



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**7 pm by Zoom Conference Call**

1.00	<p><b>SEDERUNT</b> Pippa Swan(PS)(Chair), Graham Adams(GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), George Robertson(GR), Herbert Coutts(HC), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Craig Rapson (CR), Ben Thomas (BT), Gill Wilson (GW)(on phone) Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Pail McLennan (PMc), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK) Cameron Ritchie (Press) Mike Shaw, Rev Keith Mills (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	<p>Welcome PS welcomed all to the meeting, the first of 2021. An especial welcome was given to Ben Thomas who had applied to join DCC.</p>	
1.02	<p>Apologies – Loretta Stewart (LS) PS noted that Ian Hamilton had now left the Community Council in line with his agreed resignation date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Thanks are extended to him once more for his work on behalf of the community over a number of years.</p>	
1.03	<p>Casual Vacancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Thomas Nomination</li> </ul> <p>BT spoke to his application and members had opportunity to discuss his reasons for applying to join DCC. BT has been a valued member of the Christmas Lights Team for a number of years. All agreed that BT would be an asset to DCC and his application was unanimously approved. (Proposed SB, Seconded JB).</p> <p>A further vacancy remains following the resignation of Will Collin. It was agreed that efforts should be made to fill the void. JB will put information on social media and Cameron Ritchie was asked to publicise the vacancy in the press.</p>	JB
2.00	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p>	
2.01	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed at this meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS and PS both declared an interest in the Sea Cadets funding application</li> </ul>	
3.00	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b></p>	
3.01	<p>Amendments and Adoption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 14.04. Robert Welsh should read Richard Welsh. Rob Bisset rather than Rob Bissett.</li> </ul>	

	With this amendment (which had been made soon after circulation in November 2020) the Minutes were Approved. (Proposed HC, Seconded GW)	
3.02	DCC Action Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All DCC actions had been attended to</li> <li>For Councillor updates – See Councillor reports</li> </ul>	
3.03	Matters arising not covered in agenda - None	
<b>4.00</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
4.01	<p><b><u>December 21<sup>st</sup> Report</u></b> .JB had circulated the report which covered the period November 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p><i>Insurance Matters</i></p> <p>On 16<sup>th</sup> November at Woodbush Court a driver was stopped and found to have no insurance or MOT. The driver was charged and the vehicle seized.</p> <p>On 21<sup>st</sup> November at Spott Road a driver was stopped and found to have no insurance. The driver was charged and the vehicle seized.</p> <p>On 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Belleview Avenue a driver was stopped and found to have no Insurance. The driver was charged and the vehicle seized.</p> <p>On 12<sup>th</sup> December at Spott Road a motorist was stopped without a valid MOT Certificate. The driver was cautioned and charged.</p> <p><i>Speed Checks-</i></p> <p>Pop Up Jim was deployed at Queens Road on 21<sup>st</sup> November. This was followed up with a speed check on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. 6 motorists were issued warnings for their speed.</p> <p><i>School Safety-</i> PC Hutchison attended the Lochend and John Muir Campuses on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December regarding concerns about vehicles contravening restrictions. Further monitoring will take place in 2021.</p> <p><b>Anti Social Behaviour</b></p> <p>Monitoring of Lochend Woods will continue. The Problem Solving Partnership (PSP) has been reformed for partners to consider solutions to reduce the current levels of ASB in the area.</p> <p>On 13<sup>th</sup> November alcohol was seized from a 14 year old on Kellie Road. Parents had been informed.</p> <p>On 21<sup>st</sup> November a male was arrested at Writers Court and charged with behaving in a threatening and abusive manner.</p> <p>On 7<sup>th</sup> December a male was arrested after a disturbance at a property in Summerfield Road and charged with possession of an offensive weapon.</p> <p>On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2 male youths were charged with vandalism in the Bayswell Park area of Dunbar.</p> <p><b>Theft</b></p> <p>Between 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December a number of plots at the Taylor Wimpey site near Simpson Avenue were broken into. Enquiries on going.</p> <p>Community Officers spoke with local stores with regard to Operation Frankincense to discuss crime trends and advise on security matters.</p> <p><b><u>January 18<sup>th</sup> Report</u></b> – JB had further circulated the Report which covered the period 19<sup>th</sup> December to 18<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p><i>Insurance Matters</i></p> <p>On 28<sup>th</sup> December officers stopped a vehicle in High Street, Dunbar. The vehicle had no valid MOT and the driver had no insurance. They were charged with both offences and the vehicle uplifted.</p>	

	<p>On 9<sup>th</sup> January a male driver was stopped on Edinburgh Road and charged with driving without insurance. The registered keeper was also charged with causing and permitting the vehicle to be driven without insurance.</p> <p><i>Other road offences</i></p> <p>On 22<sup>nd</sup> December a vehicle was found broken down on Belhaven Road with signs of recent accident damage. Enquiries revealed that it had been involved in minor collisions with property and another vehicle on Belhaven Road shortly before. The driver was charged with relevant offences of failing to stop and failing to report an accident.</p> <p>On 9<sup>th</sup> January a female driver was charged with driving her vehicle without a valid MOT on Spott Road</p> <p><b>Anti Social Behaviour</b></p> <p>Police had observed a noticeable drop in reports of youth disorder at Lochend Woods and Ashfield Park. A PSP is in place with regards to this matter. Patrols continue in hotspot areas at relevant times. The reduction in calls may be related to stricter Covid measures coming into force and recent weather conditions. Following a number of complaints in December in relation to a male being seen wearing a straight jacket and causing alarm to residents officers investigated and traced the individual responsible who was charged. East Lothian Police Facebook published a media release after the detection of the offences.</p> <p>On 10<sup>th</sup> January a door window to a vacant retail property on High Street, Dunbar was smashed. Enquiries are ongoing and a witness appeal has been placed on social media.</p> <p><b>Drugs Offences</b></p> <p>Operation Juneau warrants continue across East Lothian to tackle the harm caused by substance misuse. On 9<sup>th</sup> January a warrant was executed at a property at High Street, Dunbar. Personal amounts of Class A and Class B drugs were recovered and 2 individuals were charged.</p> <p>1 person was charged with possession of Class B drugs during the period.</p> <p><b>Theft</b></p> <p>On 28<sup>th</sup> December 14 x 20 litre drums of cooking oil were stolen from a storage shed at the rear of the Dunmuir Hotel. Enquiries are ongoing.</p> <p>1 shoplifting incident had been recorded during the period.</p>	
4.02	<p><u>DCC Liaison with Police and Others</u></p> <p><b>CAPP</b> PC Chris Hutchison had been in contact. He had set up a CAPP Meeting for January 19<sup>th</sup> on Microsoft Teams. A number of DCC members advised that they would attend.</p> <p>In the longer term a new venue for CAPP meetings will be needed as the Police Station will no longer be available. JB had offered some suggestions.</p> <p><b>Youth Issues-</b> An initial meeting of a PSP had been held on December 10<sup>th</sup> with ELC Officers, Police, Cllr McLennan and others. A further meeting was held on January 12<sup>th</sup> JB had attended.</p> <p>The meeting had been chaired by Kenny Black of ELC ASB Team. Also present were Police, Fire, ASB staff, DGS staff, Active Schools, Gordon Horsburgh, ELC Councillors, Maggie McCole of The Ridge and reps of the Hallhill TRA and DCWG.</p> <p>In December, there had been regular Police and Community Warden patrols. Some letters had been sent to families.</p> <p>It was noted that the number of call outs had reduced. However, this could be related to the colder weather and the tighter lockdown. Nevertheless, it was felt better to consider a preventative strategy- to consider diversionary measures to pre-emp future problems. A range of activities was discussed. It was felt that activities should be suitable for males and females and not just sport based. It was felt important to consider what young people themselves wanted. JB noted previous consultations with young people – that one cohort may have different wishes than the previous one. Maggie McCole noted that The Ridge had secured</p>	*

