Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA. Still needed. Subject of Planning Enforcement. Negotiations still ongoing between Robertson, 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 at Brand Court. Planning Enforcement involved. Stone Mason began work on behalf of Taylor Wimpey on 7/9 but an opening is still to be created into Hospital Road. On 8/11 there was some sign of the wall being lowered a little. In the meantime, despite signage, people are climbing over the wall to access Hospital Road.

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. Residents have now formed a limited company to take land on from Greenbelt. JB had attended a meeting on 13/10. Cllr NH is to see if the owner of 2 playparks will negotiate a transfer. Ownership of the other playpark is still to be pursued by ELC. 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. Further meeting to be arranged.

Issues at Robertson Site. Major problems of the contamination of the water at the SUDS 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 had raised concerns that sludge from the SUDS was being deposited in a gap in their hedge. Workmen were using the private farm road to do this without permission. JB had alerted ELC as the resident had had to respond to letters to Robertson Homes. Planning Enforcement had advised Robertson Homes that the material should be removed. It had been advised that the material had not included contaminated soil from the SUDS.

In addition, there had been further issues about development without permission of the landowners at the site e.g. a tarmac crossing over the private road. Complaints had been submitted to ELC by the residents. Planning Enforcement involved. It had transpired that the tarmac had been spare material from the new Sustrans funded path between the housing and Deerpark. It had been laid by AG Thomson.

Pigeons at Spott Road Bridge (Network Rail) – continue to be a problem. Works still required. This will need a TTRO to close the road for the works.

Pigeons at Garden Close- passed to Environmental Health 13/7. Nearby flats are in ELC ownership. Still to be dealt with.

	<p>Fly infestation in Goldenstones Avenue. Deep clean had been conducted w/c 2/11/20.</p> <p>Parking in Yosemite Park- Safety measures still required.</p> <p>Play area at Writers Court. JB had raised at ELHA AGM. Although the playpark had been funded by local residents it had been removed by ELC as it was in a dangerous condition. ELC had had responsibility for its maintenance. JB in contact with ELHA staff and will be attending a meeting on 19/11.</p> <p>Idling Taxi Issues in High Street/Station. Passed to Environmental Health, Vehicle Emissions Officer, Tom Burr, and others 6/10. Tom Burr is to make contact with Taxi firms and do some spot checks.</p> <p>University of Edinburgh, Master of Landscape Architecture Students. JB had had further input to the students who are devising design options for DunBear Park. An on line Q and A, involving students from countries including China and Russia had been held with a number of people from ELC and the community on October 20th. Upgrade of Skatepark at Pine Street. JB had had no further contact from the local group wishing to upgrade the Skatepark.</p> <p>New Regulations on Home Fire Safety. After widespread concerns across Scotland from local authorities, MSPs, community groups and charities the introduction of the new regulations had been postponed for a year. Consideration is still needed on how to support those on limited income and how such a large scale upgrade will be managed by homeowners and landlords within the required timescale.</p>															
7.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail															
7.01	<p><u>DCC Finance Report</u> Circulated by AS by email</p> <p><u>General Account</u> The Bank Balance at the end of October was £33,308.50 The Restricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of October 2020 were</p> <table data-bbox="316 1173 810 1346"> <tr> <td>Covid Fund</td> <td>£22,439.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access for All Fund</td> <td>£ 306.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities Fund</td> <td>£ 7,557.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Fund</td> <td>£ 598.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</td> <td>£30,900.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of October 2020 were</p> <table data-bbox="316 1458 810 1525"> <tr> <td>Balance in the General Fund</td> <td>£2409.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</td> <td>£ 2409.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>There was a Covid Fund payment of £73.46 for computer accessories to recondition and recycle old computers. The general expenses included the annual John Muir Subscription and the Remembrance Day wreath.</p> <p>Some of the General Fund related to VAT recovered on behalf of the Christmas Lights Committee which will be transferred to the Christmas Lights Account.</p> <p>AS noted that some of the Covid Fund required to be returned to the Funding Source. JB and AS had instructed a repayment of £8233.20.</p> <p>Chains at the War Memorial are to be replaced. The quote is for £780. It was agreed that any excess above the sum held in the General Account for the War Memorial would be paid from the Local Priorities Fund.</p>	Covid Fund	£22,439.00	Access for All Fund	£ 306.00	Local Priorities Fund	£ 7,557.00	War Memorial Fund	£ 598.00	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	£30,900.00	Balance in the General Fund	£2409.00	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	£ 2409.00	
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7.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u> Updates - None</p> <p><u>New Applications</u> <i>Dunbar Dementia Network SCIO.</i> £340 for production of a fund raising cook book. AS had circulated information. AGREED. <i>War Memorial Chains</i> – It was agreed that any Excess for the replacement of the Chains above the sum held in the War Memorial Fund would be paid from the Local Priorities Fund.</p>	
7.03	<p><u>Community Windpower Fund</u> Historically, the monies generated by the Aikengall Windfarm owned by Community Windpower had financed the Be Green Shop. This had been of long concern to local communities who had wished to have had more say in the distribution of profits. There was a concern about the distribution of monies in contrast to the system used by Fred Olsen Renewables whereby East Lammermuir Community Council had a direct say over considerable sums. AS noted that Community Windpower had offered a new relationship in the distribution of funds to the community. This was welcomed. AS agreed to circulate more information to members. JB noted that Anoushka Woods had left Be Green. It was expected that she would be replaced. The shop had been closed during Covid but it was expected that it would reopen.</p>	AS
8.00	SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS	
8.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u> A TTRO had been in place for High Street closure to allow lights to be erected on November 15th. Virtual Lights Switch On will be on November 29th. A school design competition had been held for a new display. A Best Dressed Window Competition was being held for Traders Requests had been publicised for nominations for Lock Down Heroes – one of whom would be chosen from a draw to switch on. A fundraising on line auction was being held.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights Team continued to make improvements to the Corn Exchange.</p> <p>A grant was anticipated from Be Green. AS had circulated a request for DCC to support the costs of the extensive work until the grant is in place. This had been agreed.</p> <p>The bank balance at the end of October stood at £11,543.69 Advertising revenue was beginning to be received. £167.85 had been received as street collection during the cycle to Lapland. £328.80 had been received via collection tins.</p>	
8.02	<p><u>Civic Week (GR)</u> No update. The Bank Balance at the end of October stood at £7218.71.</p>	
9.00	DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE	
9.01	<p><u>Community Resilience (GR)</u> GR and JB continued to share duties as Covid Duty SPOC for Dunbar and West Barns until the end of October. JB had dealt with the first referral for some time on 10/11 which was a one off shopping emergency for a couple with small children who had had to self isolate and had no local family. A few individuals were still being given shopping and other practical support. It was agreed to stand down the</p>	

