



## MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021

7 pm by Zoom Conference Call

1.00	<b>SEDERUNT</b> Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell(JB)(Secretary), George Robertson (GR), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Loretta Stewart (LS), Craig Rapson (CR, Herbert Coutts (HC), Gill Wilson (GW), Ben Thomas (BT), Cllr Norman H, Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH, Cllr Paul McLennan (PMc), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Rev Keith Mills (Member of the Public)  <i>In line with Government instructions for the protection of the public from the risk of Covid19 infection, public meetings are prohibited. DCC therefore meeting by video link. Minutes will be made available to the public in the normal way and will be ratified at the first DCC meeting to be held after the lifting of prohibitions.</i>	
1.01	Welcome – PS welcomed all to the meeting.	
1.02	Apologies - None	
1.03	Casual Vacancy JB had published information on social media.	
2.00	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
2.01	Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed at this meeting - None	
3.00	<b>Minutes of Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	
3.01	Amendments and Adoption <b>APPROVED</b> – Proposed GR, Seconded HC	
3.02	DCC Action Review (For Councillor actions, see Councillor Reports) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All DCC action items had been attended to or had been overtaken by events. Nothing outstanding.</li></ul>	
3.03	Matters arising not covered in agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>JB had submitted Ben Thomas’s details to East Lothian Council</li></ul>	
4.00	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
4.01	PC Hutchison was on leave. His Report was circulated on 16/2 for inclusion in the minute. The Report was based on incidents reported between 18th January and 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021. <b>Road Safety</b>	

	<p>A motorist was stopped when seen using a mobile phone. They were found to have no licence or insurance. They were charged with 3 Offences and reported to the Procurator Fiscal, the vehicle was uplifted.</p> <p>A motorist was reported for failing to stop at a red light.</p> <p>2 vehicles were uplifted after being found to have no insurance. Both motorists were charged.</p> <p>1 motorist was charged with dangerous driving.</p> <p>Pop Up Jim had been deployed to 3 sites over the month- at the Newtonlees end of town and 2 locations at Belhaven High Street. Deployment will continue in line with CAPP Priorities.</p> <p><b>Violence and Anti- Social Behaviour</b></p> <p>ASB calls to Lochend Woods and Ashfield Park had been low. 1 incident of assault (no injury) involving youths had been recorded at Ashfield Park. 2 youths had been reported. Patrols of the area continue as per CAPP Priority.</p> <p>1 male had been charged with vandalising a police vehicle by smashing its window outside the Police Station.</p> <p>1 male had been charged with behaving in a threatening manner, and possession of a knife following a disturbance.</p> <p>1 male had been arrested, charged with behaving in a threatening manner, possession of an offensive weapon and road traffic offences.</p> <p>Officers had been made aware of use of an off-road motorcycle at JMCP/Belhaven Bay. Officers were patrolling the area and information had been circulated on social media.</p> <p>Local Community Officers had been conducting foot patrols of areas known to be affected by anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><b>Serious and Organised Crime</b></p> <p>One drug possession crime had been recorded.</p> <p><b>Theft</b></p> <p>A motorcycle had been stolen from Castle Street. Investigations continue.</p> <p><b>Other matters</b></p> <p>Constable Hutchison had been joined by Constable Bamford.</p> <p>.</p>	
4.02	<p><u>DCC Liaison with Police</u></p> <p>A CAPP Meeting had been held on 19<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b>Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Social behaviour and drug misuse in Fall Avenue, Yosemite Park and surrounding streets</li> <li>• Anti-social behaviour and alcohol misuse in Lochend Woods and areas covered by the PSP.</li> <li>• Enforcement of and Education about the 20-mph speed limit in towns and villages within the Ward</li> </ul> <p><b>Date of Next CAPP 7 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b></p>	
<b>5.00</b>	<b>ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
5.01	<p><u>Norman Hampshire</u></p> <p><i>ELC Budget.</i> The process is continuing. ELC had hoped to get 4% from Scottish Government in Rate Support Grant but the offer was only 0.7%. Holyrood will agree its budget in March. It was hoped there may be some uplift. NH noted that it was hoped that ELC Administration could balance its budget without significant cuts to services.</p> <p><i>Covid Vaccination Programme.</i> Ongoing. Venues had been opened at QMU and Haddington Community hospital. ELC had offered other venues to be closer to people but NHS Lothian, who are arranging the programme, had not agreed to them.</p>	

	<p><i>Climate Change/Weather events.</i> The area had seen various weather events including heavy rain, storms and gales. The heavy snow had put a strain on gritting teams. Priority had had to be given to keeping routes open. This had been a challenge in some of the rural areas which had seen drifting. NH noted that it was understood that people may feel frustrated by the response in some residential areas. JB noted the concerns of some people on the new housing estates where roads were not adopted, and developers were not dealing with the snow and ice. There had also been complaints about the availability of grit bins in some places. NH said it was hoped that milder weather would clear the snow. HC and others noted thanks to the gritting teams for their hard work.</p> <p>Flooding had also been an issue. Snow melt and rain had seen run off from fields. There had been an impact on roads and some residential areas. There had been damage to roads. Consideration would need to be given to improvements to infrastructure to offset continuing problems. Consideration will need to be given to increase the capacity of drainage systems. Joined up thinking will be required between partner agencies to tackle the issues.</p>	
5.02	<p><u>Sue Kempson</u>  <i>Access Forum.</i> SK advised that she had attended a recent meeting. Proposals are being considered for improved cycle/pedestrian links around Skateraw and the Cement Works. Nick Morgan and others are involved in discussion with Tarmac. JB noted the meeting with Graham Bride the tarmac Manager in late 2020. SK had advised that Mr Bride had been replaced by a new Manager.</p> <p>PS mentioned the discussions about the paths network to the station. SK said that this had not been mentioned at the meeting.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the need for better linkages in general around the town, particularly from the new estates. PS advised that NH had agreed to bring information on this to a future meeting ( See 10.03)</p>	
5.03	<p><u>Paul McLennan-</u>  <i>Eweford Farm (Core Path 51).</i> This is still locked off. ELC Access Officer Nick Morgan is in negotiation with the landowner.</p> <p><i>Spott Road Bridge Pigeons.</i> Had been attended to. PMc noted that concerns about the proposed bird cull had provoked many e mails. Alternative arrangements had been made. JB noted that pigeons were still an issue at Garden Close where flats are in ELC ownership. PMc agreed to follow this up with ELC.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Hospital.</i> PMc noted the continued delays in reprovisioning. A promised Needs Based Analysis had not been forthcoming from ELHSCP. He queried if DCC might put pressure on ELHSCP/IJB. PS noted that JB/GW were already involved in seeking progress and that their role should continue to be the main thrust of DCC involvement in the need to progress.</p> <p><i>Station Car park Extension –</i> Scottish Water need to do a study of drainage issues at the site.</p> <p><i>Starbucks Application –</i> DTA have concerns as to how it may impact on the economic health of the High Street. There is a need to consider how the High Street Traders may respond to out of town competition.</p> <p><i>Drainage-</i> There had been many issues in the heavy rain of flooding related to incomplete drainage systems on new estates. PMc had had discussions with Transportation and Planning about the various problems. These will need to be addressed with the developers of the various housing sites.</p>	PMc
5.04	<p><u>Questions to Councillors</u>  <i>20mph –</i> GA queried what was happening with the 20 mph. Some parts of arterial routes e.g., Belhaven had been due to revert to 30 mph following the consultation. A Schedule of streets had been drawn up for inclusion in the TRO. NH and PS noted that the TRO had run out of time for signing off. Consultation would need to be</p>	

