



MINUTE OF MEETING

Monday 15th March

7 pm by Zoom Conference Call

Ref	Item	Action
1.00	<p>SEDERUNT Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), George Robertson (GR), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Loretta Stewart (LS), Ben Thomas (BT), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cllr PMcLennan (PMc), 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	Welcome – PS welcomed all to the meeting. She noted the new structure of the Agenda with a Community Report section so that individuals can look up the topics of interest to them. The structure will be trialed and reviewed after 3 months.	
1.02	Apologies – Craig Rapson, Herbert Coutts, Cllr Hampshire	
2.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2.01	<u>Councillors declaring an interest in matters to be discussed:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
3.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 15th February 2021	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
3.02	<u>Adoption - Adopted</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - GR • Seconded - AS 	
3.02	<u>DCC Action Review</u> (For Councillor actions, see Councillor reports) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All actions had been attended to or for discussion at the meeting. 	
3.03	<u>Matters arising not covered in agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
4.01	<u>Norman Hampshire</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Update – 	

	<p>a. Access networks south of the railway line - Information is still needed . JB noted that the Spott To Dunbar Route Group were considering accessibility in the area as part of their project to develop a safe route between the village and the town centre. PS advised that a new ELC officer was to consider the paths system.</p> <p>2. Report - Cllr Hampshire was unable to be present.</p>	NH
4.02	<p><u>Sue Kempson</u></p> <p>1. Action Update – None required.</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p>a. <i>Station Access from the South</i> – SK noted contacts she had had with members of the public who remain concerned about use of residential streets for station parking. See 8.01</p>	
4.03	<p><u>Paul McLennan</u></p> <p>1. Action Update –</p> <p>a. <i>Bird Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spott Road Bridge. Work had been completed in February. However, some of the spikes installed to deter pigeons had come loose and fallen off. This is being monitored. • Garden Close and elsewhere. PMc noted that a Bird Strategy was being developed. He had passed on the document which JB had circulated and will confirm when the document can be shared with the public. • Initially, discussion will be with elected members before a wider consultation. PMc will advise when that consultation is to take place. <p>2 <u>Report</u></p> <p>a. ASB – PMc noted issues at Lochend Woods and discussions at the PSP.</p> <p>b. SOLE- A Further meeting had been held to discuss this initiative to support the High Street. It will be launched as soon as the High Street is able to start opening up again.</p> <p>c. Torness – The major outage continues. There have been some cases of Covid but the workers are regularly tested and monitored.</p> <p>d. Schools – Pupils had been returning – The situation will be monitored.</p>	<p>PMc</p> <p>PMc</p>
4.04	<p><u>Questions to Councillors</u></p> <p>1. <i>Re-opening of ELC/Community sports facilities (GA)</i>- GA noted that Hallhill had opened on 15/3 for non-contact outdoor sports. Thus, activities like Junior Hockey could commence. PMc and SK were not clear when ELC/Enjoy Leisure facilities would be able to reopen.</p> <p>2. <i>Update on station car park extension</i> – Consideration of drainage issues continues.</p> <p>3. <i>Update on drainage matters at new developments (JB)</i> – Engagement had continued with developers to mitigate problems encountered in recent heavy rain. (See Community Report 8.04)</p> <p>4. <i>Coastal Parking issues (GR)</i>. GR noted concerns about yellow lines that had appeared at Whitesands. PMc noted this had followed problems of cars blocking the passing places in 2020. PMc referred to the meeting on Shore Road and that dangerous parking and parking displacement would be monitored. He advised that the Consultation on Regulations for Open Space Management were being evaluated. (See Community Report 9.08)</p> <p>5. <i>Antisocial Behaviour</i></p>	