Covid Volunteers and gather together Hi Viz jackets and badges, GR, JB and the Flood volunteers will keep their ID and JB had asked GR if 2 still active volunteers in Cluster 4 could retain theirs.
GR had submitted an updated CERP to ELC.
Kenny Maule will be Flood response for Shore and Harbour area and Ian Hamilton for Belhaven. A request for a West Barns volunteer had been advertised as the suggested person had declined.

Covid 19 Fund (PS)

A grant of up to £1000 had been ringfenced to cover the cost of a 4 week Christmas Club for children supported by Richard Taylor and Harbour Lights. Up to 100 children are expected to be involved over the period. Each child will be given an activity pack each week and this will include a £3 voucher to be spent on High Street/West Port.

The Covid Emergency money had been time limited. £8233.20 had been repaid.
(See Treasurer)

Dunbar High Street and Friends (CR)

Initiatives continue. CR and JB share information to the Facebook page and group.

Of ongoing concern:

Business/High Street – East Lothian had been placed in Tier 3 by the Scottish Government despite the relatively low incidence of Covid in the County and the representations of East Lothian Councillors and Officers. This has had an ongoing impact on local businesses, particularly hospitality. ELC are negotiating with the Scottish Government for a reduction to Tier 2.

A DTA Meeting planned for 9th November had been cancelled.

Spaces for People – JB had circulated a range of maps from Morag Haddow at ELC indicating new proposals. A number of members had found the diagrams unclear. Members of the public had raised concerns about some of the proposals e.g. the site of crossings in Belhaven.

JB had asked Morag if a further meeting could be arranged to discuss the proposals. *A meeting was held on 12/11*. This had been attended by JB, GR and PS. The various proposals were discussed. It was agreed that some may need further discussion by community groups. An idea of priorities was requested from those present. Morag had noted that the process had been slower than hoped. Designs and discussion had taken time. In addition, the value of contracts needs proposals to go through the procurement process. It will not be possible to fund all desirable proposals as there is competition for funding. Contractors are also very busy with work across Scotland.

Various areas were discussed:-

Belhaven Village. There were proposals for a crossing near to the junction with Brewery Lane. (between the Haven and Dovea), building out of the pavement near The Haven and 8 High Street and loss of parking to allow narrowing of the road near 2-5 High Street. JB had consulted with neighbours and there were concerns about safety due to poor sight lines. It was noted that there had been many accidents in the area including a fatal accident at the crossing point suggested. JB suggested that a crossing point should be further up the road where there was an existing island refuge. JB also noted that loss of on street parking was not acceptable to residents as most did not have off street parking and the area is widely used by the Brig and Barrel pub. There were concerns about any narrowing of the carriageway due to the volume and size of traffic including Brewery lorries. There was a considerable history of accidents on the hill and many near misses. NH and GR also noted road safety concerns.

Belhaven Church Area – The Church would have concerns about loss of disabled/funeral parking near the Church. James Wildgoose (Session Clerk) will consider with Church members and revert to the Spaces for People Team. There were concerns about potential loss of parking for Gala Green residents. Also, that any narrowing of the carriageway would be an issue as buses often have to stop in the road at the Gala Green stop when cars are parked nearby.

A crossing is also proposed to the West of Summerfield Road. It was noted that sight lines in this area are constantly blocked by a red van. Police are aware of it but it is legally parked by a local resident.

Use of speed cushions was supported in Belhaven.

Dunbar Primary School Area

The barriers had been replaced by planters as they kept blowing down.

The wall in Countess Road had been replaced by a fence. Cones are in place, but they are regularly moved. Bollards may be considered but some resident parking is needed.

A contraflow cycle lane will be created in Lammermuir Crescent.

There was discussion about a safe crossing way between the campuses across Countess Road and a wider cycle lane between Countess Road and Belhaven Road. This met with mixed views.

Hallhill Health Living Centre – There was a discussion about the car park design. PS suggested that parking might be removed from north of the Centre. Morag had noted that this was private land and thus not for Spaces for People funding. Following a suggestion from Bobby Peters, Manager at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre, the Spaces for People Team had arranged Sustrans funding to remove an old electricity box and thus allow opening up of a footpath between the Hallhill estates and Countess Road.

Kellie Road – There was support for 20 mph and speed calming measures.

Gateways – These will be created using red blaze at entrances. It was agreed that these should be at West Barns and Deep Park. A continual 20 mph was agreed between West barns and Belhaven rather than a suggestion of a short 30 mph zone between the 2 20 mph zones. It was thought the speed change for a few feet would lead to confusion. It was noted that 20 mph signage for West Barns had been delayed but it was on order.

Dunbar Grammar School Area – PMc noted that he had attended a meeting of the Parent Council. They had concerns about safety after some near misses between cyclists and cars. It was noted that previous suggestions for coning had been dropped as they would have created problems for 2 way traffic including buses and lorries. JB noted that she had seen incidents, but they had involved pupils on bikes not adhering to personal safety e.g. lights and watching for oncoming traffic. There will be further discussion with the school and Parent Council on this.

High Street Bike Racks – Mark James of Dunbar Cycling Group suggested that further bike racks would be helpful. PS noted that wider discussions on the High Street by DCC and DELAP in 2016 had identified this need. A joint discussion on placement and design would be beneficial to ensure suitability for the streetscape.