	<p>money for community connections conversations with young people that could be utilised. It was noted that some services had been harder to provide during Covid e.g. Bleachingfield Centre and the Backlands had been closed, outreach street youth work had been on hold. It was not known how long restrictions may continue. It was agreed that Gordon Horsburgh would convene a small sub group to consider ideas.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the need for sustainable solutions rather than short term fixes. It was noted that much funding e.g. £3000 now available for a football project was short term.</p> <p>As some youths had been known to be coming to the woodland gatherings by bus Kenny Black had contacted Eves and East Coast. JB had noted that Borders 253 also served the route and he will contact them to ask for an eye to be kept on large numbers of young people catching the buses.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting – 2pm on February 16<sup>th</sup>.</i></p>	
<b>5.00</b>	<b>ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
5.01	<p><b><u>Norman Hampshire</u></b></p> <p><i>Budget</i> – NH noted that the draft budget was in preparation. More information was required from the Scottish Government (SG) as to what allowance ELC would be given. The SG had been given a 4% uplift by Westminster.</p> <p>There were increased costs e.g. an anticipated 2% rise in staff pay, increased costs for childcare placements out with the county.</p> <p>The SG Budget was due to be announced on 28<sup>th</sup> February. This would need approval at Holyrood.</p> <p>It was expected that the ELC Budget would be set in early March.</p> <p>NH said that he did not expect any cuts to be made to services, but firm decisions were dependent on the actual settlement from the SG.</p> <p><i>Covid</i> – Schools had been closed with home learning for all pupils except for children of keyworkers. Hubs had been set up for the latter. There was a large demand, but strict criteria were in place for access to them.</p> <p><i>Climate Change Strategy</i>. Covid had not been expected when the Strategy had been launched and Carbon Footprint reduction targets set. There had been a reduction of 21/2% over the last year. In the future it is hoped to reduce the Carbon Footprint to 0.</p> <p>There were plans to plant over 2 million trees in East Lothian over the next 10 years. It was hoped that farmers and landowners would collaborate with ELC to deliver this proposal. Tree planting would be incorporated in the next Local Development Plan(LDP). It was intended to set up a Working Group to develop the plans further. It was noted that beyond the initial planting trees needed ongoing management and maintenance.</p> <p><i>Local Development Plan</i> – The new LDP would require to consider opportunities for active travel in communities. The new LDP development was waiting on the new Planning Bill coming into operation and National Planning framework 4 which would replace the previous SESPLAN arrangements.</p>	
5.02	<p><b><u>Sue Kempson</u></b> - SK noted that Dunbar Primary School was supporting 100 children of key workers in the local Hub.</p>	
5.03	<p><b><u>Paul McLennan</u></b>-</p> <p><i>Starbucks</i> – PMc noted proposals for a Drive Thru Starbucks near Spott Road Roundabout (See Planning).</p> <p><i>Station Car Parking</i> – The proposals for the extension to the car park had been delayed by drainage issues. The provision of increased parking remained vital for the community.</p> <p><i>Budget</i> – PMc noted that the SG was waiting on further information on the Corporate Spending Review (CSR).</p> <p><i>Belhaven Junction Safety</i> – A meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> December (See A1 Safety)</p>	

	<p><i>Reprovision of Belhaven Hospital</i> – PMc noted the continued delay. A Needs Based analysis was still outstanding. NH noted that staff were busy with Covid matters. However, PMc felt that an update on progress was long overdue. JB was to write to Alison McDonald at ELHSCP. (See 11.01)</p> <p><i>Black Lives/Diversity Group</i> – A meeting was to be held on February 9th</p>	
5.04	<p><b><u>Questions to Councillors</u></b></p> <p><i>Access to new Station Platform from the South</i> (See Station Update – 10.03)</p> <p><i>Quality of Free School Meals</i> (PS) – NH noted that there had been no concerns about the quality of provision. Families had an option to have Vouchers to make their own choices than the provided food packs.</p> <p><i>Covid Vaccination</i> (HC). NH noted the local arrangements. From February there would be 2 mass vaccination Hubs for East Lothian – at QMU and at Haddington Community Hospital. PMc agreed to circulate the timetable from David Small at the NHS.</p> <p><i>Coastal Car Parking Permits</i> – AS sought clarification on the extension allowable for Covid. NH noted that permits were valid for 3 months after the original expiry date.</p> <p><i>Spott Road Bridge Pigeons</i> – Arrangements were still being made for the cull/fixing of new netting. It was hoped that this would be in February. PMc agreed to forward information from Shona Grant at ELC Environmental Protection.</p> <p><i>Path from Robertson/Avant to ASDA</i>. (See Secretary Report). There had been further complaints. NH noted that discussions continued between ELC, Network rail and Robertson Homes. ELC now wanted Robertson Homes to pay for extra inspections of the railway bridge. Until an agreement can be reached Robertson Homes had agreed to put down some more hardcore to alleviate some of the mud.</p> <p><i>Tourism Infrastructure Grants</i>- AS wondered if this funding might pay for Harbour toilets. NH suggested that making an enquiry would be worthwhile.</p> <p><i>Road Repairs</i>- PS noted the long list of outstanding works identified in the Secretary Report. NH noted the delays related to Covid. JB advised that she had circulated a document from ELC Transportation regarding the priorities for repairs. NH advised that crews were also working to deliver the Winter Maintenance Programme. Men were working in 3 distinct teams to prevent potential spreading of Covid across the Roads workforce. Strict safety measures e.g. restrictions on the number of crew travelling together were in place to keep staff safe. PS noted the development of a new multitask JCB machine for pothole filling. NH advised that he was not aware if ELC planned to purchase one.</p>	<p>PMc</p> <p>PMc</p>
<b>6.00</b>	<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>Roads and Pavements</b></p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i>. Repair is still urgently needed. It continues to deteriorate. Future of the route is linked to A1 safety and planning proposals in the area e.g. Hallhill North. The situation is compounded by the closure of Core Path 51 at Eweford Farm. The farmer has cited the condition of the road as part of his reason for closing the path.</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. A dropped kerb near the medical centre was repaired in December 2020. Further issues at Summerfield Road were passed on in January 2021. That drain has now been cleared but there is now a large pothole where water has eroded the road near the dropped kerb.</p> <p><i>Uneven pavement in Westgate</i> – trip hazard for day Centre. Permanent repair to be programmed by ELC.</p> <p><i>Uneven slopes to crossings in West Port and High Street</i>. ELC were to programme alternative surfaces and gradients for 2020/21.</p>	

*Road condition issues at Yosemite Park.* Lots of potholes, dangerous tree gates in pavements and other issues. Many complaints from residents. The roads and pavements as far as Alexander Gardens are the responsibility of Persimmon. The road in the area are not adopted. JB had spoken to the Taylor Wimpey site Manager on 16/1. Access to their streets for residents is affected by the condition of the Persimmon estate. A timetable was being sought for the areas to be brought up to standard for adoption. The ELC Housing Officer will meet with JB when Covid conditions allow to discuss the issues for ELC tenants.

*Damaged safety railing in Belhaven Road* – reported to ELC 4/1. A replacement had been obtained and will be installed by a contractor in due course. A nearby safety railing had been repaired in January 2021.

*Yellow Hatching at Lamer Street.* The hatching outside the Coastguard Station garage had been burned off on 8<sup>th</sup> January. Local residents are concerned about safety if cars park in the area. Also concerns about the way in which the waste had been disposed of. Linked to the current planning application to convert the building to holiday accommodation (See Planning).

*Condition of Belhaven Road/Belhaven High Street.* Many large, deep potholes. Reported to ELC 15/1.

*Gritting* There had been a lot of complaints during recent wintry weather. Alan Stubbs at ELC had advised of the protocol for treatment which begins with priority routes. Unadopted areas are the responsibility of the developer. Yosemite Park is the responsibility of Persimmon. Taylor Wimpey have provided grit bins for their residents. ELC Website has an application form for grit bins which can be completed by residents but there are criteria to meet e.g. a sloping site.

#### **Signage**

*Lack of Signage at Alexander Gardens* – Planning Enforcement involved. JB had also raised with Taylor Wimpey Customer Services. They had said that location plans were being drawn up and that signs would be erected in due course. JB had spoken to the Taylor Wimpey site manager on 16/1. The signs are on order and will be installed as per. Signs are also on order for Kirkwood Crescent.

*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 is involved. New signs had appeared at Home Avenue on the Persimmon development in January 2021.

Information Board at Parish church. Restored December 2020.

*Speed Reactive Sign at James Kirk Way-* Keith Scott at ELC is arranging a new position.

*Speed Reactive Sign at Knockenhair Road* – moved to Edinburgh Road, Belhaven December 2020.

*Damaged Sign at Summerfield Road* – Temporary repair 6/12. Permanent repair still required.

#### **Structures**

*Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons)-* Still needs repair and condition is deteriorating. ELC asked to chase Four Seasons.

*Hospital Road Walls-* Ownership is split between Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey. Planning Enforcement involved. Taylor Wimpey had done some repairs. Persimmon still to do work.

*Gate post decoration at Winterfield Park-* replacement ball still required.

*Eroded wall at Muirfield Road* – Responsibility likely to be Bear. JB had sent information to Tommy Deans at Bear/ Transport Scotland.

*Belhaven Hill School Wall.* A TTRO was issued for the pavement to be closed alongside the school in November 2020 with an extension to January 2021. The surveyors also looked at the wall in Back Road. The pavement was closed in November causing problems for pedestrians. Ramps were installed on 3/12 but removed again as the crossing point was not safe. Ramps were installed with extra

signage on 14/12. There are still safety issues. The School Bursar has advised that they are awaiting a quotation from a stonemason. A work start will be instructed as soon as possible. The school were aware of the issues for pedestrians and apologised for the time being taken to make the wall safe.

*Persimmon Estate*- Many concerns including an unsafe wall, building debris, unfinished roads and paths. Passed to Persimmon/Planning Enforcement in December 2020.

#### **Drainage**

*Loose drain cover in disabled car park near Primary School* – replaced by a permanent grid December 2020.

*A drain near 105 Cedar Street* still causes problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing a trip hazard for pedestrians. ELC are still to follow up requests of 1/1/20 and 4/1/21.

*Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park car park* – Roads still to programme a permanent repair on behalf of Amenities.