	<p>PS raised concerns expressed by residents at Hallhill. ASB behaviour connected to drug dealing has blighted the development for years and the offenders are tenants of ELC housing. The constituents wish to know why ELC don't have a policy to seek ASBOs as other Scottish councils do and wanted an explanation as to why drug dealing is not a specific ground for immediate breach of a lease, leading to eviction. PMc was aware of the questions and is to contact the constituents. The matter is currently with the ELC legal team to see how tenancies can be better managed in this regard. PMc will revert to PS on the matter. DCC is to be kept fully in the loop now as it shares the very considerable concerns expressed by the constituents.</p>	<p>PMc</p> <p>PMc</p>
5.00	SECRETARY'S REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting (JB) Items are incorporated within the Community Report – Items 6.00-9.00	
5.01	<u>Matters arising/questions</u> - None	
6.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting (AS) Incorporated within the Community Report 1.00	
6.01	<p><u>Requests for Support</u> AS had circulated further information on requests to enable discussion.</p> <p><i>Spott Kirk Session</i> – Disability Access Improvements to the Churchyard. It was agreed to send a letter of support to the Kirk Session to enable them to seek grant funding. DCC is unable to assist with funding itself as Spott lies within the remit of East Lammermuir Community Council.</p> <p><i>DPS- Pipe and Drum Tuition.</i> The school would like to develop this. DCC funding would enable match funding from the Scottish Pipe and Drums Trust. The school would fund £5000 of the costs themselves. In the future the DPS plan to raise ongoing costs from the wider community.</p> <p>It was agreed to fund £2000 from the Local Priorities Budget. Payment to the school will be arranged.</p> <p><i>High Street Hanging Baskets.</i> ELC have historically assisted DTA with arranging planting and delivery of baskets. This is no longer possible. In addition DTA have decided to waive the £60 membership fee for local traders due to the financial hit to many of the Pandemic. DCC members agreed the importance of the floral displays to many in the community and they would give cheer as the town recovers from Covid. It was agreed that work would be done with the DTA to further explore costs so that a formal application might be made for funding for Local Priorities and/or Community Benefit Funding.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>AS</p> <p>PS/AS/DTA</p>
6.02	<p><u>Matters arising/questions:</u> AS noted that "History in Lockdown" had been reprinted. It will be available from the Museum and John Muir Birthplace once they re-open. In the meantime, copies are held by AS and available on request to him.</p>	
7.00	COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended (JB) The Community Report provides information and updates on:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Finances • Community Police • Planning • DCC Initiatives/Projects • Community Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Social Care Provision • Roads and Infrastructure maintenance • Record of meetings attended • Correspondence received 	
7.01	<u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning Matters:</u> None		
8.00	PLANNING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)		
8.01	<u>Applications for consideration/discussion:</u> 1)DunBear Park. Comments had been submitted in 2020 on the Roads application which is to be determined. Comments had also been submitted regarding the proposals for a Drive Thru Starbucks. Ken Ross had declined to circulate a masterplan which was shown at the Hallhill TRA AGM on March 1 st and which had been attended by PS, GR and JB. PS had circulated a draft letter to Mr Ross. <i>There was a general discussion.</i> Members expressed concern about the ad hoc nature of applications coming forward over the years. Applications seemed to be a response to companies wanting to develop pockets of the site rather than a overall plan. Despite the public consultation event in 2020 there seemed no response to what the community of Dunbar would wish to see there. JB and GW noted concerns about the SAOL Care Provision which appeared to be a match of SAOL needing land to trial their untested model of care and Ken Ross having available land. There were concerns about the unwillingness of SAOL to consider support for people with dementia and the indication that people who developed significant dementia would need to move out. There were concerns about the affordability of the units and how residents would be assessed/funded for care provision by the in-house care team. There had been no discussion with ELHSCP. PMc noted that ELC Planning had advised Mr Ross that the SAOL care provision and proposals for keyworker housing were contrary to the Local Development Plan which identifies the site for employment/industrial use. PS agreed to recirculate her draft letter for comment by return and send it to Mr Ross to indicate that DCC did not support his present proposals for DunBear Park. 2)Berwick Bank/Marr Bank Offshore Windfarms -Gary Donlin and Elouise Smith of SSE Renewables will give a presentation on the project to the April meeting regarding this development in the Firth of Forth. JB had circulated the Report from the community consultation held in November 2020. The proposal will be decided by Marine Scotland and Scottish Ministers. 3) 21/00033/PCL – Ashfield Cycleway. This application for routes to the station south of the railway line had been approved on 12/3. It only referred to the cycle/footpaths to the station rather than any development within the Network Rail Curtilage. Residents of Retreat Crescent had continued to express concerns to SK and CR but there was a planning condition regarding monitoring of parking on residential streets. Actions could be taken if required. CR noted his continued concerns about how active travel would be promoted and parking issues monitored. There should be temporary signs at the entrance to Bothwell Gardens and Retreat Crescent. Clear public messages were needed regarding the routes to the station, bike rack provision and car parking e.g. at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre. PMc and SK agreed to take these concerns forward.		<p style="text-align: center;">PS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PMc/SK</p>

	There was also discussion about bike rack provision. BT noted that 60-70 cyclists normally use the station. Provision is the responsibility of Network Rail. It was felt that cycling to the station should be encouraged. BT agreed to monitor this.	BT
9.00	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
9.01	<u>Vacancy</u> – No response to adverts on Social Media and an article in The Courier. JB will advertise again and Cameron Ritchie agreed to further mention the vacancy in the paper.	JB/Cameron Ritchie
10.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
10.01	<u>19th April 2021</u>	



COMMUNITY REPORT March 2021

This report is compiled by DCC Secretary, Jacque Bell, and is updated monthly in advance of DCC Open Meetings. Questions or queries may be addressed to:

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1.00	DCC FINANCE REPORT																
1.01	<p><u>DCC and Sub-Committee Accounts</u> AS had circulated his Report by e mail</p> <p><i>General Account</i> The Bank Balance at the end of February was £57,549.62</p> <p>The Restricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of the month were</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Community Windpower Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37994</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Covid Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10714</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;">£ 7098</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 361</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£56926</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Fund at the end of the month end were</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Balance in the General Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£623</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£623</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payments from the Covid Fund were for Computer parts, enabling laptops and tablets to be upcycled for use by local school pupils. Payments from the General Fund included the Insurance premium payable to Zurich Insurance.</p> <p><i>Civic Week Account</i> The bank balance at the month end stood at £7218.71</p> <p><i>Christmas Lights Account</i> The bank balance at the month end stood at £12,753.07 John Whelan had stood down as Christmas Lights Committee Treasurer. Thanks offered to him for his service at a busy time – covering the refurbishment of the Corn Exchange and the High Street painting. Yvonne Wemyss had accepted the offer to become Treasurer for the sub committee.</p>	Community Windpower Fund	£37994	Covid Fund	£10714	Access For All Fund	£ 759	Local Priorities Fund	£ 7098	War Memorial Fund	£ 361	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	£56926	Balance in the General Fund	£623	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	£623
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1.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Grant Scheme update</u></p> <p><u>New Applications</u> – DPS -£2000 for Piping Instruction -</p>
1.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund update</u></p> <p>AS had circulated paperwork for a Panel Meeting on 18th March.</p>
2.00	<p>COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT</p>
2.01	<p><u>Police Report -Circulated by JB</u> – The Report was based on incidents between 18th February and 13th March</p> <p>Road Safety</p> <p>A motorist has been charged with dangerous driving between Thistley Cross and Spott Road Roundabouts.</p> <p>Anti Social Behaviour</p> <p><i>PSP/Youth matters.</i> Calls to the area have been low which may be related to time of year and Covid restrictions. 3 calls received in relation to youth noise nuisance on Brodie Road and Hallhill Steading. Police aware of a woodland fire on 8th March which had been attended by the Fire Service.</p> <p><i>21st February</i> – Fire Service assisted Police in gaining an entry to a vehicle. A male was arrested and charged with theft, assaulting Police and Fire Service personnel and obstruction.</p> <p><i>26th February.</i> Response was made to a disturbance call at Cedar Street. A male was charged with threatening and abusive behaviour, assault, vandalism and 2 counts of Police assault. A female has been arrested and charged with breach of bail conditions relating to ongoing ASB issues.</p> <p>Theft</p> <p><i>Between 2nd and 23rd February</i> a motor van was stolen from a property in Moray Avenue after entry was gained to the address.. A number of bicycles and personal effects were also stolen. The vehicle was later recovered in Edinburgh and it and the bicycles were returned to the owner. A male has been charged. Enquiries ongoing.</p> <p><i>Shoplifting</i> - - 2 reports of incidents.</p>
2.02	<p><u>Community and Police Partnership Update (CAPP)</u></p> <p><u>Meeting had been held on March 2nd</u> – LS, GR and JB had attended</p> <p>There had been a general discussion of issues including speeding and dog fouling. JB had given thanks for the swift follow up of concerns about the behaviour of a male at John Muir Country Park. There had been updates on the January Priorities. JB and Jimmy Wilson had given feedback on ASB issues. JB had noted contact with Transport Scotland and Bear about A1 litter. The hard work of DAL was noted. The loss of Jemima Cut Out Cop was noted as a speed deterrent. Funding for her replacement will be considered.</p> <p><u>Panel Agreed Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti Social Behaviour and Alcohol Misuse at Lochend Woods and areas covered by the Dunbar Problem Solving Partnership • Speeding around the Ward. Pop up Jim to be deployed and Speed Checks to be conducted <p><u>Date of Next Meeting-</u> 7 pm on April 13th</p>
2.03	<p><u>DCC Liaison with Police and Others</u></p> <p><u>Problem Solving Partnership Meeting – February 16th</u> – JB had attended</p> <p><u>Calls to Emergency Services</u> – <u>Police</u> and Fire & Rescue Reps reported few calls. No calls had been to the woods or Ashfield Playpark. There had been issues of snowballing and incidents in the High Street. ELC ASB Team reported no relevant calls.</p>