Future Plans- The proposals are fluid. Further information will be shared as required. In the meantime, priorities for action should be identified by participant groups and individuals and passed to Morag and the team. The measures taken are still intended to be temporary.

There was a general discussion about the proposals. PS noted the importance of engagement by DCC members. GA noted that the day time meetings were not conducive to attendance by those who work.

Some members expressed concerns that proposals, although described as temporary may become permanent. IH was concerned about the continuation of 20 mph limits in areas that, following public consultation, had been intended to

	<p>revert to 30 mph. He was concerned that 20 mph may be continued despite the opinion of the public.</p> <p>Concerns were also noted about the democratic legitimacy of the Spaces for People decisions. The on line consultation had not been widely publicised and accessible. Many members of the public may not be aware of the proposals. JB had tried to give information on the DCC Facebook page.</p> <p><u>Resilience and Recovery</u>– JB and GR had attended a meeting of the Community Recovery and Renewal Co-ordinating Group on October 28th. JB had circulated minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>There had been further discussion about the Action Plan.</p> <p>Sharon Saunders had given feedback from the Recovery and Renewal Oversight Group.</p> <p>3400 people in East Lothian are shielding. They were being sent updated guidance and being offered Vitamin D tablets.</p> <p>JB had noted the issues of youth behaviour in Dunbar including the mixing with youths from outside the town at Lochend Woods. Sharon was to raise the matter with Education, Police and Community Warden services.</p> <p>Concern was raised about the inclusion of East Lothian in Tier 3, especially the impact on local businesses.</p> <p>There was further discussion about the digital divide illustrated by Covid.</p> <p>Paolo Vestri had given an update on Food matters in the County including the cross county Food Network.</p> <p>There was discussion around the role of the 3rd sector going forward, including that of VCEL as the Scottish Government’s focus for the 3rd sector interface in East Lothian.</p> <p>Next Meeting – December 21st.</p> <p><i>Meals Service</i>-Further consideration needs to be given to those who may benefit from Meal support. JB has raised with Helen Harper and others. Not all desire Wiltshire Farm Food type provision and a few have had difficulties since the service stopped.</p>	
10.00	AREA PARTNERSHIP (George Robertson, Chairman)	
10.01	Business Meeting - Meeting on 5 th October had been cancelled.	
10.02	Next Business Meeting – 23 rd November	
10.03	Roads Budget- GR had submitted a number of suggestions to Alan Stubbs for consideration. However, due to Covid delays, it is unlikely that they will be addressed during the current Financial Year. The only project likely to progress is the disabled parking area at West Barns Village Hall which has been ongoing for a number of years.	
11.00	COMMUNITY LINKS	
11.01	<p>Health and Social Care Provision</p> <p>The Action Group AGM – 26th October – JB had attended</p> <p>The Action Group is a longstanding provider of services (accommodation and community supports) for people with learning disabilities and additional support needs across the Lothians and Falkirk. The support includes 172 service users in East Lothian which is managed from an office base in Haddington.</p> <p>As with other Health and Social Care service providers the Charity had had to adapt to new ways of working in order to keep staff and service users safe during the Pandemic. It was expected that this would continue to be a challenge in the</p>	

indefinite future. Chairman, Stephen Oliver, noted the dedication of staff to supporting the anxieties of service users, many of whom have autism or significant learning difficulties, that had come to the fore during Covid.

Health and Well Being Sub Group- 16th November. JB and GW had attended.

Minutes will be circulated. Particular points included:-

Reprovision of Belhaven Hospital. There was no further information.

DunBear Park- There was feedback on the meetings with Ken Ross and SAOL Community. Cllr NH had advised that ELC Planners had told SAOL Community that the intended site was not suitable for this type of development.

GP Link Workers – The tenders had now been issued to 3 organisations and positions advertised. The Tender for the Dunbar and East Linton practices had been awarded to RVS.

Information on Mental Health Services and Services for Older People. This had been proving difficult to gather. Services are divided between ELHSCP and NHS Lothian. There are a number of different databases run by different organisations but they do not join up.

Covid Incidence and Tier – East Lothian has had a reasonable number of cases and lower incidence than a number of other areas. Cllr NH was due to be meeting with Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, later in the day to discuss East Lothian being moved from Tier 3 to less restrictive Tier 2.

Newsletter – Jane Ogden Smith, Communications Officer at ELHSCP is drawing up a community newsletter to cover the various new initiatives since the last edition in August 2019.

DunBear Park Care Provision

27th October A meeting was held with Ken Ross and Team, John Corbett and Neil Watson of SAOL Community and Terry Prior on 27th October. JB and GR had attended. JB had circulated minutes.

There had been further discussion about affordability, how people would be assessed for the extra care housing, staffing and long term sustainability of living at the provision e.g. if people should develop significant dementia as SAOL have made it clear that they are not a dementia care facility. SAOL also confirmed that their concept is different to a care village. John Corbett referred to research that suggested that residents would have healthier lives by living in the company of others and that this would reduce the impact on the Medical Centre. He also suggested that the Dunbar facility would be only one of a number and so people would be less likely to want to move from elsewhere. Priority would be given to Dunbar applicants. He thought that once building work began people would start to have an interest in moving there.

SAOL/RDRL/EMA will continue to work on the proposals with a view to developing a further application. Although the land is not designated for this kind of use in the LDP the Team felt that this was something that could be worked around as the development will bring employment at both the extra care housing and the nursery.

It was agreed that the Team would draw up some pen pictures of the kind of people who would benefit from the facility.

It was agreed that wider discussion was needed with the community about the proposals.

2nd November Terry and JB had fed back on the meeting to PS and Catherine Dunning of the Patient Participation Group. It was agreed that the proposal did offer a different kind of resource for older people. However, there were a number of issues that still needed further clarification from the developers as identified at the meeting on 27th October. It was felt that the developers wished DCC and others to support the change of land use but concerns remained e.g. about use of the land for housing and the potential for further housing if this development were allowed.