*Flooding at Alexander Gardens* – Problems continue in rain. Planning Enforcement involved. Taylor Wimpey Customer Services have advised of a pump being in place. JB had spoken to the site manager on 16/1. He advised that the issues were to do with the design of the footpath (as desired by ELC) which has a dip and the height differential between the Albany Grange compound and the pavement. The water is pumped out twice a day Monday to Friday and once on Saturdays. There is no Sunday pumping as there had been complaints about the noise of the pump. The compound is due to be decommissioned in the Spring when Albany Grange is completed. The area will then be reduced in height and a permanent drainage solution installed.

*Drains in Old Spott Road* – blocked again. Overflow adds to flooding issues under Spott Road Bridge. Passed to ELC 18/10. Some clearance done but blocked again on 15/12.

*Blocked drain in Implement Road* – Cleared December 2020

*Eweford Underpass*- regularly floods and becomes impassable in rain. A nearby pump does not seem to be sufficient. Information sent to Tommy Deans at Bear and transport Scotland. Farmer saying he will close the underpass in January 2021. ELC Access Officer, Nick Morgan, and Cllr McLennan involved.

*Blocked drains at Yosemite Park*. Reported to Taylor Wimpey.

*Blocked drain in Summerfield Road* – Cleared January 2021 but the longstanding water has created a deep pot hole.

#### **Vegetation**

*Tree growing from the heritage dovecot in the Co-op grounds*. Removed by landscape contractors on 17/12.

*Dead trees in Co-op car park*. Removed 17/12 by landscape contractors. Replacement trees planted.

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

*Dead Planting/Landscape/Playpark in poor condition at Yosemite Park*. Planning Enforcement involved. Work still needed by persimmon. A timescale has been requested.

*Dead planting at Alexander Gardens*. Responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. Planning Enforcement involved. Taylor Wimpey Customer Services had advised in November 020 that contractors had visited and they would consider means to tidy the area .JB had met the site manager on 16/1. The area will be tidied when Albany Grange is completed. He noted that planting/greenspace which is adjacent to Brand Court is Persimmon responsibility but his team keep it tidy.

*Vegetation in rhones at Yosemite Park*. The problem is related to pigeons who are attracted to the solar panels dropping seeds. Measures are needed to tackle the

pigeons. ELC Housing Officer and Taylor Wimpey/Hart involved. JB will meet the ELC Housing Officer when Covid restrictions allow.

### **Coastal**

*Wire Meshing over the stones at 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. Ranger Tara Sykes aware.

*Broken steps near Bridge to Nowhere* – repaired November 2020

*Statue at Seafield Pond* – hard to see. Neil Clark will arrange cut back of vegetation.

### **Lighting**

*Lights in the park and car park near the Pool.* Responsibility of Enjoy Leisure. On November 19<sup>th</sup> Paul Ianetta advised that being a conservation area there had been a delay in sourcing replacement fittings (no longer manufactured) and there had been dialogue with Planning to ensure that replacements fitted were similar to the originals. 8 lights on the high risk area of the footpath had been replaced in November in early November and 5 lights in the car park were replaced at the end of the month.

With regards to the lighting in the pool are staff had not been aware of a problem until JB's e mails. The pool was surveyed in November, lighting levels measured and the design reviewed. It was felt that additional lighting levels would be beneficial around the deep end of the pool and additional fittings had been ordered. Specially designed fittings to operate within a pool environment have slow delivery times (even outwith the Pandemic). They will be installed as soon as they are received from the manufacturer.

*Heritage Light at Abbeylands* – Still to be repaired. Glen Kane aware. Issues in sourcing replacement fittings.

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

*Faulty lights at Skatepark* – Still to be repaired.

**Litter** – DAL remain active. Needing extra bins. The amount of litter and waste collected by the Team is considerable.

### **Services**

#### **Transport**

*Damaged Bus Stops* – Perspex is still be be repaired at the Duke Street bus stop so that timetable information can be inserted. Other stops like Graham Place and Middlemass Road also need repair. Keith Scott has Perspex but currently cannot do the work due to Covid regulations.

A new bus shelter is still needed at Lochend Road to replace the one that was vandalised. A new contract for bus stop provision is being tendered but it is unlikely to be in place until the new financial year.

*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.

*East Linton Station* – Plans have been submitted to ELC

**Post Box**- Still required at Comrie Avenue. On order from royal Mail. Installation being chased.

**Phone Box Bayswell Road.** A member of the public had contacted JB as they had seen 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 contacted Keith Dingwall at Planning. He had advised that the iconic red box had been on a list of 8 East Lothian 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. Keith Dingwall had advised JB tht although the box was still in place this did not mean that the box would be safe in the longer term as boxes elsewhere had been removed from conservation areas. He advised that if anyone was interested in adopting the box ELC would be supportive. JB had advised the member of the public who was to consider the idea of adoption further.

**Other**

***Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line.*** Still required. There have been further concerns from local people as the route can get so muddy. Iain Reid of ELC had agreed to take up again with a local householder.

***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 waiting agreement from nearest descendant to details of memorial for erection and instruction of Robertson Memorials. Robertson Memorials are again closed due to Covid. Winter greenery was placed by JB at Christmas.

***Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA.*** Still needed. Negotiations still ongoing between Robertson, ELC and Network rail. Building at the new Robertson site is not meant to commence until this pathway is completed and other conditions are met. There continue to be many public complaints about the state of the route.

***Robertson Site Issues*** – Issues at the SUDS have continued. The developer had been asked to remove the soil brought from the SUDS to the hedge of Newtonlees Farmhouse.

The spare tarmac from the cycle path which had been laid by AG Thomson and broke up soon after had been removed by ELC Roads who had agreed to its placement. They had not realised that the road was in private ownership. Issues have arisen about the proximity of a footpath to the properties at the Farmhouse and Steading. Planning Enforcement had responded on 8/12. They will monitor.

On 8/12 a member of the public reported a tanker emptying fluid from drains at Fair Acres onto the field at DunBear Park. This followed on from a report from DAL about barriers being broken in the area. JB had reported to Ken Ross, ELC Planning and Environmental Health.

Gladman had been seen surveying fields near the new Robertson site. Residents had expressed concern. The site is not in the current LDP.

Newtonlees Residents still wish an air quality impact assessment for the new Robertson site as was discussed at Planning Committee in June 2020.

JB continues to support Newtonlees residents.

***Routeways from Albany Grange to Hospital Road.*** These are part of planning conditions. Planning Enforcement involved. By January 2021 wall work had been done but the route was still blocked off. Taylor Wimpey site manager advised JB on 16/1 that chicane style barriers were on order. They would be installed as soon as possible. He said that this style of barrier was safer than the bollards at the Persimmon access points onto Hospital Road.

***Routeway from Hospital Road to Tree scheme and Primary School.*** A member of the public had queried the possibility of a gate in the wall to connect with the path at the Community Garden and on to Elm Street/the Pine Street play park. This is NHS land. JB to speak to Belhaven Community Garden about this idea.

***Closure of Core Path 51*** by landowner at Eweford Farm. Many public complaints after the farmer had erected a fence and a padlocked gate. Various people involved including ELC Access Officer Nick Morgan who has advised that the action was not

legal. He has had dialogue with the landowner who feels that the route should not be a core path.

**Speeding at Brodie Road near John Muir Gardens** – Action still needed. JB had suggested that the speed reaction sign from John Muir Gardens might be moved to this area.

**Parking in Yosemite Park-** Safety measures still required. Responsibility of Persimmon

**Kings Meadow Playparks and Open Spaces-** Auctioning of the green spaces at Middlemass Road continues. The playpark auctioning seems to have ceased since the action of the ASA although they are still for sale. Planning Enforcement and others involved. Local residents have formed a limited company to take on land still held by Greenbelt. JB had attended a meeting on 13/10. Cllr NH was to see if the owner of 2 of the playparks would negotiate a transfer. ELC are still considering improvement action against the owner but there are delays in the Court system due to Covid. Ownership of the other playparks is still to be pursued by ELC. Taylor Wimpey were to be contacted as the developer who had set up the link with Greenbelt to see if they could offer financial/practical assistance. Further meeting to be arranged.

**ASB at Yosemite Park and elsewhere.** ELC ASB Team/Housing and Police aware of the situation.

**Pigeons at Spott Road Bridge (Network Rail).** Works still outstanding. A TTRO will be needed for works to proceed (See 5.04).

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

**Built Environment at Writers Court-** JB had met with ELHAS staff on 19/11 to discuss issues. ELHA staff agreed to look into removal of moss from the surface of a drying green. Other areas were more complicated as although ELHA have tenants in the flats the paths and landscaping are the responsibility of ELC. The drying green had since proven to be the responsibility of ELC. There are major problems of fly tipping, common stair maintenance etc at Colvin Street but a number of the flats belong to a private landlord who would need to make improvements. ELHA staff had said that the private landlord did wish to tackle issues. Colvin Street residents are unhappy with new recycling bin arrangements. JB to meet with ELC Housing Officer when Covid regulations allow.

**Idling Taxis at Station and in High Street-** Vehicle Emissions Officer, Tom Burr had made contact with taxi firms but issues have continued. Most drivers do Switch Off but Tom Burr has been made aware of individuals who repeatedly do not do so.

**Pedestrian safety at Hallhill Centre Car park.** There had been issues at school closing time, particularly on Fridays when all the schools finish at the same time. JB had passed to Police and Spaces for People. Police had been monitoring prior to the increased lockdown restrictions.