	held again. There were delays due to Covid. NH did note that traffic calming was to be installed on Brodie Road close to the new Persimmon Development.	
<b>6.00</b>	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>	
6.01	<p>JB had circulated 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> – some jetpatching done. Wet and snowy weather has brought the patches out again. Public complaints continue. The road saw heavier use during the Spott Road Bridge closure.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs in Boroughdales, Summerfield Road, Shore Road, Pine Street</i> and elsewhere have subsided and are prone to flooding. Works still to be programmed by ELC. Further issues at Summerfield Road were reported in January 2021. The blocked drain had been cleared but the flood had left a deep pothole near the dropped kerb. JB had asked Spaces for People if work near Belhaven Church, which will include new piping to the drain, would include fixing the dropped kerb but had had no reply.</p> <p><i>Uneven pavement in Westgate</i> – still to be programmed by ELC.</p> <p><i>Uneven and steep slopes to Crossings in West Port and High Street.</i> ELC are to still to programme works.</p> <p><i>Road condition issues at Yosemite Park.</i> Lots of potholes, dangerous tree grates in the pavements and other issues. Many complaints from residents. The roads and pavements as far as Alexander Gardens are the responsibility of Persimmon. The roads in the area are not adopted. A timetable is being sought for the areas to be brought up to standard for adoption. ELC Housing Officer will meet with JB when Covid restrictions allow to discuss the issues for ELC tenants.</p> <p><i>Damaged safety railings at Belhaven Road</i> – reported to ELC 4/1. Repaired January 2021.</p> <p><i>Condition of Belhaven Road/Belhaven High Street.</i> Many large deep potholes. Some jetpatching had been done but further holes have appeared.</p> <p><i>Gritting-</i> Many complaints. JB had liaised with amenities to secure attention to areas with numbers of older people e.g. the Tree Scheme.</p> <p><b>Signage</b></p> <p><i>Lack of signage at Alexander Gardens</i> – The signs are on order and will be installed asp. Signs are also on order for Kirkwood Crescent.</p> <p><i>Lack of signage at Robertson/Avant and other new estates.</i> This is causing issues for delivery drivers and emergency vehicles. Provision is the responsibility of developers. Planning Enforcement involved.</p> <p><i>Speed reactive Sign at James Kirk Way</i> – Keith Scott at ELC is arranging a new position.</p> <p><i>Damaged sign at Summerfield Road.</i> Temporary repair 6/12 but coming away from the wall again.</p> <p><b>Structures</b></p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons)</i> Still to be repaired and condition continues to deteriorate. ELC asked to chase Four Seasons.</p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House laundry (DCDC)</i> – HC had been working with Kate Darrah of the Ridge on funding application proposals.</p> <p><i>Hospital Road walls.</i> Ownership is divided between Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon. Taylor Wimpey repairs completed. Persimmon still to repair. Planning Enforcement involved.</p> <p><i>Gate post decoration at Winterfield Park.</i> Replacement ball still required.</p> <p><i>Eroded wall at Muirfield Road</i> – Responsibility likely to be Bear. JB had sent information to Tommy Deans at Bear/Transport Scotland.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Hill School wall.</i> The TTRO for the pavement closure has been extended until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The School are waiting on a stonemason to give a quote for the work.</p>	

As soon as the school can instruct work they will. They are aware of the issues created by the pavement closure and apologise for the time the repair is taking. Persimmon estates- Many public concerns including unsafe wall, building debris, badly maintained SUDS pond, unfinished roads and paths. Passed to Persimmon/RLC Planning Enforcement December 2020.

*Damaged gateway to Railway line, Hospital Road.* This was allowing access on to the railway line. Repaired and new steps installed January 2021.

#### **Drainage**

*Drain near 105 Cedar Street* is still causing problems in rain. Temporary repair has eroded causing a trip hazard. Passed back to ELC 1/1/20,4/1/21,5/2/21. They are still to follow up.

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

*Flooding at Alexander Gardens.* The compound will be decommissioned in the Spring when Albany Grange is completed. The area will then be reduced in height and a permanent drainage solution found. The affected area of the path has now been barriered off.

*Eweford Underpass-* Flooding issues continue. Bear/Transport Scotland/ELC aware. Farmer saying he will close the underpass. ELC Access Officer, Nick Morgan and Cllr McLennan involved.

*Brandsmill Underpass.* Major issues – Network Rail, ELC and Bear aware.

*January floods* – Many issues around the town e.g., Home Avenue, Lochend Woods, Belhaven, Robertson/Avant site. JB had responded.

*Flooding near Lethendry, North Road* – Longstanding problems. Reported to ELC/Scottish Water – the drain is insufficient to cope in heavy rain. Water had encroached on to the resident's driveway.