	<p>It was felt important that the wider community had information. Terry agreed to feed back to the development team via Alex Orr at Orbit Communications.</p> <p><u>Dunbar Day Centre</u> – The Centre building continues to be closed to service users. Staff are visiting some service users at home to give a range of supports e.g. activities, respite to allow carers a break. Some meals are being provided. The Centre is being used as a pilot by ELHSCP to see how Day Centres may adapt the services they offer post Covid.</p> <p>Gill has been attending meeting of the Association of Day Centre Office Bearers with Christine Johnson of ELC and Cllr O'Donnell (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care/Chair of IJB). The meetings have been considering the future role of day centre provision post Covid. The current funding package for all the Day Centres for Older People, which are all run by volunteer management committees is due to end on March 31st 2021. As yet there is no firm information on how they may be run and funding after that date. GW noted her concerns about this to DCC members. GW will keep DCC informed.</p> <p>Through a successful grant application by Sustaining Dunbar to the Community Recovery Fund money had been obtained for IT equipment and a mobile phone for staff and service users.</p> <p><u>People at the Centre- A Conversation with the People of Scotland. October 29th</u></p> <p>JB had attended an online consultation run by the Alliance-People at the Centre and Health Improvement Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government. This was one of 5 discussions around Scotland to consider peoples experiences of Health and Social Care during the pandemic. Information from the meeting will be fed into a report. There were around 60 participants from across Scotland. Generally, they were professionals or volunteers working in health and social care or other community settings rather than service users themselves.</p> <p>Following a video welcome from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport there had been a general discussion in break out rooms before a plenary session. There were general themes of carer stress, difficulty in accessing appointments from rural areas, delayed treatments, digital divide – especially in rural areas and particularly for some service user groups e.g. those with sensory impairments or significant learning difficulties, service user isolation and at times distress due to not being able to have direct contact with staff and friends either one to one or in day care settings.</p> <p><u>Services for People with Mental Illness and Older People</u> – Terry Prior had asked ELHSCP for information on local provision. Information had been sent but JB had noted that there were a number of missing services and other inaccuracies. Terry had since recirculated the mental health information as a Powerpoint. This still missed much information and ELHSCP are to look at it further.</p> <p><u>Covid Guidance for Children with Additional Support Needs.</u> An e mail had been received by PS from a parent seeking advice. They had previously had a clear letter on what was/was not permissible from ELHSCP. JB had contacted ELHSCP and COEL for clarity to pass on. COEL had responded and offered to contact the parent directly.</p>	
11.02	<p><u>DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach</u> – Construction works were now essentially complete and the contractor had left the site.</p> <p>PS had met with Mike Shaw of DSHNG, Cllr Hampshire and ELC Officers on 12th November. Notes had been circulated.</p> <p>Agreements included:-</p> <p>The roadway and wall head were to be made good and subsidence was to be addressed with infill.</p> <p>Imported gravel material would be moved to below the rock armour at the interceptor pipe (seaward side) as part of the rock armour defence.</p>	

	<p>Large loose boulders not forming part of the new defences would be moved to support the rock armour to the landward side of the interceptor pipe, in the current drainage dip.</p> <p>Large loose boulders lying close to the new groyne would be moved to the groyne end or as fill to accommodate vehicle crossing at the groyne.</p> <p>Seaweed currently bound in with rock to the southern end of the beach would be moved to beyond the southern breakwater.</p> <p>It was expected that the measures might make the beach look rough for a time until the tides washed matter around. The plan would allow for a clean slate.</p> <p>A robust and reliable plan will be developed will ELC to manage kelp and thus minimise the risk of flies and smells.</p> <p>It is important that the East Beach is supported by all to become again an asset to Dunbar,</p> <p>The current influx of sand to the area was welcomed.</p>	
11.03	<p>A1 Safety (JB)</p> <p>JB ,Terry Prior, members of Hallhill TRA and West Barns CC remain concerned about Belhaven junction safety issues.</p> <p>JB and Terry Prior had attended a meeting with Cllr McLennan on 6th November. There was a discussion about the long history of attempts by DCC, WBCC and more recently Hallhill TRA to see improvements at Belhaven amongst other junctions around Dunbar. The pressures of traffic had increased with the number of new housing developments in the town. There was a concern that correspondence over the years with ELC, Transport Scotland and others had not met with clear responses or hope of investment. This contrasted with improvements in the Borders at less busy junctions. Requests to meet with Transport Scotland had not been followed up. It was agreed that concerns would be raised again at the A1 Action Group. It was also agreed that a local meeting would be arranged in early 2021 to bring together community councils, Hallhill TTRA, councillors, ELC, MSP, MP and Transport Scotland. JB, Terry and Cllr McLennan will consider what actions/improvements they would like to see going forward at the junction e.g. lighting, LED cats' eyes, improved access slip to the A1.</p> <p>Transport Scotland have since agreed to a meeting on 30th November.</p> <p>A1 Action Group Meeting - 13th November JB had attended This was the first meeting held since December 2019. Peter Forsyth of ELC Transportation noted that a meeting had been difficult to arrange due to Covid. He hoped that meetings would return to a regular pattern.</p> <p>Northumberland A1 Dualling Progress. – Anne Marie Trevelyan MP (Berwick) gave an update. Progress had been made but it had been slowed due to Covid. The Project had been agreed. The Transport Secretary had set up an Acceleration Unit to speed up projects that had been taking a long time including the A1. 2 projects will be combined into one which will simplify the project. A main contractor had been appointed. It was hoped that work would start by Summer 2021.</p> <p>There was discussion about the need for co-operation between the UK and Scottish Governments on delivering upgrade on both sides of the border. John Lamond MP spoke of the ongoing Connectivity review. Paul Wheelhouse MSP noted that the Scottish Government was considering dualling the A1 as part of ongoing discussions on road infrastructure improvements.</p> <p>East Lothian Case for Change Study/Scottish Transport Project Review 2 (STRP2) Peter Forsyth noted progress. A number of recommendations had been made to the Scottish Government.</p> <p>JB noted concern that the East Lothian recommendations had focussed on the West of the county whilst proposals for the East had been drawn up by Scottish Borders. The Report had been submitted to Scottish Government without consultation with the 4 affected Community Councils in East Lothian and it had</p>	

been difficult to access it. The Transport Scotland rep noted that changes were being made to responsibilities for bringing forward proposals by the different Scottish Transport regions. Responsibility for the A1 had been split between SESTRANS and South of Scotland regions. It would now be covered by South of Scotland region. Peter Forsyth and the SESTRANS Rep present said that this change had not been communicated to them. Regions across Scotland would be drawing up their options for improvements for consideration by the Scottish Government. JB asked that local communities should be involved in any consultation on improvement priorities. Paul Wheelhouse advised that he would not this to the Scottish Transport Minister, Michael Matheson.