**Upgrade of Pine Street Skatepark.** The local group wishing to upgrade the skatepark had had dialogue with Active Schools and other ELC staff.

**New Fire Safety Regulations-** ELC are upgrading systems in their properties. Further information still needed on grant schemes etc for the general public.

**DunBear Maintenance** – There had been issues with the timed hourly lightshow. This had been fixed by the contractors, There had also been further vandalism – solar panels had been smashed and there had been evidence of drinking with smashed glass in the area. JB had passed information on the Ken Ross and his Team.

**Usage of Belhaven Bay-** The area has come under increasing pressures. JB will attend a meeting on 25/1.

7.00	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT – Circulated by e mail</b>																			
7.01	<p><u>DCC Finance Report</u> Circulated by AS by email The bank balance at the end of December 2020 stood at £71,360.31.</p> <p>The Restricted Funds held within the General Account were, at the end of December 2020.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="316 349 949 595"> <tr> <td>Community Windpower Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£45,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Covid Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£13,914</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access For All Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 759</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 7,250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 361</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Viridor 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Payment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£69,784</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Account were, at the end of December 2020</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="316 707 863 775"> <tr> <td>Balance in the General Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,576</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£1,576</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>AS noted that:- The payment to Viridor Credits had been made in support of the West Barns Village Hall project. The cheque was still to be cleared at the Bank. The launch of the Community Windpower Fund was dependent on the Donor who would want appropriate publicity. The Covid Grant obtained by Sustaining Dunbar but not used by the September deadline had been refunded to Sustaining Dunbar.</p> <p>HC noted that the War Memorial work was progressing. Robertson Memorials will add the 2 additional names in due course.</p>	Community Windpower Fund	£45,000	Covid Fund	£13,914	Access For All Fund	£ 759	Local Priorities Fund	£ 7,250	War Memorial Fund	£ 361	Viridor 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payment	£ 2,500	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>£69,784</b>	Balance in the General Fund	£1,576	<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>£1,576</b>	
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7.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u> <u>Updates</u> None <u>New Applications</u> <i>Dunbar Sea Cadets - £482 for boat covers</i> During the meeting £250 was offered towards this application by Dunbar Rotary. DCC members agreed to pay the balance.</p>																			
7.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund –</u> Alasdair had circulated information with initial Terms of Agreement with Community Windpower who own the Aikengall Windfarms. PS had circulated a spreadsheet for initial ideas for use. The Fund will be £50,000 per year, paid in 6 monthly instalments of £25,000 for use in Dunbar and Belhaven. Up to half of the grants should be for small projects costing up to £2500. Unused monies could be rolled over to fund larger ones. All members will be part of the Panel. The Panel will convene separately from the main DCC meetings A quorum of 5 will be required to make decisions on applications. An initial meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January to discuss further. A press release had been prepared in conjunction with Community Windpower. The first Reporting period for the Fund will be 31<sup>st</sup> May. HC suggested it would be useful to have information from Be Green for the grants they had given over the previous 12 months. This might give a steer on the kinds of projects that could be supported in the future. AS agreed to request this.</p>	AS																		

	<p>There had been an enquiry about expansion of benefits outwith Dunbar. It had been suggested to the enquirer that their community might also approach Community Windpower to see if they might also have access to a community fund. NH advised that ELC would continue to pay DCC Local Priorities money as before. JB noted that East Lammermuir CC received sums from Fred Olsen Renewables in addition to their Local Priorities monies and so there was a precedent locally for this kind of fund.</p> <p><i>NNG/EDF Offshore Windfarm.</i> AS had written to see what community benefit funds may be available. The response from Suzy Kerr at EDF was that, as yet, such information was unknown as the project was at an early stage. She had kept AS contact details for future contact.</p>	
<b>8.00</b>	<b>SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
8.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations</u></p> <p>A successful virtual Switch On had been held on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The display was well received by the public and images widely shared on social media. The display had been taken down on January 10<sup>th</sup> with a reduced workforce due to Covid restrictions.</p> <p>Members thanked the Team for the wonderful display. GA noted that it had been the biggest display to date. GW noted how cheering the colour had been when the High Street and wider town has been facing dark and difficult times.</p> <p>Corn Exchange improvements had continued. JB had circulated a photograph which indicated the improvements to the building interior. Many thanks were given to the team for the amazing transformation. GA noted that further work will be completed in due course subject to funding including painting of the front entrance, plumbing and sanitary ware in the toilet, improvements to the rest area, improvements to the cleaners' cupboard and improvements to the rear exit area.</p> <p>VAT had been recovered and paid into the Christmas Lights Account by AS/JB A grant of £4000 had been received from DELAP. The bank balance at the end of December stood at £5874.93</p>	*
8.02	<p><u>Civic Week (GR)</u></p> <p>No update.</p> <p>The bank balance at the end of December 2020 was £7218.71.</p>	
<b>9.00</b>	<b>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</b>	
9.01	<p><b><u>Community Resilience (GR)</u></b></p> <p><i>Flooding</i> Tracey Lague had agreed to be Flood Warden for West Barns. GR had updated the CERP to take account of this and submitted it to ELC.</p> <p><i>Local Covid Volunteers</i></p> <p>Although ELC had not formally enacted community response teams a smaller scale response has been put into place. GR and JB are the Co-ordinators. VCEL have also set up a county wide Community Task Force for volunteers. They can offer insurance cover and PVG. Some of the local volunteers had also signed up to that scheme which operates 9.30-4 Monday to Friday.</p> <p><i>Computers</i> – With the return to schools operating distance learning GR had put out a new call for devices. He had had a number of responses to date.</p> <p><u>Covid 19 Fund (PS)</u></p> <p>Monies had been paid towards the Christmas Holiday Club organised by DCT. Some of the money had been towards £3 vouchers for use in local shops. A number of these had been cashed in, chiefly at The Sweetie Bank and Dunbar Value. Thanks to those Traders who had agreed to take part in the scheme.</p> <p><u>Dunbar High Street and Friends (CR)</u></p>	

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

Of ongoing concern:

*Business/High Street* East Lothian had moved to Tier 2 on 24<sup>th</sup> November. However, it had then moved to Tier 4 on 26<sup>th</sup> December before a full National Lockdown on 4<sup>th</sup> January and further restrictions on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

PS, GR and JB had attended a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November to discuss a project with DTA, ELC Reps and the Scottish Tech Army to support a new on line marketing initiative for local traders – SOLE (Support Our Local Economy). Dunbar will be a pilot area for East Lothian. ELC had funded the initial licence. There was a discussion about how this would work in practice. Initially the site will have information on local goods and services. In the future it could be expanded to include on line sales. It was agreed that public information would be made available when the initiative was ready to be launched. Initially, it had been hoped that this would be before Christmas. However, it is now hoped this will be in the next few weeks..

A map of places to sit and eat, food options etc had been circulated and shared on social media.

Spaces for People Following discussions on proposals an on line public survey had been issued by ELC on 26/11 to prioritise the projects. The responses had been collated by Stantec and the priorities identified and circulated. It was noted that there were issues in providing the pavement build out and crossing near Belhaven Church due to a lack of drainage. An alternative suggestion had been made for the area but the Church Session had expressed concerns and there would be further consideration.

The 9 priorities as ranked were:-

- 1 Hallhill Centre Car Park,
- 2 Countess Road Crossing,
- 3 Widen path between Countess Road and Belhaven Road,
- 4 Pavement widening and crossing at Brewery Lane,
- 5 Lammermuir Crescent Contraflow,
- 6 Pavement widening and Crossing near Belhaven Church ,
- 7 20mph Gateways,
- 8 Kellie Road Speed Cushions,
- 9 Belhaven Road and Queens Road Speed Cushions

ELC had stated their intention to proceed with all of the above changes as soon as contractors were available. PS had written to Morag Haddow of ELC to seek confirmation that all of these works were considered temporary as a Covid 19 response. A reply was awaited.

Resilience and Recovery– JB and GR had attended a meeting of the Community Recovery and Renewal Co-ordinating Group on December 21<sup>st</sup>. JB had circulated notes from the meeting along with a Presentation by Maureen Allan of VCEL and an updated Report on Recovery that had been presented to ECL.