*Missing Toby top at Lamer Street (Cromwell Anchorage)* – Reported to Scottish Water 8/2. Repair delayed by snow.

*Flooding near Pine Street skatepark.* A burst water main had caused widespread flooding of the open space on 10/2. JB had reported to Scottish Water who had attended. JB had advised ELC of the situation as the open space is maintained by ELC Amenities.

#### **Vegetation**

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

*Dead Planting/Landscaping/Playpark in poor condition at Yosemite Park-* Planning Enforcement involved as this is a planning condition. Timescale still needed for satisfactory completion of works.

*Dead planting at Alexander Gardens.* Some tidying has been done. Work will be completed once Albany Grange development is finished.

*Vegetation in rhones at Yosemite Park.* The problem is related to pigeons who are attracted to the solar panels and drop seeds. Measures are needed to tackle the pigeons. ELC Housing Officer and Taylor Wimpey/hart involved. JB to meet with ELC Housing Officer when restrictions allow.

#### **Coastal**

*Wire meshing over the stone banking at Bridge to Nowhere* is breaking up and becoming dangerous. Quote for steps and repairs was being arranged by Cllr Hampshire. In the meantime, Tara Sykes cuts back metal strips when she can. Damaged electrical box near Whitesands toilets. Still to be repaired. Seems to be safe but not a priority repair during Covid.

*Coastal Trail* – Various repairs needed, and a handrail required on a steep stepway near the townward arch. Tara Sykes and Neil Clark aware of the issues.

*Statue at Seafield Pond-* hard to see for vegetation. Neil Clarke will arrange to cut the vegetation back.

**Lighting**

*Lighting within the Pool area.* Enjoy Leisure/ELC staff had agreed that additional lighting levels would be beneficial around the deep end of the pool and additional fittings had been ordered. Specifically, designed fittings to operate within a pool environment have slow delivery times (even outwith the Pandemic and they will be installed as soon as they are received from the manufacturer.

*Heritage Lamp at High Street (Abbeylands)* Still to be repaired. Glen Kane aware.

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

Services

**Transport****Buses**

*Damaged bus stops* – Perspex is still to be repaired by ELC at the Duke Street bus stop. Other stops like Graham Place and Queens Road also need repair.

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

A new contract for bus stops is being tendered but will be unlikely to be in place until the new financial year.

**Trains** – both Scotrail and LNER have reduced services.

**Post Box** – still required at Comrie Avenue. Being chased with Royal Mail

**Litter**

DAL remains active. Considerable litter and waste is collected by the Team. JB has contacted Romie Blair about new bin sites.

**Other**

*Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line.* Still needed. Many complaints from the public about the condition of the path. Iain Reid involved (See 10.02)

*Cycle routes near Cement works* – In hand. Nick Morgan and Iain Reid involved in conjunction with Tarmac.

*Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane* – Still needed. Cala paid money for this to ELC in 2017.

*Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA.* Still needed. Planning condition for the existing and new Robertson sites. Subject of Planning Enforcement. Negotiations continue between ELC/Robertson and Network Rail. Many public complaints about the muddy state of the route. Some hardcore had been put down in January 21 to alleviate the problem on a temporary basis.

*Routeway from Albany Grange to Hospital Road.* Planning condition. Planning Enforcement involved. Chicane barriers are on order and will be installed as soon as possible.

*Access to Core Path 51.* Still closed off. ELC Officers involved.

*Maharajan Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections.* Ongoing. JB had had further discussion with family members. Author Peter Bance can help with costs. He would also be interested in placing a plaque to Dr Sutherland and Princess Bamba in the Parish Church. Robertson Memorials are closed again due to Covid.

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

*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 (price reduced to £9000) but the playpark auctioning seems to have ceased. Residents have now formed a limited company to take on other land from Greenbelt. JB had attended a meeting on ½. Cllr Hampshire was still to see if the owner of 2 of the playparks would negotiate a transfer. Ownership of the other playparks is still to be pursued by ELC. Taylor Wimpey were to have been contacted by Cllr McLennan as the developer who had set up the original link