Bear- Tommy Deans of Bear advised that they had taken over the safety and maintenance contract from Amey in August 2020. The contract will initially be for 8 years but it may be extended to 12. A number of staff had moved from Amey to Bear.

He noted that there had been a hiatus of work due to Covid but it had picked up again e.g. some resurfacing work at Bankton and Haddington. Some repainting of marking will be conducted in the Spring. Signage improvements are to take place at Burnmouth and Ayton.

JB queried winter maintenance which had been an issue when Bear had last had the contract. Mr Deans noted that resources e.g. salt, men and machines had improved since that time.

JB noted issues of flooding at Eweford underpass. It was agreed that information would be sent to Mr Deans.

JB noted a wall in poor repair at Muirfield Road. Again, information would be passed to Mr Deans.

Cllr Hampshire noted the safety issues at the Tyne Bridge in high winds. Mr Deans said that Amey had prepared a report of ideas to improve signage and engineering. This will be followed up. Cllr Hampshire noted the need for early warning to the Police to ensure that the road could be closed to High Sided Vehicles in good time. Mr Deans noted that a new Engagement team had been set up headed by Elaine Berry. It was agreed that information on this would be circulated.

Performance of LED Catseyes – Richard Llewellyn of Napier University had given a presentation on his research into their use at the December 2019 meeting. This research had continued and he will be asked to give updates to the Action group. He noted the positive responses to their use at Old Craighall Roundabout and at junctions in the Borders. JB noted disappointment that requests to Transport Scotland for their installation at junctions around Dunbar had been knocked back by Transport Scotland on the grounds of cost although the junctions are much busier than those where they have been put into place in Berwickshire e.g. Cedar Café.

Junction Safety and Performance – It was noted that further improvements to junctions to improve safety were to be made in Berwickshire e.g. at Ayton and Burnmouth. JB and Terry Prior of Hallhill TRA noted the longstanding concerns about the safety of junctions around Dunbar. Although investment in Berwickshire was welcomed, all the points of access around the town were under increased pressure from development, both under construction and proposed e.g. Hallhill North (250 houses), DunBear park and the Viridor Plastics recycling facility. Some of these junctions e.g. at Belhaven and at the Cement Works were thought to be dangerous and in need of urgent improvement. Requests for investment e.g. lighting and LED Catseyes had been knocked back. Cllr Hampshire had noted that Taylor Wimpey had been willing to upgrade the slip onto the A1 at Belhaven but this had been rejected by Transport Scotland on the grounds that there was not enough space between the junction and Spott Road roundabout. JB had advised that a meeting had been set up with transport Scotland and ELC to discuss the Belhaven junction on November 30th. It was felt that it would be helpful for Mr

	<p>Deans of bear to take part and Peter Forsyth agreed to ask Richard Perry at transport Scotland to invite him.</p> <p>Spott Village Association Safe Routes to Dunbar Project. JB had attended a meeting on 27/10.</p> <p>There had been a good response to the community survey from both Spott and Dunbar. The results were still to be analysed but from the responses so far there was support for improved linkages between Spott and the town and also around the town. Particular concerns had been raised about pedestrian and cycle safety on Spott Road and in crossing near Spott Road roundabout when walking from the village.</p> <p>Consultant, Crispin Hayes, had been on a geotechnical site visit. Some changes to the route may be needed to take into account matters like contours of the land. SEPA will also need to sign off any route due to issues of flooding and drainage. Crispin and fellow consultant, Philip Immirzzi, will have discussions with landowners. They will also give further consideration to routes within Dunbar. A further meeting will be arranged in due course.</p>	
10.03	<p><u>Station/Network Rail</u></p> <p>The upgrade project continues.</p>	
10.04	<p><u>Belhaven Bay – Access for ALL (PS)</u></p> <p>PS will convene a meeting to agree next steps</p>	
11.00	<p>PLANNING AND LICENSING</p>	
11.01	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DunBear Park -JB had circulated information on the Phase 1 Proposals for roads, pavements and lighting. Information had also been circulated on an application for Advertising Consent for the erection of a marketing sign at the site. JB had submitted the views of DCC members on both applications to ELC. Viridor Plastics Recycling Facility- JB and PS had attended a Zoom discussion with members of the Project Team on November 4th. Following the public consultation earlier in the year a number of tweaks had been made to the proposals. Around 5300 leaflets had been distributed to homes and businesses in the area to update the community. A further consultation was ongoing until November 13th and 2 live chat sessions had been held in October. The Project Team were happy with the public response. <p>The proposed building will now be smaller and sited further to the North. It will be in a dip and thus less visible in the landscape. There will no longer be a stack. The area will be landscaped. JB had raised issues about the safety of the cement works junction. The Team acknowledge the issues and would like to see improvements like lighting and LED cats eyes as have been installed at junctions further South on the A1. They would be willing to be part of a joint approach to Transport Scotland. JB had queried the use of rail to transport materials to/from the site given that Tarmac have a rail head. It was stated that the quantities involved did not make transportation by rail cost effective. There was discussion of the use of water at the site and how this may be disposed of. It was noted that until a new sewer is installed tankers will need to take some residual water from the process to the nearest waste water facility. Ps had noted concerns about the system to cope. It was noted that the final product will be in the form of plastic pellets which will be transported in tankers. Thus there should not be a risk of litter from the end product,</p>	