	<p>It was thought that the strict lock down and the bad weather may have influenced the situation. It was agreed that the areas should continue to be monitored by Police, Community warden etc. in case issues commenced again with better weather. It was felt better to pre-empt problems rather than respond once they began.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been significant youth issues in other parts of East Lothian e.g. Musselburgh.</p> <p>Preventative Measures</p> <p><i>Fire</i> – Cool Down Crew initiatives will take place – activities for young people based on the Fire Station</p> <p><i>Connected Communities</i> – Gordon Horsburgh had reported on a number of activities being explored e.g. Heavy Sound, football activities. It was agreed that activities should be considered for youngsters who were not attracted to sports activities. JB suggested linkage to Dunbar Fashion School.</p> <p>Steve Wands of ELC noted that a group had been set up to develop a pump track in the town. This was being led by Tom Coffield. Mention was made of the existing Pump Track at Lochend Woods which had been funded by Viridor. Steve noted that modern pump tracks were more Hi tech. There was also discussion about the group considering an upgrade of the Pine Street Skatepark. It was not certain if the 2 groups were in communication with each other.. Mention was also made of a proposal by a group led by Adrian Girling to have a new indoor site for biking activities similar to the former space at North Berwick. JB noted that she was trying to make contact to advise of the new funding streams for community groups. JB asked Steve to pass on contact information of the groups involved.</p> <p><i>Youth Consultation</i>- The Ridge have funding to consult with Young people. It was thought important to engage with young people to see what they want. It was noted that past consultations had been held but that the young people involved had moved on and each cohort of youths had different ideas.</p> <p><i>Youth Workers</i> – Street Work had been impeded by Covid. It was hoped that outreach work with young people would get going again once restrictions were eased.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – 2 pm on 30th March</p>
3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters (See Agenda 8.01)</u></p> <p>a)DunBear Park</p> <p>b)Berwick Bank/Marr Bank Offshore Windfarms</p> <p>c) Station Access – Planning proposals for access to the south platform had been approved. Parking issues on residential street will be monitored.</p>
3.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 20/00110/PM Halhill North - To be determined. Further information has been requested by ELC/Transport Scotland on road and transport links. 2. Castle Bay (Cala) – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. ELC have had the funding for this since 2017. 3. Robertson Homes Safe Access Route – Planning Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC. Permission for footpath works still required from Network Rail. 4. Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks – Enforcement Action continues. ELC are still to trace the owner of 2 playparks. In the meantime, the traced owner has sold his 2 playparks to another party from Glasgow before the Improvement Action served by ELC had been processed through the Courts. Response from ELC Enforcement awaited to correspondence from residents and JB. 5. 15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site. A planning condition of the approval had been planting to screen the Avant Homes from the lower level Walker homes. Robertson had planted their part of the strip. A timescale for the work had been requested again from Avant by ELC Planning Enforcement. Residents had contacted JB on 7/3 to note that a ditch