	<p>with Greenbelt to see if they could give financial/practical assistance. Further meeting to be arranged.</p> <p><i>Issues at Robertson Site</i> – Issues at the SUDS had continued. Further soil from the SUDS had been dumped on the road to the Steading by the developer in January. Issues had arisen about the proximity of a footpath at the properties at the Farmhouse and Steading. Planning Enforcement had responded on 8/12. They will monitor.</p> <p>Gladman had been seen surveying fields near the new Robertson site. Residents had expressed concern. The area is not in the 2018 LDP.</p> <p>Planning permission was granted for a temporary (3 years) access on land at Newtonlees in January 2021. Neighbours had been concerned that there had been no neighbour notification (no neighbour nearby) and that they had not seen the advert in the local press on December 19<sup>th</sup>. ELC had advised that the decision to grant permission stands as no objections were received in time.</p> <p>JB continues to support Newtonlees residents.</p> <p><i>Pigeons at Spott Road Bridge (Network Rail)</i>. Work was due to be carried out 11-15/2 with closure of the road and pavement to vehicles and pedestrians. Members of the public had raised concerns about the bird cull and netting plans once the information had appeared in the press. Thus, arrangements had been amended.</p> <p><i>Pigeons at Garden Close – action still required</i>. Nearby flats are ELC properties.</p> <p><i>Built Environment at Writers Court</i> – JB will meet with ELC Housing Officer when conditions allow.</p> <p><i>Built environment at Yosemite Park</i>. JB will meet with ELC Housing Officer when Covid restrictions allow.</p> <p><i>Idling Taxi issues at High Street/Station</i>. Vehicle Emissions Officer, Tom Burr, had made contact with local Taxi firms but issues continue. There are some drivers who repeatedly ignore the signs to switch off. Tom Burr is aware of their details.</p> <p><i>Upgrade of Skatepark at Pine Street</i>. JB is trying to contact the group who are involved with this project.</p> <p><i>Red Van at Belhaven Road</i>. This vehicle had been causing a hazard for many months and had been damaged. Police had thought it had a local owner. However, following no response to a notice on the vehicle it had been impounded by Environmental Health on 15/2. JB had been in contact with Police and ELC.</p>															
7.00	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b> – Circulated by e mail															
7.01	<p><u>DCC Finance Report</u> Circulated by AS by email AS noted that</p> <p>A payment to Viridor Credits made in support of the West Barns Village Hall improvements project had been received and the project was underway. VAT monies reclaimed had been transferred out of the General Account into the Christmas Lights Account where they related to Christmas Lights activities.</p> <p>The Restricted Funds held within the General Account were, at the end of January 2020.</p> <table data-bbox="316 1709 986 1917"> <tr> <td>Community Windpower Fund</td> <td>£37994</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Covid Fund</td> <td>£11099</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access For All Fund</td> <td>£ 759</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities Fund</td> <td>£ 7098</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Fund</td> <td>£ 361</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b></td> <td><b>£57311</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Account were at the month end</p> <table data-bbox="316 2029 837 2060"> <tr> <td>Balance in the General fund</td> <td>£850</td> </tr> </table>	Community Windpower Fund	£37994	Covid Fund	£11099	Access For All Fund	£ 759	Local Priorities Fund	£ 7098	War Memorial Fund	£ 361	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>£57311</b>	Balance in the General fund	£850	
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7.02	<u>Local Priorities Fund</u> No requests for funding	
7.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund –</u> <b>Launch</b> – The East Lothian Courier had published information on January 28<sup>th</sup>. This has been linked to information on the website and social media. <b>The First Meeting of the Panel</b> had been held on 21<sup>st</sup> January. AS, PS, GR, JB, GA, BT, CR and GW had attended. AS had circulated notes.</p> <p><b>Protocol</b> It was agreed that papers would be issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month prior to a panel meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Applicants would be given opportunity to present their case. No more than 4 cases would be presented in person to each meeting. Presentations would be restricted to 15 minutes. There would be no rapid offline responses to grant requests. It was agreed that consideration should be given to precedents that maybe set, particularly if equivalent applications from other members of the community requesting the same thing were likely to be unaffordable.</p> <p><b>Programme</b> PS had circulated a list of bodies that may request support. DCC members should consider additions to the list. Consideration might then be given regarding the potential timing of financial support for some of the bodies which would give a sense of perspective when making awards in response to applications.</p> <p><b>Requests</b> <i>Junior Hockey Goals.</i> There was a long discussion. A partial award of the sum requested was granted. A letter was to be sent by AS to the Chair of DCDC to indicate that the award should not be a precedent to fund capital funding at Hallhill. Assets at Hallhill should primarily be the responsibility of DCDC. GW as a Trustee of DCDC agreed to discuss the ongoing costs of Hallhill Centre with fellow DCDC Trustees. <i>Corn Exchange.</i> GA noted the remaining work required. A grant of £3125 was agreed. <i>Winter Lights.</i> There was discussion about the expansion of the popular winter display. A grant of £3100 was agreed. <b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 7pm on 18<sup>th</sup> March. February meeting cancelled as no applications to consider.</p> <p>It was agreed that all DCC members should continue to promote the Fund.</p> <p><b>VISION DOCUMENT</b> – PS had circulated a draft for comments. No changes had been requested. The document would now be publicised in the community and shared with ELC members, MP, MSP etc.</p>	
<b>8.00</b>	<b>SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
8.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Decorations (GA)</u> High Winds and snow had brought down a section of the Winter Lights Canopy in the High Street on 21<sup>st</sup> January. The Team had responded quickly to remove the lights from the road. The damage will be assessed. <u>Corn Exchange</u> improvements had continued. Many thanks to the team. <u>The Bank Balance</u> at the month end stood at £13,090.35. A grant of £3100 had been received for new winter lights.</p>	



	A grant of £3125 was received to enable works on the Corn Exchange to be completed.	
8.02	<p><u>Civic Week (GR)</u> The committee had opened discussions about how Civic Week might take place this year. <u>The Bank Balance</u> at the month end was £58,161.22.</p>	
9.00	<b>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</b>	
9.01	<p><b><u>Community Resilience (GR)</u></b> <u>Local Resilience Plan</u> – Sandy Baptie had made comments on the plan submitted by GR. who had amended it. It had now been signed off by Sandy on behalf of ELC. ...and still leaves the community with serious insurance issues. <u>Flooding</u>- There had been a number of issues around the area. JB had linked with Sandy Baptie/ELC/Network Rail/Bear and others. JB had visited householders in Belhaven and Back Road re issues. PS had also responded to issues at Brandsmill where pedestrians seemed to have been encroaching on the railway line. On 11/2 there had been major flooding related to a burst water main near the Pine Street Playpark which JB had referred to Scottish Water. There had also been flooding on the line near West Barns which JB had reported. <u>Snow</u>- Sandy Baptie had contacted SPOCS and Deputies regarding response to those needing assistance in the snowy conditions. <u>Local Covid Volunteers</u> GR and JB were co-ordinating a smaller scale local response. Some requests for help had been responded to. VCEL had set up a Community Task Force. Some local volunteers had expressed interest. VCEL had been processing applications which involved telephone interviews, taking up of references, induction, training and other processes. Some volunteers had found the process lengthy (more than 7 weeks) and frustrating. Some had dropped out. Issues had been fed back to VCEL, Gordon Horsburgh and Helen Harper. The East Lothian wide launch of VCEL Volunteer Task Force had been on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Referrals via ELC Call Centre to VCEL were due to start on 22/2. PMc asked if GR, JB and PS wished him to arrange a meeting with Maureen Allan of VCEL. However, it was felt that matters were already in hand. <u>Computers</u> – There had been a good response to the appeal. Since the original lock down over 100 devices had been donated. GR said that a number of devices had been delivered to the school Hub on 15/2 but there was still a backlog of need. Further donations would be welcome. AS thanked GR for his hard work on this project which was echoed by other members. <u>Covid 19 Fund (PS)</u> Unused monies had been returned. Richard Taylor (Christian Youth Worker) had sent a report on the Christmas Holiday Club which had had support from the Covid monies. <u>Dunbar High Street and Friends</u> CR and JB continued to share information to the Facebook page and group. <u>Business/High Street</u> Lock Down had continued which was of concern to many local businesses. JB had attended a DTA Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> (See Meetings Attended). <u>SOLE</u> JB had circulated updated information on the launch of the Scheme. <u>Spaces for People</u></p>	