	<p>The Team will pull together the findings of the consultation as well as a range of assessments including Traffic Survey, Environment Impact Assessment etc. They hope to submit an application by December 2020 to ELC. If permission is granted they hope to be on site in Mid 2021 and for the facility to be open in 2024.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 20/00939/P -27 Flats south of St Andrews Centre, Bayswell Road. JB had discussed concerns with local residents. A submission had been made to ELC. 4. 20/00969/P – 4 houses and associated works in garden ground of Lochend Cottage- JB had submitted a response to ELC. 5. Assembly Rooms. The long outstanding application for flats had been refused. The main ground for refusal had been the lack of parking at the site. 	
11.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 20/00110/PM Halhill North - To be determined. Further information has been requested by ELC/Transport Scotland on road and transport links. 2. Castle Bay (Cala) – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. ELC have had the funding for this since 2017. 3. Robertson Homes Safe Access Route – Planning Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC. Permission for footpath works still required from Network Rail. 4. Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks – Enforcement Action continues. In the meantime, the Advertising Standards Authority had advised Future Property Auctions that their marketing materials did not give sufficient warning to potential buyers about the restrictions on the future use of the land. 5. 15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site. A planning condition of the approval had been planting to screen the Avant Homes from the lower level Walker homes. 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. Residents had raised complaints about the use of material from the SUDS to build a bund in the hedge of Newtonlees Farmhouse. Planning Enforcement instructed the developer that this should be moved. Residents had raised concern about tarmacking of part of the private road to Newtonlees Farm and steading. This had proved to have been laid by AG Thomson. It was spare tarmac from making the Sustrans funded path from the housing estate to Deer Park. Residents expressed concern on 13/11 that the tarmac was breaking up under the weight of heavy machinery. 6. 14/00358/AM – Open space and playpark at Yosemite Park. 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. 7. 20/00554/P and 20/00553/LBC– 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. 8. 20/00642/P Change of Use/Conversion of former Methodist Church, Victoria Street (Class 10) to Class 11 for community use. Marriage venue. JB had circulated information. Intention is to retain historic features. JB had advised Planning that DCC members are supportive on 12/7. 9. Access routes from Albany Grange. 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>10. Viridor – New PAN document circulated. New Consultation with live web chat was held 3-7 pm on October 21st and 28th. An online meeting with DCC and other community reps was held on November 4th. JB and PS had attended. Comments from the consultation will be used to inform a planning application to ELC.</p> <p>11. Unauthorised pergola/beer garden and advertising banners at Bayswell Park hotel. The owner had been advised by Planning Enforcement that this 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>12. 20/00858/P -Portocabin at Halhill (Sescot Radio) Station- 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>13. 20/00886/P – Extension at Bayswell Park Hotel. JB had submitted DCC views to ELC. To be determined.</p> <p>14. 20.00939/P- Proposals for 27 flats at 9 Bayswell Road. JB had circulated information. DCC Views had been submitted.</p> <p>15. 20/00969/P – Erection of 4 houses and associated works at garden ground of Lochend Cottage and public open space. New application. JB had circulated information. DCC views had been submitted.</p> <p>16. 20/01026/ADV- Advertising for DunBear Park at land north east of Spott Road Roundabout . JB had circulated information and submitted DCC views to ELC.</p> <p>17. 20/00916/P- Formation of roads, paths, street lights and associated works at land east of Kellie Road roundabout. JB had circulated information and submitted collated views to ELC.</p>	
12.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED	
12.01	<p>Viridor Liaison – October 28th JB had attended</p> <p><i>Landfill-</i> Tonnage of waste has increased to pre Covid levels. Some waste had come from Edinburgh during the outage at Millerhill ERF. Planning permission has been continued for the landfill work to continue until September 2025. This is in line with the delay of the landfill ban until December 2025. A restoration plan is part of the planning conditions.</p> <p>There had been no complaints. SEPA had not made onsite visits due to Covid.</p> <p><i>ERF</i> – Had been running 100% of the time. During Quarter 3 84,600 tonnes of waste had been processed.</p> <p>The arrangement to process NHS medical waste has been extended until March 2021.</p> <p>The new plastic recycling facility is a separate development. It was noted that neither the ERF or the proposed plastics facility will make use of the Tarmac railhead .</p> <p><i>Community Matters</i> Sue Anderson has been working on materials for on line input to schools and colleges as due to Covid she cannot visit community facilities and students cannot visit the ERF.</p> <p>3 apprentices are now on site. JB queried the number of female applicants. Sue had noted that the current apprentices are all male but she will monitor the number of females coming forward.</p> <p>The Community Project currently being supported is the Wave Project.</p> <p>Viridor Credits is now run from Taunton. 3 projects from East Lothian (none from the Dunbar area) had been funded recently. Local groups are encouraged to make applications.</p> <p><i>Next meeting</i> – To be arranged.</p> <p>Local Good Food Alliance – 3rd November JB had attended</p>	

There had been a video presentation about their work by the McFarlanes of Belhaven Lobster. This was the first of a number of videos that are being made by Rosie Harrison to showcase food projects around the area. Ola and Osbert Lancaster had made funding applications. One to the Community Recovery Fund to seek financial support for a number of groups and activities e.g. the day centres. The other to the Community Climate Asset Fun to purchase tools for Belhaven community Garden and a community apple press and pasteuriser. Hannah Ewan had given a presentation on the Community Carrot and Sunny Soups. The shop has just obtained an electric van for deliveries. Katy Pollock had given a presentation on Home Start. James Wyllie of Ruchlaw Farm had spoken of his involvement with the Royal Highland Educational Trust which seeks to educate youngsters on food and farming. Covid has made their work more challenging this year as schools have not been able to make farm visits. Next meeting TBA.

East Lothian Educational Trust November 5th. JB had attended

A small number of grants had been awarded. There was discussion as to how to publicise the availability of grants from the Trust for individuals and schools. The schools' spending had reduced in 2020 due to the number of school trips e.g. to outdoor education facilities that had had to be cancelled due to Covid. Grants are available to assist with the costs of both academic and vocational courses e.g. books, equipment. The Trust has had longstanding support from ELC. The current Clerk, Stuart Townley, will be leaving ELC at the end of November. It is not known when ELC will replace him. ELC Officers will discuss ongoing support with the Chair, Joan Ramsey.