	<p>had been dug and filled with bark between the 2 boundaries. Tree planting still not completed and only a gate at one end of the buffer zone.</p> <p>Planning Enforcement had advised that the trench works had been in response to flooding of Walker properties due to the higher level of the Avant site. ELC had instructed Avant to install a perimeter catch water drain at the bottom of the slope to prevent overland water flow into neighbouring properties. Avant had been working on this since January – pipes had been installed and the trench had been infilled with gravel and top soil to improve permeability. Planning Enforcement are further asking Avant for a timescale for the tree planting. The gate issue will be followed up by Planning Enforcement. JB had fed back to residents.</p> <p>Environmental Health continue to follow up sewage contamination issues at the SUDS Pond.</p> <p>Drainage issues continue at the site with regular flooding of Sinton Park and other streets.</p> <p>6 14/00358/AM – Open space and playpark at Yosemite Park. This was a planning condition of the Persimmon housing development. Planning Enforcement are investigating and have asked Persimmon for a timescale for works to be completed satisfactorily. In the meantime, the area remains poorly maintained. JB is keeping local residents informed.</p> <p>7 20/00554/P and 20/00553/LBC– Alterations to steading buildings at Broxmouth Estate to form wedding venue and accommodation. JB had circulated information for comment on 17/6. JB had submitted DCC supportive comments on 29/6. To be determined.</p> <p>8 20/00642/P Change of Use/Conversion of former Methodist Church, Victoria Street (Class 10) to Class 11 for community use. Marriage venue. Still to be determined. The applicant had had to provide a Travel Plan and a Noise Analysis.</p> <p>9 Access routes from Albany Grange. Chicane barriers are on order and will be put into place asp.</p> <p>10 Viridor – Planning application awaited. The January Liaison meeting had inferred that the proposals are being reconsidered.</p> <p>11 20.00939/P- Proposals for 27 flats at 9 Bayswell Road. JB had circulated information. DCC Views had been submitted. To be determined.</p> <p>12 20/00969/P – Erection of 4 houses and associated works at garden ground of Lochend Cottage and public open space. New application. JB had circulated information. DCC views had been submitted. Approved on 19th February without Call in to Planning Committee.</p> <p>13 20/00916/P- Formation of roads, paths, street lights and associated works at land east of Kellie Road roundabout. JB had circulated information and submitted collated views to ELC. To be determined.</p> <p>14 20/01271/P – 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. To be determined.</p> <p>15 20/01413/P – Alteration and Conversion of Old Assembly Rooms to Form 4 flats. JB had circulated information and submitted DCC views to ELC. To be determined.</p> <p>16 20/01442/ADV – Signage for Drive Thru Starbucks near Spott Road Roundabout. JB had circulated information. DCC views had been submitted to ELC.</p> <p>17 21/00033/PCC – Application for Ashfield Cycleway to Station. JB had circulated information for comment. JB had submitted DCC views to ELC. Consented 12th March 2021. Conditions include monitoring of parking on residential streets e.g. Retreat Crescent.</p> <p>18 21/00166/P – Harbour Seafood Shack. JB had circulated information. DCC views had been submitted to ELC. To be determined.</p>
4.00	<p><u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u> <u>Business Meeting 8th March</u> <i>Presentation</i> – The GP Link Workers had given a presentation on their work</p>

	<p>Funding Applications – A number of applications had been discussed. On line voting was to take place after the meeting.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Group – JB had given a verbal feedback from the meeting held earlier in the day.</p> <p>Budgets- The DELAP Budget for the new financial year was still to be confirmed. There would be no uplift of monies available which had been static since the creation of Area Partnerships.</p> <p>Roads Budget -GR had asked if the Roads budget could be carried over. ELC Roads still have a backlog of work. DELAP funded work e.g. for disabled parking at West barns Village Hall was still outstanding as were other requests.</p> <p>Amenities Budget- Following discussions about use of the theoretical men and machines monies for High Street Hanging baskets which had been declined GR was to have further discussions with Eamonn John at ELC about access to funding of works under this budget. PS had noted that despite asking, ELC had never given a programme of works. GR queried if, given no DELAP proposals have been possible due to pre allocation of funding by ELC Officers to ELC projects this budget should be deleted from Area Plan proposals. GR will feed back on his discussions with ELC Officers.</p> <p>Seafield Pond- Active Schools Officers had again asked about access to this facility for water based activities. JB noted that it had been closed to use due to contamination for over 20 years. SB had noted discussion of the longstanding issues at the John Muir Country Park Advisory Group, of which he was Chair, which had not met for a couple of years. Gordon Horsburgh was to make enquiries. JB and Cllr McLennan agreed to raise at the Shore Road meeting on 10/3.</p>
4.01	Date of Next Business Meeting – 26 th April
5.00	DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE <i>Dunbar Community Council manages a number of projects and initiatives throughout the year.</i>
5.01	<u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team (including Corn Exchange)</u> No update this month
5.02	<u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> To be run in a similar fashion to Civic Week 2020.
5.03	<p>Community Resilience</p> <p>Community Emergency Response Plan – This has been signed off by Sandy Baptie at ELC</p> <p>Covid Response</p> <p>Computers – GR had provided further devices to the Schools. He had been advised that the school had sufficient equipment and the programme was brought to a close. Well over 100 devices had been supplied.</p> <p>New Wave Volunteers- A number of volunteers had come forward co-ordinated by GR and JB. The number of requests for support had been minimal.</p> <p>VCEL Task Force – A number of volunteers had tried to sign up. Issues with the process had been flagged up by JB and picked up by VCEL/Gordon Horsburgh. JB is to meet with Maureen Allan of VCEL re issues.</p> <p>Update Meeting on Community Response and Resilience- 16th February- JB, GR and PS had attended.</p> <p>This meeting had been hosted by VCEL. It had been attended by ELC Officers and reps from Community Councils and Area Partnerships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Saunders had given updates on the supports given by ELC to businesses and communities. • Information been given on new structures at ELC e.g. Douglas Proudfoot is now the Executive Director responsible for Place.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information had been given on ELC responsibilities e.g. Trading Standards had picked up many scams during Covid. Sandy Baptie had given an update on Community Resilience Plans and responses to recent bad weather. Maureen Allan had given an update on the VCEL Community Task Force. JB had noted issues experienced by those trying to sign up in Dunbar. It was agreed that Maureen would discuss issues further with JB, GR and Gordon Horsburgh <p>ELC Community Recovery and Renewal Co-ordinating Group- 24th February – JB had attended. JB had circulated notes</p> <p><u>Main Points</u></p> <p><i>Vaccination Programme</i> – This was progressing. JB noted her experiences as a volunteer at Haddington Community Hospital. Around 10% of appointments had been no shows.</p> <p><i>Community Council and Area Partnership Experiences</i> – JB had given an update</p> <p><i>Access to Employment</i> – A presentation had been given by Alex Mackay of East Lothian Works. The impact of Covid on employment was noted. Specific areas of concern were opportunities for people with disabilities and WASPI women.</p> <p><i>Poverty including Food and Fuel Poverty</i>- Paulo Vestri had given updates. New strategies will be available for public consultation later in the year.</p> <p><i>Digital Inclusion</i>- Programmes for the supply of IT equipment continue. JB had noted the work of GR to supply equipment to Dunbar schools.</p> <p><i>VCEL</i>- Maureen Allan had noted the set up of the Volunteer Taskforce. Launch date had been delayed due to the hiccups experienced in Dunbar. A new date would be set once Maureen had had opportunity to discuss with JB, GR and Gordon Horsburgh.</p> <p>Maureen had advised of the launch of the East Lothian Community Lottery.</p> <p><i>Police</i> – There had been some issues of youth ASB, particularly in Musselburgh and Prestonpans.. Some fines had been given for people crossing from Edinburgh to visit East Lothian beaches and beauty spots.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting</i> – 2 pm on April 21st</p> <p>Spaces for People – No Further Information from ELC on Dunbar initiatives.</p>
6.00	DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
6.01	Dunbar High Street and Friends – JB and CR continue to post on the Facebook page. PS and Philip Mellor have continued to ‘meet’ to discuss issues pertaining to the re-opening of High St when lockdown measures are eased.
6.02	Dunbar East Beach/Promenade Project PS had circulated minutes from the DSHNG AGM. PS continues as Chair of the group. Minutes had been circulated of an Open meeting on 2 nd March There had been a slide presentation by Sue Guy for proposals for Lamer Street during the summer including road closure and boulder seating by the East Beach. ELC wished barriers to prevent traffic from going over the sea wall and people stepping into the roadway from new seating. This had implications e.g. for kelp recovery. Also consideration needs to be given to construction at the Amusement Arcade site. Further discussions will be held. There had been a build up of kelp and clear up was to take place from March 3 rd . The prompt management of kelp clearance is being discussed. Population of the biowall is being monitored. There was discussion about further renovation of the Fishermen’s monument.
6.03	Access for All – Belhaven Bay PS had circulated notes from a meeting on 24 th February to review the project. ELC Landscape and Countryside had advised that planning consent would be needed for any works. Ownership of the area of beach involved was queried.