	<p>Morag Haddow had advised that the funding request to SUSTRANs included costs of removing temporary measures. She had noted that there would be consultation with the public as to whether or not temporary measure should be retained. JB had been copied in to correspondence between Belhaven Church and Morag Haddow regarding proposals near the Church in Belhaven Road. This included work at nearby drains. JB had followed up as the drains and nearby dropped kerb are a repeated issue.</p> <p><u>NatureScot- Better Places Green Recovery Fund.</u> Osbert Lancaster of Sustaining Dunbar had submitted successful application which had been supported by a number of local organisations including DCC. JB had circulated information on the submitted application. Philip Immirzi had been selected from a number of applicants to do an initial scoping study of the natural areas which may face pressure from increased visitor numbers during and post Covid.</p>	
<b>10.00</b>	<b>AREA PARTNERSHIP</b> (George Robertson, Chairman)	
10.01	<p><b>Business Meeting- 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> – GR, PS, JB, SB and GW had attended. There had been an update on the <i>Local Good Food Alliance</i> (LGFA) by JB on behalf of Ola Wojtkiewicz. An update had been given on the work of <i>Active Schools</i>. JB and GW had given an update on the work of the <i>Health and Wellbeing Group</i>. There had been a presentation from Susan Forgan regarding an application for <i>Mental Health Peer Support/Buddying</i>. Although the project was centred on Haddington East TRA work had begun in Dunbar pre Covid in conjunction with The Ridge. JB had agreed to link the group to Sustaining Dunbar LGFA and the DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group. Voting on the request was to take place by e mail after the meeting. Terry Prior had noted <i>Anti-Social Behaviour</i> issues in the area. Kate Darrah had given thanks for the support for the <i>Christmas Lunch</i> initiative which had been well received. There was discussion about <i>Covid immunisation</i> arrangements. JB had agreed to get more information and circulate it. Mention was made by Kate Darrah of the application for <i>Starbucks signage</i> at the Spott Road Industrial site.</p>	
10.02	Roads Budget- A number of suggestions had been rolled over to the next financial year. GR agreed to check if there would be additional funding to that already committed and rolled over.	
10.03	Amenities Budget. There was discussion as to what may be available in terms of men and machines. Kate Darrah had noted ongoing needs for hanging basket support.	
10.04	Date of Next Business Meeting – March 8th	
<b>11.00</b>	<b>COMMUNITY LINKS</b>	
11.01	<p><u>Health and Social Care Provision</u> <b>Health and Well Being Sub Group</b>- Meeting on 8/2 Full minutes had been circulated. <b>Main Points</b> <i>Belhaven Hospital</i> – Further discussion. JB to write again to Alison MacDonald for a clearer idea of the process. Also, to write to the Health Secretary re issues. <i>SAOL Provision</i> – Further discussion. JB to request a clearer view of the developer masterplan. Also, the views of ELC planners on the proposals.</p>	

*Mental Health Services* – Susan Forgie had given information on the Peer Support Project run in Dunbar by Haddington East TRA.

*Covid Immunization* – Update. Discussion about people being sent appointments at Edinburgh Conference Centre. It seems Haddington Community Hospital is only for those with other health needs. Most people will be asked to go to Edinburgh.

*Independent Review of Adult Social Care*. Initial discussion. To be discussed more fully at next meeting

*VCEL Volunteer Taskforce* – update

*GP Attached Link Workers* – Currently undergoing induction. Will be invited to next meeting.

*Date of Next Meeting* – 2 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Re-provisioning of Belhaven Hospital** – JB had circulated a response from Alison MacDonald to a request for an update.

**DunBear Park Care Provision** – JB had circulated further information on SAOL Communities.

**Dunbar Day Centre** –

*Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January* – GW and SB had attended.

The building remains closed. Staff continue to support service users at home either by home visits (to the most needy) or by telephone.

Sadly, a number of service users had moved to long term care.

The pressure on carers during the pandemic was recognised.

Covid Funding secured by Sustaining Dunbar had been used to obtain IT equipment.

Current arrangements for funding by ELC are due to end on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Funding beyond that is still to be clarified. ELC had indicated that the work of Day Centres was valued and that it was expected that funding would continue. GW and some other Committee members were to attend a meeting with ELC Officers, Christine Johnstone and Jenny Coffield on 26<sup>th</sup> January. GW was also to attend an Association Meeting with Cllr Fiona O'Donnell on 4<sup>th</sup> February. (cancelled on 2<sup>nd</sup> February)

Date of Next Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This had been cancelled.

*Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January* – GW had attended. There had been commendation by the ELC officers for the work of the Day Centre staff in continuing to support service users during the Pandemic and for the adaptations to working practice. ELC Officers were to draw up a proposal for the IJB Commissioning Board for ongoing funding for day centres across East Lothian. It was suggested that the current funding agreement (which had been set for 3 years) should be extended for a 4<sup>th</sup> year.

GW advised DCC members that the meeting for 22<sup>nd</sup> February had been cancelled. Discussions are still ongoing with the IJB about future Day Centre Funding and a proposal will go the February IJB Meeting Therefore, the local meeting will be arranged for after the IJB meeting. GW noted that there were concerns by the East Lothian Association of Day Centres about the funding not seeing an uplift as it would not be possible for Centres to increase staff pay and other increased costs like rent and heating would mean Centres running at a loss.

**Celebrating Communities Conversations -28<sup>th</sup> January**. JB and GW had attended. There had been further discussions.

*Main areas*

Collaboration Through music initiatives

Opportunities for exercise – physical and virtual

Overcoming digital exclusion

*Next meeting*- 10.30 on 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Celebrating Communities 11<sup>th</sup> February** – JB and GW had attended. There had been further discussions.