Association of East Lothian Community Councils – 9th November. JB had attended.

She had circulated an audio recording of the meeting. This was the first virtual meeting of the Group. The last meeting had been in March, prior to lockdown. Chair, Ralph Averbuch, had noted how much the Pandemic had affected everyone – personally, professionally and as community volunteers.

Particular Points to Note:-

Planning – Keith Dingwall had attended

He noted as to how Planning had had to adapt to the Pandemic with staff working from home, virtual Planning Committee meetings etc.

In July, ELC had submitted its Planning Framework to the Scottish Government. This works on a Traffic Light system over several topics. The only red light had been for legacy applications – that is applications that have been sitting for more than 12 months.

A concern was the number of local planning decisions overturned on appeal by Scottish Ministers. Further appeals are ongoing.

Enforcement remains an issue. There is currently only one Enforcement Officer for East Lothian. A second post had been offered but the person had found another position during Covid and it will need to be readvertised. JB had noted time taken for Enforcement action to be taken. Mr Dingwall advised that there can be delays in the legal process both due to Covid but also due to the extra pressures on Edinburgh Sheriff Court since the closure of Haddington.

There had been a discussion about Phone Box adoption by communities. ELC are sometimes asked about retention of boxes by BT but BT are cutting numbers due to lack of use. ELC would support community groups who might wish to adopt a box. Community Councillors were reminded to keep an eye on the Weekly List of applications and to make comment on those of concern to their communities.

Sharon Saunders, Head of Communities

Covid – Thanks was given to all Resilience Teams and Community Councillors for their work and particularly for their support to those shielding in the community. She felt that phenomenal links had been built up between ELC, Community

Councils and wider community networks which would stand East Lothian well for future co-operative working. Reports on the community response had been presented to ELC meetings in August and October.

Future planning is being considered by the Community response and Recovery Co-ordination Group. JB was given thanks by Ms Saunders for her helpful contributions to that group.

AN ELC Community Helpline is still operating via the Contact Centre.

ELC has provided Support Grants for businesses.

3378 people are still shielding in East Lothian. The Chief Medical Officer had written to all of them to give new advice on the Tier 3 regulations and to offer free vitamin D tablets.

Support is being given to those who have been told to self isolate through Track and trace. As well as advice, grants of up to £500 can be given to those for whom self isolation will cause hardship.

It was noted that ELC were disappointed to be in the Scottish Government Tier 3 despite representations. This has an impact on local life and particularly on local businesses like hospitality.

Thanks was given for community understanding of restrictions on events like Galas. Remembrance had been very poignant due to the restricted numbers allowed to attend at War Memorial gatherings.

ELC has established a One Council Partnership Fund to support local community organisations in establishing projects in areas of work that have been affected by Covid e.g. youth work, befriending, domestic violence. Funding will kick in in April 2021.

Winter Resilience. Sandy Baptie had been in contact with Resilience Groups for up to date contacts, names and plans. A planned Resilience Seminar had been postponed from October. A new date will be arranged.

Kevin Sewell had retired.

VCEL (Previously Strive) is the Scottish Government lead partner agency in East Lothian for volunteering. It has a new Chief Executive, Maureen Allan. A Seminar has been arranged for 2nd December for Third Sector and other voluntary organisations to consider how the 3rd Sector may need to change post Covid.

Green Book (Handbook for Community Councillors) – A small working group has been set up to look at updating this prior to the Community Council elections which have been deferred until October 2021.

Date of Next Meeting- TBA.

Dunbar Churches Together (DCT) AGM and Meeting – November 10th. JB and GW had attended.

DCT was formed over 20 years ago as an umbrella group for all denominations in the area. It arranges a series of events e.g. Services at the Battery. Holiday Club. A new Chair is required. Gareth Morgan of Our Lady of the Waves has moved to Vice Chair and Suzie Fletcher of Dunglass is Secretary.

DCT will be organising a Winter Holiday Club. Funding for activity packs will be provided by the Covid Fund.

A Holyrood Election Hustings has been provisionally booked for Belhaven Church Hall for April 13th 2021. The Hustings will be in collaboration with Sustaining Dunbar.

Youth Issues at Lochend Woods – November 11th. JB had attended a meeting arranged by Cllr McLennan (PMc) with residents of Hallhill Steading and Eva Hurley, Chair of Dunbar Community Woodland Group (DCWG).

Residents and Eva had described the issues that have been becoming an increasing problem at the woodland. Large groups (as many as 60-70) have been gathering, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays at the woodland. Some are local but others are travelling from as far as Haddington and Tranent. Their behaviour can be intimidating to local people. As well as fires and criminal damage to the woodland,