*Resilience Groups* – GR and JB had noted concerns about support for those required to isolate and the position of Resilience Groups. Sharon Saunders had noted that it was not expected that Resilience Groups would need to respond. ELC Call Centre was open 24/7 and could link those without family or friends to local support groups to help. It was not clear what these might be other than the Resilience volunteers who had already given ad hoc support in recent weeks to a few people. VCEL- Maureen Allan had given a presentation on VCEL which has regenerated Strive. It is the Official 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Interface for ELC and the Scottish Government. They will be involved in developing an updated Volunteer Strategy. They will

	<p>develop a database of community organisations, offer support to voluntary groups and create a Volunteer Task Force to recruit, train and deploy volunteers to community groups. GR raised issues about Insurance for Volunteers.</p> <p><i>Poverty Working Group</i> – Paolo Vestri had given an update. A new Poverty Plan is being prepared. In addition, a Food Poverty and Food Network has been established. The lead organisation for the Food Network will be the Pennypit Trust.</p> <p><i>Digital Inclusion</i> – An update was given on a new Connecting Scotland initiative to distribute equipment to older people and people with disabilities.</p> <p><i>East Lothian Equalities Plan 2021-25</i>. This is in preparation</p> <p><i>Discussion priorities for 2021</i>. These were identified.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> February</i></p>	
<b>10.00</b>	<b>AREA PARTNERSHIP</b> (George Robertson, Chairman)	
10.01	<p><b>Business Meeting- 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b></p> <p>Ola Wojtkiewicz had given a presentation on the Local Good Food Alliance and the What If? project.</p> <p>Funding had been discussed for a number of projects. Voting was to take place by e mail after the meeting.</p>	
10.02	Next Business Meeting – 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	
10.03	Roads Budget- GR had submitted a number of suggestions to Alan Stubbs for consideration. Unfortunately, aside from the Disabled parking at West Barns Hall there will be insufficient capacity to progress projects this financial year due to the delays created by Covid.	
10.04	<p><b>Meeting for Area Partnership Chairs – December 10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>GR and JB had attended a meeting with Chairs, Connected Communities Managers, Sharon Saunders and Caitlin McCorry.</p> <p>Sharon had noted appreciation on behalf of ELC Managers for the response by communities to the Covid Pandemic. There was a discussion about what had worked e.g. community networks pulling together and what might have been done better. Learning will be taken forward.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the role of volunteers. Sharon noted that VCEL is the official 3<sup>rd</sup> party interface for East Lothian with the Scottish Government. The new Chief Executive, Maureen Allan is hoping to strengthen the way in which it supports the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector across East Lothian. JB noted the useful seminar arranged by VCEL that she had attended on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Sharon said that VCEL and Sandy Baptie will be arranging an event to look at resilience and community volunteers in January. A new Volunteer Strategy is to be developed for East Lothian.</p> <p>GR had noted concerns about the budget- how it was less in reality than in theory. This was echoed by others. It was felt that information for the public needed to be clearer for the public as to what kind of funding the APs have e.g. the educational attainment fund had been cut.</p> <p>Sharon noted that ELC will soon be starting its budget process. As yet it is unclear what Aps can expect. The ELC budget will be tight given the extra pressures from Covid.</p> <p>Sharon and Caitlin advised that APs will need to be drawing up new action plans and setting new priorities. These should reflect community needs that have been highlighted by Covid e.g. digital inclusion, reducing poverty, tackling inequalities. Sharon advised of the new ELC Management Structure. This had come into play following the retiral of Alex McCrorie the long time Director of Finance. Under the Chief Executive will be 3 Executive Directors – Childrens Services and Education, Corporate Resources (Jim Lamond) and Place ( Douglas Proudfoot). Community Planning including Local Area partnerships will come under Place.</p>	

	<p>Sharon reminded those present that the Community Council elections are planned for October 2021. To try and attract new members to CCs publicity will be given to their work over the year.</p> <p>Sharon said that a new mass testing centre for Covid was to be set up at QMU by NHS Lothian.</p> <p>Sharon advised that ELC had agreed a new sustainable procurement policy. She was not sure how this might relate to small community projects.</p>	
<b>11.00</b>	<b>COMMUNITY LINKS</b>	
11.01	<p><u>Health and Social Care Provision</u></p> <p><b>Carers of East Lothian AGM – 30<sup>th</sup> November.</b> JB and GW had attended.</p> <p>During the year Jess Wade had replaced Andrew Tweedie as CEO. The organisation had moved from Musselburgh to Haddington Community Hospital.</p> <p>Chairman, David Binnie gave thanks to the staff and Trustees for their work during a challenging year.</p> <p>Staff had supported 1202 clients over the year, many of whom were new referrals, but it was known that those reached were just a fraction (around 20%) of the carers in East Lothian.</p> <p>Staff had supported carers and those cared for to claim over £1 million in benefits.</p> <p><b>Dunbar Day Centre –1<sup>st</sup> December</b> – JB, GW and SB had attended.</p> <p>The Centre building continues to be closed to service users. Staff were giving support to service users and families in the community.</p> <p>A steady number of referrals was being received.</p> <p>Sadly, some service users had passed away or moved into care settings. It was noted that people with dementia were declining more quickly during the Covid period.</p> <p>Sustaining Dunbar had secured a grant as part of a wider community grant for IT equipment for use by service users and staff.</p> <p>Maria Burton was confirmed in post as a Development and Community Link Manager. Salary for this position was backdated to November 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>There had been some concern from the Community that staff were not in the building in the morning. A notice had been displayed to state that even if not in the building they were actively working with service users in the community.</p> <p>GW had continued to attend meetings of the East Lothian Association of Day Care Centres where she is the Vice Chair. Association members had been meeting with Laura Kerr and Jenny Coffield of ELC along with Cllr O'Donnell to discuss the future for day services. Reassurance had been given that, despite the challenges ahead, Day Centres would not face closure. Nevertheless, funding will need to be agreed for beyond the end of current contracts on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.</p> <p><i>Covid Response.</i> Since the meeting and the new restrictions post Christmas, Day Centre staff had triaged service users. A variety of response was being given. The most needy (red users) were getting visits for meals etc, the least needy (green users) were getting phone calls. To minimise risk staff had been matched on a 1 to 1 basis with service users.</p> <p><i>£500 bonus.</i> Staff were still waiting to hear how this Scottish Government initiative would be paid.</p> <p><i>Immunization</i> – Staff were waiting to hear how this would be administered as they are in a front facing role.</p> <p><b>Creating a New East Lothian – VCEL Seminar -2nd December.</b> JB had attended.</p> <p>The gathering was for voluntary sector and other organisations from across East Lothian.</p> <p>VCEL is the official 3<sup>rd</sup> sector interface funded by the Scottish Government in East Lothian. As Strive it had faced challenges. However, Chief Executive Maureen Allan, hoped that the organisation may play a more effective role in the future to support and represent the voluntary sector of East Lothian.</p>	

There were presentations from the Scottish Government, Cllr O'Donnell of the IJB, Sharon Saunders of ELC and a number of community groups to demonstrate the role of the voluntary sector in East Lothian. The role of the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector had been brought to the fore by the community Covid response.

JB and others took part in Break Out Room conversations.

Thanks was given to the positive community response across the county. It was felt essential that the community spirit engendered in the response to Covid must be built upon.

JB had noted the power of the community connection in the Covid response and the need to build upon the volunteer spirit and community infrastructure in preparation for any future need for a community based response.

Materials from the community discussion will be drawn together and circulated.

It was agreed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector should continue to work together in the long term to present a joint voice.

**Health and Well Being Sub Group 11<sup>th</sup> January.** JB and GW had attended. JB had circulated notes.

Main points

*Belhaven Hospital.* There had been no progress on the re-provisioning. A Needs Based Analysis is still outstanding. JB is to write to Alison McDonald, ELHSCP Chief Executive, for an update. Ward 2 is open as a hub for community staff.

*Care provision at DunBear Park-* Terry Prior had received information on case studies of potential users from the developer, SAOL, via Alex Orr of Orbit Communications. These had been circulated by JB. Further information awaited from SAOL regarding planning proposals.

*GP Link Workers* – Had been appointed but information still needed on when they will start work. The contract for Dunbar and East Linton is held by RVS.

*Covid-* Continues to impact on services e.g. Dunbar Day Centre and The Ridge Backlands are closed. Services are being given on a 1 :1 basis for some service users.

There was a discussion about the impact on mental health for all age groups. Covid vaccination had begun with vaccination of front line medical staff and care home residents and staff. Public vaccination would be starting imminently.

*Next meeting* 2 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Sustaining Dunbar – What If Health and Wellbeing Group -12<sup>th</sup> January.** JB had attended.

This was an initial meeting chaired by Ola Wojtkiewicz and Osbert Lancaster. The meeting was in response to concerns that had arisen from a number of people about the need to promote mental and physical health and wellbeing post Covid. There was a particular emphasis on the benefits to health and wellbeing of natural spaces and how these might be developed locally.

There was discussion about some of the existing activities e.g. Park Run, walking groups.

There was discussion about some of the barriers to getting out and about e.g. some people have become anxious about going out, some people are put off by footpaths that are in poor repair.

There was discussion about how to engage young people in natural places so that they respected them rather than damaged them as had been happening at Lochend Woods.

There was discussion about making activities inclusive e.g. for those with dementia or disabilities.

Osbert had noted the funding available from the NatureScot Better Places Green recovery Fund that might enable some areas of work to go forward. JB had agreed to supply contact details for people who may be able to contribute ideas for this at ELC and community groups.

A further meeting will be arranged in due course.