	<p><i>Activities</i> – There was consideration of activities that had been held in libraries, community centres and other venues. Wilma from the Library Service had said that they would like to do more when circumstances allow e.g. opportunities for people with dementia and their carers to meet and chat together. Note was made of the Dementia Care Support Network in Dunbar, the intergenerational work at DGS, the Sing Along Group at the Bleachingfield Centre etc. It was also considered as to how information could be shared Online but also in hard copy e.g. on town and shop noticeboards. There was discussion about people who may be isolated, including those living in sheltered housing where communal lounges have been closed due to Covid and thus it had not been possible for onsite entertainment. Difficulties were mentioned about accessing those units where managers were not always on site.</p> <p><i>Walking Activities.</i> There was discussion about work in North Berwick to develop information on paths for walking. JB had noted the work of Buddy groups to walk out with people. Also, the discussions by Sustaining Dunbar to consider ways to improve mental and physical wellbeing through links to natural spaces.</p> <p><i>Future Discussions</i> – It was agreed that the timings of the meetings might be varied to enable people to attend who could not make Thursday mornings. It was thought that some discussions could be themed e.g. about music activities. It was also agreed to have a specific conversation for people who had expressed an interest in Dunbar and East Linton ward. Maya who has been funded to work with Sue Northrop at DFEL agreed to follow this up.</p> <p><b>Scottish Government Independent Review of Adult Care Services</b> – JB had circulated information. GW and JB noted concerns about the proposals e.g. increased centralisation of services. The Health and Wellbeing Group will have further discussions.</p> <p><b>Vaccination Programme-</b> There had been local concern that appointments were being given in Edinburgh. JB had followed up. Further appointments had been opened up at Haddington Community Hospital.</p>	
11.02	<p><u>DSHNG - Dunbar East Beach</u> – PS had circulated an update on progress. Sand continued to return to the beach. Remedial works to Lamer St were scheduled. The street surface is in poor condition after use by heavy vehicles during the work. Kelp maintenance remained an issue.</p>	
11.03	<p><u>A1 Safety (JB)</u> <i>Flooding</i> – A number of areas eg Eweford and Brandsmill underpasses affected. ELC Transportation and Bear aware. <i>Spott Village Association Safe Routes to Dunbar Project</i> -The consultants had produced a report. This was available on the Project’s website and social media.</p>	
10.03	<p><b>Station/Network Rail</b> <b>Station Car Park</b> – Plans still required. <b>Access to Southern Platform.</b> JB had circulated planning proposals for a pedestrian/cycle route to the south side of the station (See Planning). CR had noted the concerns of Retreat Crescent residents who wished monitoring of parking provision etc. <u>A Meeting had been held on 11<sup>th</sup> February.</u> PS, CR and JB had met with Cllr Hampshire and Iain Reid the ELC Sustainable transport/Cycling Officer. Dunbar station Southern platform – New planning proposals had been needed following the concerns of local residents. There was discussion about aspects of the new proposals. <b>.Access point to the Southern platform-</b> Iain Reid outlined the proposals for a new access point and works. These had been discussed with the owner of Ashfield</p>	

Gardens whose access would be affected by the changes. These were felt to be appropriate by those present.

*Cycle parking provision* – This would be provided at the southern platform. There was space to do this within the curtilage of the Network Rail property rather than outside the station boundary which had been a concern to local residents. The area could be lit and would have CCTV. PS suggested that all cycle racks should be at the southern side although JB felt that some would still be required by those coming by bike from the northern side of town. There would be ways for those coming from the north to go through the underpass to access the cycle racks.

It was felt that cycling/walking to the station and the new southern access should be promoted. There was discussion about signage (even if temporary) and a leaflet drop. PS suggested consideration of a refreshment facility near the southern entrance.

*Ticket machines*- Ticketing facilities would be available on the new platform.

*Parking* – This could be at Hallhill Centre. Consideration should be given to safety at busy times, especially at school times. A barrier system might be considered to prevent people from trying to access the route to the school.

There was also discussion about parking on residential streets around the southern access to the station. This was a concern of local residents in Retreat Crescent, Salisbury Walk etc. It was noted that some places like Berwick and Musselburgh had permit systems in place. Cllr Hampshire had said that rather than have permits in place it would be possible to have a condition in any planning consent that should parking become an issue on residential streets that controls could be introduced e.g. ticketing of cars parked throughout the day not belonging to residents. The situation could be monitored once the southern access was open.

**Paths Network**

*Paths adjacent to southern access* – Iain Reid had produced diagrams of a path across Ashfield park to the new access. There was discussion as to how this might be altered to allow for desire lines across the open space. Without such provision there could be a risk of muddy tracks across the green space. It was felt better to have such routes in place from the beginning rather than making changes later. Iain Reid agreed to look at this further.

**Wider Paths Network**- JB noted the wider issues regarding pedestrian and cycle access from the new estates. Some were the subject of regular public complaints due to their condition. A particular path issue was that from Kellie Road past Lochend Cottage. Iain Reid noted the discussions with a landowner who owned part of the path and did not wish it to be improved. He was to have further discussions with them. ELC wish to improve and light the part of the path that they do own and would intend to put down some hardcore on the part they do not own to try and mitigate against the mud. There would be complications of changing the route in this area- people want the shortest route, there are ownership issues regarding other land round about and implications for tree health if some were removed to facilitate the installation of a new route.

It was noted that as housing had been developed in a piecemeal way there were implications for the connectivity of routes between them and in to the town centre. JB noted that part of the Spott to Dunbar route project had looked at the issues of connectivity in the area. Cllr Hampshire agreed to gather information on routeways around the south of Dunbar and bring it to a future meeting of DCC.

**Future Liaison with DCC** – CR will have the lead in future discussions. He will continue to link to nearby residents. PS and JB will link in to ongoing discussions as appropriate.

Following the meeting CR had had further contact from local residents who remain concerned about the potential for parking by station users. NH said that this could be a planning condition and could be monitored.