	<p>Any design work would need use of consultants as ELC did not have the required skills/capacity to manage a project.</p> <p>ELC did not have financial resources to commit to a project.</p> <p>There was discussion about the siting of any crossing – questions of safety were mentioned e.g. for youngsters paddle boarding or jumping into the water.</p> <p>PS had written to Jenny Hargreaves of Landscape and Countryside regarding the future role of ELC as a partner with DCC and DELAP in the provision of disability access to Belhaven Bay.</p>
6.05	<p>Changing Places Changing Room – Dunbar Leisure Pool</p> <p>Action required by PS to chase ELC again.</p>
6.06	<p>War Memorial</p> <p>HC had advised that the adding of the names of Richard and William Welsh was still to be completed. He had been in contact with the Canadian Hon.Consul, Mary Duncan, who would like to attend any ceremony.</p> <p>HC had been advised by David Spiden that preparation work on the new chain was in hand.</p>
6.07	<p>A1 Safety</p> <p>Richard Perry of Transport Scotland had confirmed that a review of the speed limit and signage between the Belhaven Junction and Spott Road Roundabout would commence in April 2021. Bear had advised that this would be programmed.</p> <p>Speed surveys on the A1 need to be done under neutral traffic conditions so that the results are representative. Thus it is not certain when traffic flow will normalise from Covid restrictions. Thus speed surveys may need to wait until traffic flow is normalised but this would be asp.</p> <p>Pressure on the Spott Road Roundabout and Cement Works junction remain of concern given ongoing planning proposals.</p> <p>Transport Scotland are following up litter concerns with Bear and Viridor.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p><u>Health and Well Being Sub Group</u>- Meeting on 8/3. JB had circulated minutes.</p> <p>Main points:-</p> <p><i>Link Workers</i> – Had given a presentation on their work</p> <p><i>Belhaven Hospital Re provision</i>- Continued concerns about the lack of progress. There was concern that the Independent Review of Adult Social Care and discussion on it may further delay any action. Alison MacDonald (Chief officer ELHSCP) and Cllr Shamin Akhtar (new Health and Social Care Cabinet member) to be invited to attend a future meeting.</p> <p><i>DunBear Park Care Provision</i> by SAOL– Not supported by the Group. Feedback to be given to Dunbar Community Council who would be statutory consultees on any planning application.</p> <p><i>Covid Response</i> – update on vaccination programme given. JB had assisted with some shifts at Haddington Vaccination Centre.</p> <p><i>Independent Review of Adult Social Care</i> – There had been a brief discussion. It was noted that some proposals were positive e.g. strengthened voices for service users and carers within reformed Integration Joint Boards. However, there were concerns e.g. about the centralisation agenda and how this may affect the continuation of funding for service provision by small community groups like Dunbar Day Centre and the need for clear funding to enable the delivery of proposals like a legal right to respite for carers.</p> <p><i>Digital Divide</i>- There had been a discussion regarding various schemes to promote access to IT.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting</i> – 12th April</p> <p><u>Reprovisioning of Belhaven Hospital</u> - JB had written again to Alison MacDonald (ELHSCP) for clarification of the process. She had also written to Health Minister Jeanne Freeman regarding the situation.</p> <p><u>DunBear Park Care Provision</u> – No further information from SAOL. JB had contacted Ken Ross to request a copy of the Masterplan shared as part of a presentation to Hallhill TRA AGM on</p>

March 1st . He had declined to do this as the proposals were still being discussed with ELC Planning.

Dunbar Day Centre – Trustees had heard that the level of funding will remain as for the previous 4 years for the next financial year. This has implications for the ability to give any uplift to staff pay. The building remains closed to the public, but a service continues to some members in the community. Further discussions are to take place with ELHSCP staff regarding the future shape of services and funding needs from 2022. It is likely that Dunbar Day Centre and other day centres in East Lothian will need to go to competitive tender to provide services in the longer term.

Information was still awaited on how Day Centre employees will be paid the £500 bonus for Health and Social Care staff promised by the First Minister in 2020.

Vaccination of staff had been progressing. Although all staff had been registered for priority receipt of vaccination only 4/6 had had an initial dose by 15/3.

GW continues to attend meetings of the East Lothian Association of Day Centres regarding ongoing issues across all day centres in the county.

Celebrating Communities Conversations – 25th February – JB had attended

There had been discussion about the vaccination programme.

There had been discussion about peer support for people with dementia and their carers. It was noted that there had been a decline of function in people with dementia during lockdown as they had been unable to take part in social activities. Zoom was felt to be of help but not a replacement for physical getting together. The increased stress for informal carers was noted. There was felt to be need for peer support, practical support and accurate advice and information.