	<p><b><u>Celebrating Communities 14<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> – JB had attended This had been set up by Sue Northrop of Dementia Friendly East Lothian (DFEL)/North Berwick Community Council with funding from the Life Changes Trust. Around 40 people were present from statutory and voluntary organisations as well as individuals.</p> <p>It had been noted how important communities had been during Covid in supporting each other. It was hoped that this would continue post pandemic. This was an opportunity to share positive things/activities that benefitted mental and physical wellbeing both locally and wider afield e.g. there was input from organisations offering dementia dog walks, dementia golf buddies.</p> <p>There was discussion about the proliferation of on line activities. This had benefits for some e.g. allowed the housebound to meet with friends and family but had also led to digital exclusion. There may be schemes to give digital devices but people also needed assistance to use them and Covid restrictions made it harder to give in the home support by non family members. Some people also had issues due to sensory impairment.</p> <p>It was agreed to continue the gatherings on a drop in basis on a fortnightly basis. <i>Next Meeting – 10.30 on January 28th</i></p> <p><b><u>Repeat Prescriptions</u></b> – Lauderdale Practice had asked patients to request repeat prescriptions on line. JB had requested information on how those without smartphones or internet may make requests. It was noted that in the first instance those with any difficulties in making on line requests should speak to the Practice receptionists.</p> <p><b><u>Services for People with Mental Illness and Older People</u></b> – Further information had been supplied to Terry Prior by ELHSCP. More details are still awaited.</p>	
11.02	<p><b><u>DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach</u></b> – Sand was gradually returning to the beach. Remedial works to Lamer St are scheduled.</p>	
11.03	<p><b><u>A1 Safety (JB)</u></b> <b><u>A1 Action Group Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>JB had attended a meeting with ELC and Transport Scotland along with Terry Prior of Hallhill TRA and Cllr McLennan.</p> <p>There had been a long discussion about safety at the Belhaven junction to the A1. It was noted that past accident history and projected vehicle movements from new housing would not support investment in major improvement of the junction. JB and Terry had noted concerns about this as many in the community felt that prevention of injury should be of concern rather than making improvements in the hind sight of accidents. There was concern that the 250 units at Hallhill North in addition to other new development would add to pressure on the junction and other parts of the local road network.</p> <p>It was noted that the junction did not merit lighting. Improved Catseyes were stated unsuitable for the area due to the direction of travel. It was stated that the slip onto the A1 could not be improved due to the distance between the junction and Spott Road roundabout.</p> <p>It was agreed that improved signage could be considered to indicate that traffic is joining the main carriageway. It was also agreed to reconsider any reduction of speed along this busy part of the route.</p> <p>Peter Forsyth of ELC said that there were no proposals to upgrade Hospital Road. This would only be considered if further housing were planned beyond that already known of. As yet there were no firm plans for the land at Eweford. Widening Hospital Road would involve purchase of land. However, he did agree to look at fixing potholes and some clearer signage of routes. JB noted issues of the road currently being closed at Eweford and people using the private cement road as a</p>	

	<p>rat run to Moray Avenue. He agreed to arrange a meeting with Terry and JB to discuss further.</p> <p><u>Meeting with Peter Forsyth 11th December</u></p> <p>JB had attended with Terry Prior. Cllr McLennan had been unable to access the Skype call.</p> <p><i>Signage.</i> Peter noted the guidance for signage on roads. Some signage is the responsibility of ELC and some Transport Scotland. It is important not to over clutter roads with signage. Also, some signs may come to be ignored by local users although they may be of use to strangers to an area.</p> <p>Further consideration will be given to signage regarding sharp bends when exiting the A1 towards Belhaven, signage to alert to the junction to the A1, signage to advise that access to Hallhill Healthy Living Centre is via Spott Road. Some signage might be considered e.g. to alert to children playing around the residential estate.</p> <p><i>Traffic Movements on Brodie Road/Yosemite Park towards Spott Road Roundabout.</i> There was discussion about potential pressure on the residential area. The pressures on the roundabout were also discussed. A survey of vehicle movements could be considered.</p> <p><i>Future of U194 (Hospital Road).</i> This road has become increasingly pressured by traffic and has fallen into disrepair. Some treatment of the surface was discussed. Upgrade would be costly.</p> <p>Peter noted discussions with Taylor Wimpey regarding use of this route with relation to the Hallhill North development. It would be preferable to traffic going through the residential area.</p> <p>JB noted the Spott community consultations looking at connectivity between the village and Dunbar towards south of the railway towards Dunbar. A possible route is via the U194.</p> <p>There was also mention of the discussion with Taylor Wimpey and Network Rail about a new underpass under the East Coast mainline to improve connectivity for active travel. Again, this links to the Hallhill North development. JB noted that further information about the proposals would be helpful. The cost of any underpass would be expensive.</p> <p><i>Next steps</i> Peter agreed to discuss further with his team and, where appropriate, with Transport Scotland. It was agreed that once information was available there could be a further meeting independent of the A1 Action Group which has a wider remit.</p> <p><b>.Spott Village Association Safe Routes to Dunbar Project</b> -The consultants had produced a report. This will be made available to the public.</p>	
10.03	<p><b><u>Station/Network Rail</u></b></p> <p>JB had spoken to Allan Brooking on 7/1. He had given a verbal update.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Station Upgrade</i></p> <p>Planting was ongoing with the agreement of local residents</p> <p>A parapet was still to be installed on the stairway.</p> <p>Completion of works was dependent on Covid restrictions</p> <p><i>Station Car Park</i></p> <p>Design work had been delayed due to drainage issues. As yet, no new plans could be circulated.</p> <p><i>Access to South Platform.</i> Proposals on Hold. ELC had no funding to take forward. No funding from Network Rail.</p> <p><i>East Linton Station</i></p> <p>Proposals are ongoing.</p> <p>Allan Brooking's Contract for Dunbar was due to come to an end in January. Since that time CR had had discussion with a member of ELC staff.</p>	

	<p>It seemed that ELC were planning to continue with access to the South platform. It was proposed that cycle racks would be within the station land. In recent weeks work had been ongoing to the “service entrance” to build a new entrance and the internal path seemed to have been widened. ELC had confirmed to CR that the driveway would be filled in and a new entrance would be extended to a pathway between Salisbury Walk and Retreat Crescent. ELC staff had advised that Network rail were looking into ticket machines for the new platform.</p> <p>CR had noted to ELC Officers the lack of bollards on the path between Salisbury Walk and Retreat Crescent and that vehicles had been seen driving along the path. ELC had said that they would install temporary barriers until the south platform entrance was completed. They would then look at a permanent solution. This issue was still to be addressed.</p> <p>DCC members discussed the situation. Any access to the South platform should benefit station users but not to the detriment of nearby residents e.g. by parking.</p>	
10.04	<p><b><u>Belhaven Bay – Access for ALL (PS)</u></b> PS will convene a meeting to agree next steps</p>	
11.00	<b>PLANNING AND LICENSING</b>	
11.01	<p><b><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Berwick Bank Offshore Windfarm-</b> Some members had attended the on line consultation in November/December. A formal application is awaited. Given the size of the development this will go to Scottish Ministers. A Report had been circulated from the Consultation.</li> <li><b>2. Former Coastguard Site – 20/01271/P –</b> New application JB noted the concerns of local residents about parking near the former coastguard station. Yellow hatching had been burned off and there were concerns that parking in the area could be a hazard. NH noted that the initial application for a home had been refused by ELC officers but approved on appeal to the Local Review Body. Parking was to be within the curtilage of the property. The new application should be considered on its own merits. JB and PS noted the concerns about parking in the area raised by the new application. It was noted that although use of the building to prevent its decay was welcome parking matters needed to be considered. To date there had been no consideration of proposals for the site at Planning Committee. JB and PS felt it would be beneficial for the proposals to be called in to allow for discussion of the parking issues. JB and PS agreed to send NH the submissions from DCC and DSHNG to Planning.</li> <li><b>3. Assembly Rooms – 20/01413/P –</b> New application JB had submitted DCC views to ELC. There was discussion of the situation. The building had deteriorated and had been subject to planning applications over many years. There were concerns about the detail of the current application, particularly how the proposed raised roof level and fenestration might impact on the form of the current building. There might also be an impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties in Church Street. A whole site solution would be welcome as had been discussed at the Planning Committee regarding the car park for the Coastguard Cottage site in early 2020. Again it was suggested to ELC Councillors that the proposals might benefit from being called in to a full discussion at ELC Planning Committee.</li> <li><b>4. Drive Thru Starbucks at Land Off Spott Road Roundabout – 20/01442/ADV-</b> JB had circulated information. Members should submit views to JB to submit to ELC. At this stage, the application is for the advertising signage. NH noted that further applications for development of the DunBear site should be expected in due course.</li> </ol>	<p>JB/PS</p> <p>ALL</p>