	<p>there is widespread littering including glass which is harmful to wildlife as well as children. This has to be cleared by local residents. In addition to underage drinking there is evidence of drug taking and under age sexual activity. Girls have been seen urinating in public. Residents have regularly had to phone 101. They had great concern about the safety of youngsters and others in the community, especially in Covid times.</p> <p>JB noted that she had raised the problems at the ELC Community Response and Recovery Group and that Sharon Saunders, its Chair, had been going to raise with Schools, Police and Fire. JB had also raised with He4len Harper of Connected Communities at the Bleachingfield Centre and had had contact with Community Police Officers.</p> <p>PMc and JB had noted the increased patrols by the Police in recent weeks. Alcohol had been seized. Police had also been in contact with shops as there had been a concern about shop lifting of alcohol and alcohol being bought on behalf of young people.</p> <p>P Mc said he would speak to Kenny Black, Head of ELC Anti Social Behaviour Team, with a view to reconvening a Problem Solving Partnership (PSP) of relevant individuals and organisations.</p> <p>A rota of litter clearance was suggested as was wider publicity of the annual DCWG Litter Pick which usually takes place in February. JB suggested that the new ASDA Community Liaison Worker might be contacted to assist with litter clearance. The work of DAL was also noted.</p>	
13.00	CORRESPONDENCE	
13.01	<p>Terry Prior – copy of letter sent to Iain Gray MSP from Transport Scotland re Belhaven Junction to A1</p> <p>Viridor – Newsletter/Information on public consultation on plastics facility</p> <p>Advertising Standards Authority- outcome of complaint re Kingsmeadow Play park sale. JB had passed to local residents</p> <p>ELC Community Councils- Scottish Government Remembrance Events Guidance</p> <p>Scottish Community Alliance- Local people Leading Newsletters</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various. Complaints about Tarmac dust. JB had responded</p> <p>Morag Haddow, ELC – Update on Spaces for People. Request for contact details for Belhaven Church JB had responded</p> <p>Various- Concerns about planning issues at Newtonlees Farm JB had responded.</p> <p>Various – Concerns about Bayswell Road development- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about Lochend Road development – JB had responded.</p> <p>Ola Wojtewicz- Thanks for letter of support for Viridor funding application by West Barns Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>Peter Forsyth, ELC – A1 Action Group meeting date – 13th November</p> <p>Ralph Averbuch, AELCC- AELCC meeting date – 9th November</p> <p>Via Facebook, Jane McIntyre- Future of Bayswell Road phone box. JB had responded.</p> <p>RAGES- Newsletter</p> <p>David Barrett- Access to East Lothian Community Council meetings – JB had responded</p> <p>Nick Morgan, ELC- Re Tarmac footpath network</p> <p>Paul Gillon- Yosemite Park Traffic Survey. JB had responded</p> <p>Scottish Climate Assembly- Information on consultation</p> <p>Kevin Heffernan – Fire safety regulations – JB had responded</p> <p>RAGES – Information on public consultation on East Linton Station proposals</p> <p>Via Facebook- Matthew Rodgers- Concerns about pedestrian safety at Countess Road due to wall demolition restrictions. JB had responded and passed to Spaces for People team.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Dayton Dove- Planning matters JB had responded.</p>	

	<p>Eva Hurley- DCWG- Youth issues at Lochend Woods – JB had responded</p> <p>ELC Roads – TTRO for pavement closure at Belhaven</p> <p>James Wyllie – Twinning Association Newsletter</p> <p>Via Facebook William Main – Tarmac matters at Newtonlees JB had responded</p> <p>Countryside Rangers – Mud in Your Eye newsletter</p> <p>Via Facebook- Zoe Borwick- Query about large ASDA advert van blocking High Street parking. JB had responded</p> <p>Area Partnership – Tutoring Job Opportunities – Subject tutoring in conjunction with QMU</p> <p>Via Facebook- Fiona Davison -Vandalised bench at Winterfield Golf Course. JB had responded.</p> <p>Philip Mellor,DTA – Covid High Street Heroes Awards</p> <p>Via Facebook, Gavin Wilson – Fire Safety Measures. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook, Gavin Wilson- Memorial condition at Dunbar Parish Churchyard. JB had responded.</p> <p>Rob Bisset- Potential additional WW1 name for the War Memorial – HC had responded.</p> <p>Angela Gentile- Guidelines for people with additional support needs living in Level 3 areas. PS and JB had responded.</p> <p>Ola Wojtkiewicz, Sustaining Dunbar- Request to give presentation on Sustaining Dunbar Projects, the What If Network and the Local Good Food Alliance. PS had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Gavin Howat- Safe travel routes/crossing points around Brodie Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook – Mary Horsburgh- Query about removal of picnic benches from Lauderdale Park. JB had responded.</p> <p>Ben Thomas – Application for DCC Membership.</p> <p>Lord Lt. Office. Video for Remembrance Time.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Finlay Cook- Taxi idling concerns. JB had responded.</p> <p>Patrick Gammell DL – Thanks for the Remembrance arrangements</p> <p>Robbie Yates, ELC – Spaces for People Update</p> <p>Richard Perry, Transport Scotland – A1 Belhaven Junction issues. JB had responded</p> <p>Community Councils- Public Sector Equalities Duties</p> <p>Community Councils - Creating a New East Lothian (Recovery summit hosted by VCEL)</p> <p>Sandy Baptie- ELTRP News</p> <p>ELC- TTRO for High Street Closure to allow erection of Christmas Lights.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Hazel Campbell- Concerns about lack of pavement at proposed Bayswell Park flats. JB had responded.</p> <p>Derek Peterson- Concern about Spaces for People proposals at Belhaven. JB had responded</p> <p>Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell – Meeting regarding ASB in Dunbar on 16/11</p>	
14.00	AOB	
14.01	<p>Remembrance Events</p> <p>AS/JB had paid RBL for the wreath for the War Memorial.</p> <p>GR had represented DCC at the brief service, with attendance limited to 6, at the War Memorial. Patrick Gammall DL had sent a note of thanks to those who had taken part.</p> <p>JB had attended a limited attendance service at the Parish Church.</p> <p>Dietrich Zank, Scottish and Northern Irish Yeomanry. had placed the annual wreath at the Lothian and Borders Horse memorial at the Parish Church. However, the usual short service had not taken place due to Covid.</p>	

14.02	DCC Annual Awards (PS) - Will be announced at the December 21 st Meeting	
14.03	DCC Vacancies – There are 2 vacancies. Ben Thomas is interested but requires approval. Expressions of interest are welcome from others.	
14.04	War Memorial. HC had circulated, to members of the Working Group, information provided by Rob Bisset in support of a request to add his ancestor, Richard Welsh to the WW1 names on the War Memorial. The request had been considered by the Working Group and a report was to have been presented to DCC. However, a further potential individual had come to light and thus the report is deferred until further information is available.	
14.05	Lock Down Histories – Material by SB for the website was now ready for publication. It was agreed to subsidise costs. £500 will also be offered to Philip Immirzzi for assistance with publication. Sales proceeds will be returned to DCC. JB agreed to contact SB and GR regarding some editorial matters.	SB/GR/JB
15.00	DCC MEETINGS	
15.01	December 21st 2020 – Awards Night . Only urgent business will be attended to. January 18th 2021 – Business Meeting By Zoom unless Covid Restrictions are lifted	