The power of communities during the lockdown had been felt to be essential – local knowledge and the ability to respond to local needs had been vital.

It was noted that Law Quilters had been creating a quilt of Covid times in North Berwick which will be displayed in North Berwick Museum.

A themed conversation is to be set up considering Walking in the Outdoors.

Ideas about support for golfers with dementia is to be expanded.

Kirstie McLuckie at DGS is expanding ideas about digital inclusion on an intergenerational basis.

Helen Harper is to set up a special conversation for Dunbar. She was to contact JB about this.

Date of Next Meeting – 11th March

Celebrating Communities Conversations – 11th March – JB had attended.

Various suggestions were made for activities to support residents in care homes and sheltered housing who are isolated or who have dementia e.g. activity sessions, singing groups, therapets, drama.

There was discussion with Wilma from the Library Service regarding use of library buildings and staff once they re-open. JB had mentioned the Dunbar Sing a Long Group. It was felt some people may need encouragement to start getting out and about again after the long months of lock down. There was discussion as to how libraries may help people to manage their digital devices either in small groups or on a one to one basis as although there had been schemes to give people devices there was not easy access to the hands on help needed to make best use of them.

There was discussion about the intergenerational work being done across the county e.g. at Dunbar Grammar School.

JB had noted that she and GW are to meet with Helen Harper to discuss a more localised conversation including discussion about the set up of Meeting Centres.

Meeting Centres for People with Dementia – 15th March – JB and GW had had a discussion with Helen Harper. Helen had had initial discussions with Sue Northrop of DFEL and staff at the DGS. There may be an option to start a Meeting Centre based on Dunbar Dinners which already take place at DGS. School children might be involved as part of Duke of Edinburgh Award. Other

	<p>options for venues might also be considered e.g. Bleachingfield. Helen will have further discussions with Sue Northrop and others and try to set up a Dunbar discussion. A visit to an established Meeting Centre in Kirriemuir may be useful.</p> <p>JB also noted discussions at Celebrating Communities meeting about the use of libraries as places to meet, for IT support etc.</p> <p><u>Scottish Government Independent Review of Adult Care Services</u> – This had been tabled at the IJB Meeting on 25th February. The IJB will discuss their response further in due course.</p> <p>JB had attended 2 seminars arranged by the British Association of Social Workers where, although some positives had been noted about the proposals there were also concerns particularly about centralisation of the system, the creation of a top-heavy structure and the implications for services if not sufficiently resourced in terms of manpower and finances.</p> <p><u>Vaccination Programme</u>- Following local concerns further appointment slots had been opened up at Haddington Community Hospital. JB had volunteered for a number of shifts. Volunteer shifts are being managed by VCEL. There had been no issues reported by staff. However, around 10% of appointments were not kept. It was not known if this was due to people not receiving letters which are centrally generated, people having rearranged appointments which were dealt with centrally or for some other reason. Problems had come to light of many appointment letters not being received in w/c 8th March. JB had taken this up with NHS Lothian and others. It had transpired that although NHS Lothian were aware of delays in the communication process from the central base in Livingston the Board were unable to make a public statement without approval of the Scottish Government. JB had shared information on how to check appointment dates on social media. Some local people were still finding they had been offered appointments as far afield as Bathgate. JB had raised this with NHS Personnel.</p> <p><u>Integration Joint Board Chairmanship</u> – IJB Chair Cllr O'Donnell had stood down with immediate effect on 25/2. Her place was taken by Cllr Akhtar until March 31st. From 1st April the Chair will be Peter Murray who had been the Chair preceding Cllr O'Donnell. Cllr Akhtar will be Vice Chair from 1st April.</p>
8.00	ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE
8.01	<p>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> – Some jet patching done. Wet and snowy weather had brought the patches out again. Public complaints continue. The road has seen heavier use during Spott Road Bridge closure.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs at Boroughdales , Summerfield Road, Shore Road, Pine Street and elsewhere</i> have subsided and are prone to flooding. Works are to be programmed by ELC. There is a large pot hole left near the drop kerb at Summerfield Road. JB had noted this to Spaces for People but had not had a response.</p> <p><i>Uneven pavement in Westgate</i> – Repair still to be programmed by ELC</p> <p><i>Uneven slopes to crossings in West Port and High Street.</i> ELC still to programme works.</p> <p><i>Roads condition issues at Yosemite Park.</i> Lots of potholes, dangerous tree grates in pavements and other issues. Many complaints from residents. The road 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 is to meet with JB when Covid restrictions allow to discuss the issues for ELC tenants. A member of the public had noted personal injury related to one of the pavement tree grates in Yosemite Park on 12/3. This had been passed to ELC.</p> <p><i>Condition of Belhaven Road/Belhaven High Street.</i> Many large deep potholes. Reported to ELC 15/1. Some jet patching done but further holes have appeared.</p>