11.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. <b>Castle Bay (Cala)</b> – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. ELC have had the funding for this since 2017.</li> <li>3. <b>Robertson Homes Safe Access Route</b> – Planning Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC. Permission for footpath works still required from Network Rail.</li> <li>4. <b>Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks</b> – Enforcement Action continues. Following action by the Advertising Standards Authority regarding the marketing materials the playparks had not appeared on the Future Property Auctions on line catalogue. However, they remain for sale.</li> <li>5. <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. 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. ELC Roads had advised that they had told the Contractor to lay the tarmac so that it was not wasted. Residents expressed concern on 13/11 that the tarmac was breaking up under the weight of heavy machinery. Calum Redpath of ELC Roads arranged for the tarmac to be removed and repairs made to the road. He had apologised that work had been done on the private road without informing the owners.</li> <li>6. <b>14/00358/AM – Open space and playpark at Yosemite Park.</b> This was a planning condition of the Persimmon housing development. Planning Enforcement are investigating and have asked Persimmon for a timescale for works to be completed satisfactorily. JB is keeping local residents informed.</li> <li>7. <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.</li> <li>8. <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.</li> <li>9. <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 working on the wall November/December 2020. Chicane barriers are on order and will be put into place asp.</li> <li>10. <b>Viridor</b> – Planning application awaited.</li> <li>11. <b>Unauthorised pergola/beer garden and advertising banners at Bayswell Park hotel.</b> 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 had stated that the structure was a Covid response although neighbours feel that it is a permanent rather than a temporary structure. However, Enforcement Action will not be taken.</li> </ol>	
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	<p>12. <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. Approved 11<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>13. <b>20/00886/P – Extension at Bayswell Park Hotel.</b> JB had submitted DCC views to ELC. There were 14 objections but approved under Delegated Powers on 6/11. The position of Planning Enforcement regarding the pergola structure were incorporated in the report.</p> <p>14. <b>20.00939/P- Proposals for 27 flats at 9 Bayswell Road.</b> JB had circulated information. DCC Views had been submitted.</p> <p>15. <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. DCC views had been submitted.</p> <p>16. <b>20/01026/ADV-</b> Advertising for DunBear Park at land north east of Spott Road roundabout . JB had circulated information and submitted DCC views to ELC. Approved December 2020.</p> <p>17. <b>20/00916/P-</b> 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> <p>18. <b>20/01271/P –</b> Alterations to Coastguard Station for Holiday property. JB had circulated information. This is a new application as there are material changes to the plans consented earlier in the year. JB had submitted DCC views.</p> <p>19. <b>20/01413/P –</b> Alteration and Conversion of Old Assembly Rooms to Form 4 flats. JB had circulated information and submitted DCC views to ELC.</p> <p>20. <b>20/01442/ADV – Drive Thru Starbucks near Spott Road Roundabout.</b> JB had circulated information.</p>	
12.00	<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>	
12.01	<p><b>Local Good Food Alliance – November 24<sup>th</sup>.</b> JB had attended A film had been shown to demonstrate the work of the Belhaven Community Garden. Sustaining Dunbar had submitted applications for funding. The Community Recovery Fund had brought monies for a number of groups,. This included funding for a part time Administrator for LGFA. The outcome of the application to the Community Asset Fund for a community fruit press, tools for the Community Garden etc was still awaited. There was further discussion of the Action Plan.</p> <p><b>Local Good Food Alliance – December 9<sup>th</sup>.</b> JB and GW had attended. Naomi Barnes had been appointed as the Co-ordinator for the Local Good Food Alliance. She noted priority areas of work. Naomi is also a key volunteer at Belhaven Community Garden. The application for equipment from the Community Asset Fund had been successful.</p> <p><b>Local Good Food Alliance – January 12<sup>th</sup>-</b> JB had attended. The Community Asset Fund had been used to buy community equipment including an apple press, a pasteuriser and a fruit/vegetable dryer. There was discussion about a co-ordinated growing plan. Ideas were considered on how glut food might be shared and used e.g. for communal food making, to supply a community pantry for fresh food linked to the Basics Foodbank. A volunteer database was discussed. JB had noted that VCEL were also creating a database and that DCC had previously drawn up a detailed list of community groups which Pippa Swan may still have access to.</p>	

Margaret Croft had given a presentation on the work of the Basics Foodbank. They had seen take up of their service greatly increase over the last year. They had started giving vouchers for local shops as well as fresh produce.

*Next Meeting – To Be Arranged*

### **John Muir Birthplace Trust – AGM and Trustee Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> November**

#### ***AGM***

JB was welcomed as a Trustee appointed by DCC. JB had previously been a Trustee from 2007-12 as an appointee of ELC through her role as an ELC Councillor. Emily Henderson was also welcomed as a representative of the John Muir Trust.

After many years of service Will Collin had stood down as Treasurer. It was agreed to appoint him as Trustee Emeritus.

There was a discussion about Office Bearers. It was agreed that Duncan Smeed and Liz McLean would share the role of Chair. They will also share the Treasurer role whilst a longer term person is identified. Liz McLean will continue as Secretary.

#### ***Trustee Meeting***

DCC was thanked for the funding to purchase new high endurance flags. The Christmas Lights Team were thanked for their help in erecting them. A formal note of thanks was to be sent to DCC.

There was a discussion of visitor numbers. 2020 had seen the 200,000<sup>th</sup> visitor (Cherry Trees Nursery) to the Birthplace. The Covid Pandemic had had an effect on visitor numbers. However, they were spending more per Head. Virtual school activities had been introduced.

JB, NH and Provost McMillan had noted the new SOLE initiative for Dunbar. This was thought to be a good initiative for the Birthplace to take part in. The Birthplace had had an outage of IT connection for some weeks which had affected a number of ELC sites with card sales. It was hoped this would be fixed as soon as possible.

On site exhibitions had not been possible. However, the collaborative project at the Battery - John Muir, Earth-Planet Universe had proved a success. It was hoped that this exhibition could be installed at the Birthplace with an extended run to link into COPP 26 to be held in Glasgow in late 2021. Further exhibitions were to be considered for the Birthplace.

Further sources of funds were to be considered.

### **John Muir Birthplace Trust – Trustee Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Trustees met with Museums Service staff and Provost John McMillan.

There was a further discussion on funding options to pursue. The new SOLE option may be useful. Provost McMillan noted that the launch was now likely to be in the Spring.

There was a discussion about how to upgrade the website and other ways to promote the Birthplace and improve the venue. This includes ways to engage schools digitally and to open up the exhibitions in virtual ways.

### **Dunbar and District Twinning Association**

– SB and JB had attended a Zoom Gathering to celebrate St Andrews Day on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Members from Dunbar and District had joined people from Lignieres in a night of presentations (musical and verse) and general sharing of good company.

Visits had been unable to take part between the twins in 2020 due to Covid.

However, it was hoped that there could be visits for students in 2021 and possibly a visit to include adults too to Lignieres in the Autumn. The last formal group visit to Lignieres from Dunbar had been in October 2016.

### **What If Meeting for Local Creatives 14<sup>th</sup> December**

– JB had attended

Around 26 people with a range of artistic interests from around the ward joined together at a meeting facilitated by Osbert and Ola of Sustaining Dunbar.

It was agreed that the area had a wide range of talent and activities ranging from painting to theatre, to creative writing and dance.

There was an agreement that groups could work together in common threads. It was noted that a previous Arts Trust had fallen away.

A particular concern was the lack of an affordable, multi use arts studio, exhibition, rehearsal and performance space. Despite the growth in population there were fewer venues than in the past. Previous attempts to develop projects e.g. to convert the Corn Exchange had met issues of financial sustainability. The cost of a new build venture would be significant and need a very clear business plan to tap into any funding pots. A site would also be needed.

Next Meeting – 7 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> January

**What If – Community Action Collaborations – 15<sup>th</sup> December.** JB had attended This online seminar was arranged by Sustaining Dunbar and SCCAN. Around 30 people had attended from communities around Scotland.

After a brief history of Sustaining Dunbar and its' past projects from Dr Philip Revell there was information about the What If? Network – to consider options for communities working together to improve their localities and to advocate for wider improvements – for greater sustainability and reduced inequalities, for better connected services etc.

Duncan Smeed had given a presentation on the John Muir Birthplace Trust/Friends of John Muir's Birthplace and the collaborative exhibition at the Battery – John Muir- Earth, Planet Universe which had moved to the Harbour area after an initial plan for it to be at the Birthplace had to be changed due to the Pandemic.

Ola Wojtkiewicz had spoken of the different What If? Themes. There had been meetings of groups/individuals connected to village hall supports, facilities/supports for creative arts and the set up of the Local Good Food Alliance. In the new year further discussions were to be arranged to look at the local economy and health and wellbeing. Ola made particular reference to the Local Good Food Alliance and Belhaven Community Garden as well as other food projects.

There was then opportunity for small group discussions around the presentations./issues raised for similar projects in other parts of Scotland.

**East Lothian Community Rail Partnership – 11<sup>th</sup> January**

JB along with Harry Barker and Allison Cosgrove had met as CRP Board members with Alex Bray of Cross Country. As part of the new Cross Country franchise arrangements Cross Country will be giving grant funding to 3 Scottish CRPs including East Lothian. The first tranche will be £7,000. Further monies will be available in April with annual payments thereafter. Unused monies may be rolled over to another year. Harry had noted how generous this contribution was in contrast to Scotrail who only give up to £2000 on application for specific projects. In addition, there will be other monies that CRPs can apply for.

The money may be used to enhance stations, provide information at stations and encourage people to use the railways.

Ideas will be considered for the use of the money e.g. murals at Prestonpans Station need to be repaired. Harry is keen to have historical information at stations. JB noted that there may be opportunity to link to information on things to do from Dunbar Station, particularly once the new Dolphin Hostel opens.

Next meeting – 11 am on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Sustaining Dunbar Board Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> January** – JB had attended

During 2020 SD had been working in collaboration with a variety of other groups and individuals with activities and discussions on a variety of themes. This was an opportunity for the Board to hear more about the range of activity from staff.