10.04	<p><b><u>Belhaven Bay – Access for ALL (PS)</u></b>  PS had now met with Norman Hampshire, Dave Northcott and Neil Clark. ELC are to consider the scope of work that they are able to undertake before finalising roles. An update meeting would be held in w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.</p>	
11.00	<b>PLANNING AND LICENSING</b>	
<b>11.01</b>	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u></p> <p><b>1)Former Coastguard Site – 20/01271/P</b> – JB and PS had submitted information on DCC, DSHNG and other responses to NH. Planning consent granted to an earlier proposal despite local resident concerns re road safety.</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.</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 were 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 still to be submitted. The Liaison meeting on 27/1 had been advised that proposals were being reconsidered.</li> <li>11 <b>20.00939/P- Proposals for 27 flats at 9 Bayswell Road.</b> JB had circulated information. DCC Views had been submitted.</li> </ol>	

	<p>12 <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>13 <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. To be determined.</p> <p>14 <b>20/01313/ADV. Advertising Consent to market DunBear Park for retail, leisure, office, industrial premises.</b> This had been approved on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The application had replaced 20/01026/ADV. The signage had been moved nearer to the Bear and away from Spott Road Roundabout – which had been a request in JB's submission regarding the original application.</p> <p>15 <b>20/01271/P – Alterations to Coastguard Station for Holiday property.</b> 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>16 <b>20/01413/P – Alteration and Conversion of Old Assembly Rooms</b> to Form 4 flats. JB had circulated information and submitted DCC views to ELC. To be determined.</p> <p>17 <b>20/01442/ADV – Signage for Drive Thru Starbucks near Spott Road Roundabout.</b> JB had circulated information. DCC views had been submitted to ELC.</p> <p>18 <b>21/00033/PCC – Application for Ashfield Cycleway to Station.</b> JB had circulated information for comment. JB had submitted DCC views to ELC.</p> <p>19 <b>20/013337/P – Change of use of grass area to form a temporary vehicle access for up to 3 years on land at Newtonlees farm.</b> This application for construction traffic access had been validated and processed over the Festive period with approval on January 19<sup>th</sup>. There had been a press advert on December 19<sup>th</sup> but nearby residents had not been informed. They had heard via JB. They had a number of concerns about the impact of the proposals. JB had requested more information from Planners to share with residents who wished a meeting to discuss their concerns. However, Daryth Irving advised that the application had been approved as there had been no objections. Although neighbours had not been informed due to the distance rule the application had been legally advertised in the local paper. JB had fed this back to residents.</p>	
12.00	<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>	
12.01	<p><b><u>What If Meeting for Creatives -January 20<sup>th</sup></u></b> – JB had attended There had been further discussion about local initiatives. There was still much interest in the need for a local venue for creative and performing arts. A local resident, Lyn Simpson, was keen to pull together people interested in considering such a project. A further meeting will be arranged.</p> <p><b><u>Shore Road/John Muir Country Park Concerns – January 25<sup>th</sup></u></b> – JB had attended this meeting convened by Cllr McLennan. Also present were Tara Sykes &amp; Jenny Hargreaves from Landscape and Countryside and Grant Talac from Roads. There was discussion about the potential increase in visitors. Particularly if Covid continued to limit travel further afield. Landscape and Countryside are planning a public information campaign to alert people to guidance on safe use of the coast and the countryside e.g. on wild camping. By Laws were being reviewed and there would be public consultation e.g. on overnight parking. Improved access to the entrance of Shore Road car park was being considered. There was discussion about possible problem parking e.g. if car parks are full. Grant noted that further seasonal parking attendants were to be employed. Their hours</p>	

would include a twilight shift. If there were parking problems TTROs could be considered. JB note the continued problems at Sea Road in West Barns where a TRO agreed in February 2020 was still to be processed. Grant advised that the Officers had been busy with Covid. However, a new member of staff had been tasked with dealing with the backlog of TROs.

There was discussion about a Water Safety Policy for Belhaven Bay. 4/32 Scottish Local Authorities already have such plans. A Belhaven Safety Group had been set up with stakeholders including RNLI and had had an initial meeting. There will be a further meeting in February. JB had noted the importance of clear public information on the tides and risk of being cut off at the Bridge to Nowhere as people continue to find themselves stranded.

A further meeting will be arranged.

**Viridor Liaison Meeting – January 27<sup>th</sup>** JB had attended. Minutes will be circulated when available.

*Landfill-* Tonnage had reduced. As yet no areas were ready for capping. The Raptors had had to be caged due to Avian flu.

*ERF-* Input had been steady. The orange bag NHS waste was now going to a new plant at Wrexham. A contract was in place to dispose of Covid Test/vaccination waste. This was still to begin.

The main contracts continue to be from the Clyde Valley and South Lanarkshire.

*SEPA-* There had been no complaints. It was noted that SEPA had been affected by a major Cyber-attack. The only contact with SEPA was currently by telephone.

Viridor continue to submit data.

*Community Activity-* There had been ongoing work with schools. This had moved to digital and was being progressed.

There was to be further discussion of Apprentice opportunities.

Support of The Wave Project would continue.

*Plastics Recycling Plant Proposals* – It was noted that these were under review

*Cycling Safety-* There had been issues of people cycling onto the site. This was related to signage for the National Cycleway which should take people towards Tarmac. A Direction sign is very small and on the signpost for the landfill. The only people who should be cycling on the cycle path to the Viridor site are Viridor employees. JB had published information sent to her by Sue Anderson at Viridor. Sue was to meet with Iain Reid of ELC and Tarmac about safer signage.

Next Meeting 11.30 on May 26<sup>th</sup>

**DTA Meeting with Cllr McLennan – January 27<sup>th</sup>** JB had attended.

*Starbucks Application.* This had been the main area of discussion. It was noted that although the current application was for signage a further application was to be submitted for a sit in café area. Members had concerns both regarding impact on the town centre but also on current providers close to the proposed site. There was discussion about the potential impact on roads infrastructure and concerns about ongoing litter issues from developments.

It was felt further information was needed on the wider plans for the site.

It was noted that there had been talk of an eco park. It was uncertain as to how Starbucks fitted into such an aspiration.

It was agreed that further information was needed with a suggestion that there should be dialogue with Ken Ross on behalf of the landowner.

*Grants* – There was discussion about grants for those affected by Covid

*Torness Outage* – Some workmen were on site.

*SOLE-* It was noted that this initiative was being progressed, but it was not active at present as many local businesses were closed to the public

**Planning Democracy Seminar – January 28<sup>th</sup>** JB had attended.

This Seminar had focussed on the National Framework 4 for Scottish planning.

There had been over 100 participants from across Scotland with many from Community Councils.