	<p><i>Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line.</i> Still required. There have been further concerns from local people as the route can get so muddy, .Iain Reid of ELC had had further discussions with a householder who owns part of the route. The situation had been discussed at the meeting on 11/2. See above.</p> <p><i>Cycle routes around Cement Works-</i> In hand. Iain Reid and Nick Morgan of ELC involved</p> <p><i>Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane –</i> Still needed.</p> <p><i>Routeways from Robertson Homes to ASDA.</i> Still needed. Subject of Planning Enforcement. Negotiations still ongoing between Robertson, ELC and Network Rail. There continue to be many public complaints about the state of the route. Some hardcore had been put down in January 2021 to alleviate the problem.</p> <p><i>Routeways from Albany Grange to Hospital Road.</i> These are part of planning conditions but they come to a dead end against the wall at Brand Court. Chicane barriers are on order and will be installed asp.</p> <p><i>Routeway from Hospital Road to Tree Scheme.</i> 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. This is NHS Land. JB to speak to Community Garden about this idea.</p> <p><i>Access to Footpaths at Eweford Farm (Core Path 51)</i> Still closed off. ELC Officers involved.</p> <p><i>High Street/Abbey Road-</i> Had been resurfaced between 27/2 and 3/3. The road had been closed leading to concerns for some traders and confusion for some bus users as bus stops had been out of use between the town centre and Belhaven. Callum Redpath at ELC had apologised that notification had not been given to DCC of the closure in the normal way.</p>
8.02	<p>Signage</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> reported to ELC 28/12. Temporary repair 6/12. It had come away again and was refixed March 5th.</p> <p><i>Damaged sign at Lochend Road/Kellie Road junction –</i> JB and a resident had located the sign in a hedge. Graham Brotherston advised. He will arrange for repair and advise the contractor to collect the sign from JB.</p>
8.03	<p>Structures</p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons).</i> Still to be repaired. Condition continues to deteriorate. ELC asked to chase Four Seasons.</p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDC)</i> HC and Kate Darrah of The Ridge had been working on a funding application.</p> <p><i>Walls in Hospital Road –</i> Ownership is split between Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey. Planning Enforcement involved. Further work still required by Persimmon.</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 .Response still needed from Bear/Transport Scotland.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Hill School Wall-</i> Repair still needed. The pavement remains closed.</p> <p><i>Persimmon Estates-</i> Many concerns including unsafe wall, building debris, unfinished roads and paths. Passed to Persimmon/ELC Planning Enforcement in December 2020.</p>

	<p><i>Vandalised solar panels at DunBear Park</i> – JB had contacted Ken Ross who will arrange repair.</p>
8.04	<p>Drainage</p> <p><i>A drain near 105 Cedar Street</i> is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing trip hazards for pedestrians. Passed back to ELC 1/1/20 ,4/1/21. And 5/2.They are still to follow up.</p> <p><i>Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park Car Park</i>- A temporary repair had been made in 2019. Roads are still to programme a permanent repair on behalf of Amenities. The drain cover is now in a dangerous condition again.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Alexander Gardens</i>. Problems continue in rain... JB had spoken to the site Manager.. 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.</p> <p><i>.Eweford Underpass</i> – Flooding issues continue. Bear/Transport Scotland/ELC aware. Farmer saying he will close the underpass January2021. ELC Access Officer, Nick Morgan and Cllr McLennan involved.</p> <p><i>Brandsmill Underpass</i> – Major issues. Network Rail, ELC and Bear aware. Flooding of this area and the old A1 has continued leading to many public complaints. Alan Stubbs has advised that an investigation had suggestion a choke within the main carrier drain causing water to surcharge from the gulleys. Further investigation will take place.</p> <p><i>Blocked drain in Summerfield Road</i>. Cleared January 2021 but the longstanding water has created as deep pot hole. Morag Haddow has suggested that the pavement works for spaces for people near Belhaven Church will need new piping to this drain. JB had noted the problems and queried if the dropped kerb will be attended to. There had been no response from Morag Haddow.</p> <p><i>Missing Toby at Lamer Street (Cromwell Court)</i> reported to Scottish Water 8/2. Repair delayed by snow.</p> <p><i>Missing Toby at Letham Place</i>- JB had reported to Scottish Water. A temporary cover had been installed on 7/3. Permanent ironwork has been ordered.</p> <p><i>Missing Toby at John Muir Crescent</i>- JB had reported to Scottish Water.</p> <p><i>Flooding near Lethendry, North Road</i>. Issues have exacerbated in recent heavy rains. Reported to ELC. Scottish Water have advised that the issue is an ELC gulley matter. ELC have instructed a team who will feedback to JB.</p> <p><i>Flooding at DunBear Park 26/2</i>. The footpath to Robertson/Avant homes and the land had been under water for many days, The footpath had been impassable and people had taken to walking on the field edge. JB had passed to Ken Ross. Ken Ross had been to investigate. Drainage works will be needed. Tom Reid ELC, Head of Infrastructure, had advised that the Developer/Robertson Homes were responsible for the drainage and that works should be done to prevent a future incident before ELC will adopt the path.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Home Avenue</i>- Alan Stubbs had advised that ELC were liaising with Persimmon regarding the capacity of the SUDS system.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Lochend Woods</i> – Alan Stubbs had advised that investigations we retaking place to establish the root of the problem and if it related to the housing developments.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Cala Homes/Edinburgh Road Properties</i>. Alan Stubbs had advised that Cala were laying a new kerb across the driveway of Ataraxia and that ELC and Cala were liaising on continued flooding issues from the carriageway at Edinburgh Road near the site. There were concerns that the kerb might cause ponding of water. There were</p>

	<p>ongoing issues of lack of access to any nearby gulley (the nearest is 50 metres away) and drainage of the area to prevent repeated flooding of domestic properties. Transportation officers had noted the ongoing issues of Scottish water assets in the vicinity which had been known before the development was consented on Appeal.</p> <p>.</p>
8.05	<p>Vegetation</p> <p><i>Condition of Woodland between James Court and Spott Road Wall.</i> Tree Officer is still to do a tree health survey.</p> <p><i>Dead Planting/Landscaping/Playpark in poor condition at Yosemite Park Playpark.</i> Planning Enforcement involved. Work still needed by Persimmon and a timescale has been requested.</p> <p><i>Dead planting at Alexander Gardens – Responsibility of Taylor Wimpey.</i> JB had met site manager on 16/1. The area will be tidied when Albany Grange is completed. He noted that planting/greenspace on Brand Court which is adjacent to the area is Persimmon responsibility but his team keep it tidy.</p> <p><i>Vegetation in Rhones at Yosemite Park.</i> This 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 is to meet with ELC Housing Officer when restrictions allow.</p>
8.06	<p>Coastal</p> <p><i>Wire meshing over the stones at Bridge to Nowhere</i> is breaking up and becoming dangerous. Quote for steps and repairs being arranged by Cllr Hampshire. In the meantime Tara Sykes cuts back metal strips when she can.</p> <p><i>Damaged electrical box near Whitesands toilets.</i> Still to be repaired. Seems to be safe but not a priority repair during Covid.</p> <p><i>Coastal Trail-</i> Various repairs needed and a hand rail required on a steep stepway near the townward arch. Tara Sykes advised on 11/3 that this work is in hand. A Blacksmith is to look at providing a rail.</p> <p><i>Seafield Pond –</i> JB had raised the question of use for water sports that had been raised at the DELAP meeting. Ranger, Tara Sykes had confirmed that the water had been contaminated for many years e.g. by e coli and blue green algae. The source was not known but there may be an abandoned septic system somewhere near the water courses feeding the pond. Efforts had been made to clear the contamination without success. Issues had increase since the Cala Homes were built as more water runs off into the pond. Run off from the A1 also contributes to the problems. Tara emphasised that the water was unsafe.</p>
8.07	<p>Lighting</p> <p><i>Lighting within the Pool area –</i>Specially designed fittings to operate within a pool environment have been ordered and they will be installed as soon as they are received from the manufacturer.</p> <p><i>Heritage Lamp at High Street.</i> Broken for some time. Chased up with Glen Kane. Still to be repaired.</p> <p><i>Damaged Electrical Box at Ashfield Place.</i> Glen Kane has advised that all 610 boxes in East Lothian are to be repainted and repaired as required by a Contractor.</p>