	<p>Developments had included the John Muir display at the Battery, the set up of the Local Good Food Alliance, the set up of a group for creatives, the set up of a support group for community halls, the new Health and Wellbeing Group. It was hoped that these collaborations would continue. SD had also made a number of grant applications on behalf of the community.</p> <p><b><u>Dunbar Community Bakery – January 15<sup>th</sup></u></b> – JB had attended The Bakery remains open. However, the size of the shop/backspace has brought increased Covid restrictions e.g. the number of customers allowed. It was noted that most customers are compliant with mask wearing. Some, particularly younger men were not always complying. It was agreed that entry to the shop would be barred to anyone who did not have a mask without proof of exemption e.g. a sunflower lanyard. The cost of some ingredients had increased considerably. This was partly related to Brexit and goods sourced from the EU e.g. sultanas had doubled in price. This situation would be monitored as the increases may mean that some prices to customers may have to rise. Some new lines were to be introduced e.g. vegan savouries.</p>	
<b>13.00</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
13.01	<p><b>Liz Hare</b> – Contact Information for Tree Officer – JB had responded <b>Via Facebook- Finlay Cook</b> – Idling Taxi Issues. JB had responded <b>SSE-</b> Public Consultation on Berwick Bank <b>Alex Orr</b> – Signage at DunBear Park <b>Bill Axon, Enjoy Leisure</b> – Lighting Issues at pool <b>Various</b> – Planning issues at Newtonlees area <b>Via Facebook – Aoife O Sullivan Tucker-</b> Vandalised bench at Winterfield. JB had responded <b>Romie Blair, DAL-</b> Overgrown Hedge near Belhaven Hospital and Vandalised Gate onto railway in Hospital Road. JB had responded. <b>Various – Newtonlees Issues.</b> JB had responded. <b>Via Facebook -Romie Blair-</b> Pavement, drain and property maintenance issues at Yosemite Park. JB had responded and visited the area. JB had sent information to ELC and Taylor Wimpey. <b>Torness, Tamer (Tam) Albishawi</b> (new Station Director). Planned outage from Jan 22- April 6 likely to go ahead with 4-500 contractors coming to the town. <b>Scottish People’s Alliance-</b> Local People Leading Newsletters. <b>Shona Grant, ELC Environmental Health-</b> Update on Spott Road Bridge <b>Via Facebook- Mike Motors.</b> Concerns about maintenance/factoring at Persimmon estate. JB had responded. <b>Via Facebook- Debbie Hadden-</b> Gritting issues on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. JB had responded. <b>Bear Scotland SE Sector-</b>Newsletter <b>Via Facebook, Various-</b> Vandalism of solar panels and other issues at DunBear. JB had responded. <b>Via Facebook- Laura Smith</b> – parking/pedestrian safety issues at Halhill Car park. JB had responded. <b>Via Facebook- Katie Ainslie.</b> Footpath issues between Kellie Road estate and Lochend Campus. JB had responded. <b>Sandy Baptie, ELC-</b> weather Update Heavy rain and snow for 5<sup>th</sup> December <b>Philip Mellor, DAT-</b> Wandering Map <b>Via Facebook- Vanessa Zimmerman</b> – Praise for the Christmas Lights Display. JB had responded. <b>Via Facebook- Lindsay McLean-</b> Query about condition of pedestrian access from Robertson/Avant housing under rail bridge. JB had responded.</p>	



	<p><b>Via Facebook- Romie Blair, DAL-</b> Concerns about damaged barrier and other damage/litter at DunBear Park. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Jackie Sangster-</b> Concerns about tanker pouring drain material from Robertson Fair Acres housing onto field at DunBear Park. PS and JB had responded.</p> <p><b>PC Hutchison</b> – Arrangements for CAPP meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Via Facebook -Chris McArthur-</b> Concerns about Spott Road Bridge pigeons – JB had responded</p> <p><b>Various-</b> Road safety at Belhaven High Street related to pavement closed due to unsafe wall. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>ELC Roads</b> – TTRO for road closure at Shore Road to enable repair of a manhole.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Romie Blair-</b> Information about proposed Community Facility for DunBear Park. There is a community group looking at this. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook Ste Cairns</b> – Query about One way system at School Brae. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Chris McArthur-</b> concerns about path between Hallhill estate and Lochend Campus – JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Various-</b> complaints about state of path between Robertson/Avant Homes and ASDA. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Area Partnerships</b> – New Scottish Government Connecting Scotland Initiative to Provide IT equipment for older people and people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Sue Guy-</b> Coastguard Station application – JB had responded</p> <p><b>Sue Anderson, Viridor-</b> Cycling Safety on Route 76. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Brenda Cunningham-</b> Siting of Statue at Seafield Pond. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook, Dawn Ancrum-</b> Concerns about family in Dunbar. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Various-</b> Seasonal Greetings to Dunbar CC</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Romie Blair-</b> Overfilled recycling bins/rubbish at Spott Road Business park</p> <p><b>Planning Democracy-</b> Newsletter</p> <p><b>RAGES-</b> Update. Planning application has been submitted for the new East Linton station.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Glenda Linton</b> – Dog Fouling Issues JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook – David Koch</b> – Yosemite Park road and ASB issues. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Gavin Graham-</b> Yosemite Park issues. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook - Various-</b> Gritting issues. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook -Various-</b> Closure of Access to Core Path 51 by new gate at Eweford Farm</p> <p><b>Sandy Baptie-</b> Weather Update</p> <p><b>Brooke Kane-</b> Housing query- PS and JB had responded</p> <p><b>Douglas Ashton-</b> Flooding/gritting issues at Lauderdale House. PS and JB had responded</p> <p><b>Maggie McCole, The Ridge</b> – Survey on Fairbairns Land development.; JB had circulated</p> <p><b>CarolAnn Andrews- state of route from Avant/Robertson Housing.</b> JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Jim Thompson-</b> Query about Covid vaccinations- JB had responded</p> <p>Alan Stubbs, ELC- Essential Roadworks under Covid</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Peter Baikie-</b> re footpath provision from Beveridge Row to Tree Scheme across the field behind Belhaven Hospital.- JB had responded</p> <p><b>Various</b> – Offers of IT equipment for schools</p>	
14.00	<b>AOB</b>	
14.01	<b>DCC Annual Awards – December 21<sup>st</sup>.</b> The ceremony had been held on Zoom. The award winners were.	

	<p><i>Bowe Cup</i> Ethan Wilson (Services to Rugby)  <i>Community Council Award</i> – Robin Hamilton (Community Service including Dunbar Harbour Trust, Rotary, Belhaven Parish Church)  <i>Citizen Awards</i> – Denise McCandlish (Guiding), Siobhan Grealy, Jacqui Preston &amp; Callum Wood (Dunbar Music School), David Koch &amp; Kevin Keillor (RNLI), Kate Darrah (The Ridge), Mike Kaszuba (Sea Cadets) Robert Fairburn (Dunbar Against Litter)  <i>Stephen Bunyan Award</i> – Dunbar Covid 19 Volunteers</p> <p>Thanks was given to Cameron Ritchie for his coverage of the event in the East Lothian Courier.</p>	
14.02	<b>DCC Vacancy</b> – There is one vacancy to be publicised. (See 1.03)	*
14.03	<b>War Memorial.</b> HC had circulated information on brothers Richard Donaldson Welsh and William Scott Welsh which had been supplied by their local relative Rob Bisset. The information had been considered by the War Memorial Working Group and they were felt appropriate to have their names added to the memorial. Provost McMillan and Cllr NH were in agreement with this. Space was available on the memorial. Robertson Memorials will do the work when possible – they have a backlog. The sum of £237 had been paid.	
14.04	<b>Mercat Cross</b> – A meeting had been held with Bob Heath on 29 <sup>th</sup> December. HC, JB and GR had attended along with others from the community. HC had circulated notes from the meeting. There had been discussion of the Report by Mr Heath and of the study by Messrs McCreadie. It was agreed that proposals would be drawn up for potential conservation so that there could be further consideration.	
14.05	<b>History in Lockdown</b> – The booklet by SB had been published. It had been well received. Copies had been sold either directly to individuals by order or at Knox Newsagent. A 2 <sup>nd</sup> print run could be organised. SB gave thanks to PS, GR, AS and Philip Immirzi who had assisted with the project.	
14.06	<b>Naturscot- Better Places Green Recovery Fund</b> – AS noted that Sustaining Dunbar were proposing to make an application to this fund to assist with natural areas under pressure. A range of local organisations had been asked to give their support to this application being submitted. DCC members agreed to give support to the initiative. AS agreed to advise Osbert Lancaster at Sustaining Dunbar of DCCs support.	AS
14.07	<b>Dunbar Harbour Trust What If Event – 28<sup>th</sup> January.</b> Further Trustees are being sought. The evening will be an opportunity for the community to hear more about the Trust's work.	
14.08	<b>Congratulations</b> – Longstanding Chair of West Barns Community Council, Jimmy Thorburn and his wife Mary, had celebrated their Platinum (70th) Anniversary on December 30 <sup>th</sup> . JB had delivered a card on behalf of DCC.	
15.00	<b>DCC MEETINGS</b>	*
15.01	<b>Business Meeting</b> <b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b> – By Zoom unless Covid Restrictions are lifted	