	<p>JB had circulated materials from the event. A national position paper had been produced which was available for comment. It had been drawn up following a call for ideas by the Scottish Government in 2020. Those present thought it had some positives but generally the information contained was rather a soup that was difficult to engage with. Comments on the position paper needed to be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> February. JB had taken part in a breakout group on Better Green Places. There had been a discussion about damage to greenbelt areas, loss of habitats and the problems of the Appeal process, particularly the lack of 3<sup>rd</sup> party right of appeal regarding development of environmentally sensitive areas. There had been discussion about the need for developments to have a commitment to infrastructure first rather than building first and thinking about infrastructure afterwards. Issues included social infrastructure as well as roads, transport, health, education etc.</p>	
<b>13.00</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
13.01	<p><b>Sandy Baptie, ELC</b> -Weather Updates <b>Morag Haddow, ELC</b>- Update on Spaces for People <b>Various</b>- Laptop offers <b>Local People Leading</b> – Newsletters <b>James Willdgoose, Belhaven Kirk Session</b>- Spaces for People proposals near Belhaven Church JB had responded. <b>Various- Gritting Issues</b> – PS and JB had responded. <b>ELC Corporate Address Gazateer (CAG)</b>- Requesting suggestions for 3 new roads at the forthcoming Robertson site at Newtonlees. <b>Via Facebook- Paul Stewart</b> – Potholes in Edinburgh Road – JB had responded. <b>Various</b> – Concerns about Newtonlees issues <b>Various</b> – Proposals for Street names at new Robertson site <b>Via Facebook – Sarah McEwan</b>- Seeking advice on applying for a grit bin. JB had responded. <b>Kate Darrah</b>- Update on The Ridge projects <b>Richard Taylor</b> – Report on the Christian Youth Project Christmas Holiday Club (supported by DCC Covid Fund) <b>Sharon Saunders ELC</b>, Information on VCEL supported meeting for SPOCs and CC Chairs on 16<sup>th</sup> February. <b>Transport Scotland – SE Network</b>- Information on Road closures for A1 resurfacing <b>Mr Daeschler</b> – Asking if December Minutes had been published. PS and JB had advised that the December meeting had not been an informal meeting. Other minutes on DCC website with a link from the Facebook Page. <b>Via Facebook</b> -Justin Pearce- Dunbar Rugby Club – Seeking information on the Community Benefit Fund. JB had responded. <b>Brake</b>- Newsletter <b>Planning Democracy</b> – Information from the Seminar on January 28<sup>th</sup> <b>Susan Forgie</b> – Haddington East TRA –(Peer Support Scheme) – Interested in joining DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group. JB had responded. <b>Ola W</b> – Minutes of West Barns Village Hall AGM <b>Via Facebook- Romie Blair</b> – Litter issues in Hospital Road. JB had responded. <b>Alex Orr</b> – Further information on SAOL Communities <b>Emma Torry and Others</b> -Duleep Singh connections. JB had responded. <b>Mr Lydon</b>- Concerns about flooding at Broxburn leading to people accessing railway line. PS had responded. Network Rail, ELC, Police aware. <b>Hallhill TRA</b> – Newsletter and Invitation to AGM on March 1<sup>st</sup> <b>Sandy Baptie</b> – ELTRP Newsletter <b>Via Facebook- Diane Kerr</b>- Concerns about anti vax leaflets being delivered in Dunbar. JB had responded and passed to ELC/ELHSCP. <b>Via Facebook- Various</b> – flooding issues. JB had responded.</p>	

	<p><b>Via Facebook – Various</b> – Covid Immunisation programme Issues. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Various</b> -Gritting Issues on unadopted estates – JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Group</b> – Consultation</p> <p><b>VCEL-</b> Survey of Performance of VCEL as the East Lothian 3<sup>rd</sup> party Interface</p> <p><b>Alex Orr</b> – Update on DunBear Park</p> <p><b>Via Facebook – Glynda Jones-</b> Availability of Affordable housing – JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook</b> – Various – Flooding near Skatepark. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Planning Democracy</b> – Planning Democracy response to National Planning Framework 4</p>	
<b>14.00</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
14.01	<b>DCC Vacancy</b> - had been advertised. There had been no response JB agreed to advertise again.	JB
14.02	<b>Robertson Development Street Names</b> – A request for ideas had been published on social media. Suggestions had been collated and circulated by JB. Following responses from DCC members and from DDHS, a list of options had been forwarded to ELC by JB	
14.03	<b>War Memorial.</b> The names of brothers Richard Donaldson Welsh and William Scott Welsh are still to be added. Robertson Memorials have had a backlog of work and are closed due to Covid. HC confirmed that arrangements to replace the chains were ongoing. AS confirmed that the funds were available for this work to be done.	
14.04	<b>Format of DCC Minutes</b> A member of the public had expressed a view that DCC minutes were far too long and detailed There was discussion about this. Members stated that they did recognise the hard work of JB. GA also suggested that the length of Agendas may be off putting to members of the public who may be interested in joining DCC although it was noted that the Agendas did not take time to go though as only asterisked items were discussed. JB noted concerns about changes as the Agenda is translated to the Minutes. JB was also concerned that items may be overlooked for discussion. It was agree to trial an alternative layout.	JB/PS
14.05	<b>ELC Consultation on Draft Land Management Rules</b> – JB had circulated information on the on line consultation. JB had put information on social media. Members were asked to respond to the consultation which includes proposals to deal with wild camping and camper van parking.  JB had contacted Stewart Cooper at ELC Communications to ask that consultation links are forwarded to DCC prior to consultation launches appearing in the press etc. He had agreed to look at how communication with Community Councils about consultations might be improved.	ALL
14.06	<b>History in Lockdown</b> – SB queried if another print run was being considered. He knew of people who wished to purchase copies. AS said that he still had some copies that could be made available. Copy numbers could be checked and a further print run could be considered in due course.	
14.07	<b>Tree Planting</b> – HC noted the ELC proposals to increase tree planting in the area. He suggested that consideration might be given to some tree planting in the town.SB noted that DCC had planted trees in the past. NH said that ELC were to do an audit of land to look at the capacity for tree planting. It was hoped that land owners would get on board with planting in the countryside.	
<b>15.00</b>	<b>DCC MEETINGS</b>	

**15.01**

**Business Meeting**

**March 15th** – By Zoom unless Covid Restrictions are lifted.