8.08	<p>Litter</p> <p>DAL remain active. The amount of litter and waste the Team collects is considerable. Over 300 sacks had been gathered in February. Concerns have been raised by Romie Blair of DAL about the amount of fly tipping and the quantity of rubbish blown from housing sites.</p> <p>JB had contacted Romie about further bin sites. A funding application had been submitted to DELAP. Concern had been expressed at the meeting that DAL were requesting basic equipment like litter pickers that were held by ELC Departments but held back from distribution due to COVID. Gordon Horsburgh had agreed to investigate this. The funding application had been approved.</p> <p><i>Damaged bin at Kellie Road</i> – This solid bin had been partially uprooted. JB had reported the damage to Amenities for repair.</p> <p><i>A1 Litter</i> – JB had reported to Bear, ELC and Transport Scotland following community concerns. Phil Hinchliff of Transport Scotland had followed up with Bear and litter picking was to take place between Thistley Cross and Abbotsview Junctions as a matter of urgency. Transport Scotland were to have further discussions with ELC and Viridor although Viridor have always advised community liaison meetings that they regularly advise their contractors on secure load management.</p>
8.09	<p>Transport</p> <p><i>Damaged Bus Stops</i>–. Perspex is still to be repaired by ELC at the Duke Street bus stop so that timetable info can be provided. Keith Scott has Perspex but currently cannot do this due to Covid restrictions. Other stops like Graham Place also need repair. A new contract for bus stop provision is being tendered but will be unlikely to be in place until the new financial year.</p> <p>A new bus shelter is still needed at Lochend Road to replace the one that was vandalised. This is waiting on the new contract.</p> <p><i>Trains</i> – Scotrail had increased services from 22nd February.</p>
8.10	<p>Postal Services</p> <p>Box Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail. Installation being chased.</p>
8.11	<p>Bayswell Road Phone Box. JB had had further contact from a group interested in taking on the box. Keith Dingwall at ELC Planning had advised that the group should make contact with Neil Millar the Planner who had had contact with BT to stave off removal of the box.. JB had had contact with Sustaining Dunbar to see if they would consider adopting the box in conjunction with the residents as only constituted groups can take them on.</p>
8.12	<p>Other</p> <p><i>Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections</i> – Ongoing. JB had had further discussion with family members. Author, Peter Bance, can assist with funds. Funds may also be available from the Royal Society of Edinburgh of which Dr Sutherland had been a member. JB had contacted Dunbar Parish Church Kirk Session regarding placing a plaque to Dr Sutherland and Princess Bamba in the church. The Anglo Punjab Fellowship would facilitate funding of such a marker. Moyra Wright, the Session Clerk ,will raise with the Session and Board but plaques may not be allowed following the refurbishment. Robertson Memorials are closed due to Covid which is delaying progress</p> <p><i>Speeding at Brodie Road near John Muir Gardens.</i> Actions still needed</p>

	<p>Kings Meadow playparks and Open Spaces Auctioning of the green spaces at Middlemass Road continues (price reduced to £9000. Residents had heard that the owner of the 2 play-parks subject to ELC Enforcement action had sold them on to another party residing in Glasgow. Further contact had been made with ELC officers.</p> <p>Issues at New Robertson site – Issues continue and Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Issues at the SUDS had continued</p> <p>New lighting had been installed. This seemed to be on the wrong side of the path and was shining into properties at the Steading.</p> <p>JB continues to support Newtonlees residents. She had attended a meeting on 1/3 where residents considered actions to take as matters discussed at the Planning Committee in June 2020 e.g. regarding drainage had not been progressed.</p> <p>Pigeons at Spott Road Bridge (Network Rail) – Work completed. New spikes already falling off. ELC aware.</p> <p>Pigeons at Garden Close – Still to be dealt with. Wider bird management strategy being considered by ELC.</p> <p>Parking in Yosemite Park. Safety measures still required. Responsibility of Persimmon.</p> <p>Built Environment at Writers Court. JB is to meet with ELC Housing Officer when conditions allow.</p> <p>Built Environment at Yosemite Park- Various issues being taken up by ELC Housing Officer/Taylor Wimpey. JB to meet with ELC Housing Officer when conditions allow. In the meantime, a member of the public had reported a personal injury sustained in a fall at one of the dangerous tree grates reported to ELC in 2020. The grates are still under Persimmon. However, they are beside ELC Tenancies. Head of Infrastructure, Tom Reid, had asked Frank Fairgreave of ELC Building Control to follow up to consider how the area may be made safe. There are no trees in the grates and they will not be used to plant trees as residents had not wanted trees to potentially block light to their properties.</p> <p>Adoption of the roads and pavements in the Area has still to take place. ELC have requested that the developers arrange a contractor to do this. Persimmon are the main developer involved for the roads and pavements.</p> <p>Idling Taxi Issues in High Street/Station- Vehicle Emissions Officer, Tom Burr had made contact with 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>Upgrade of Skatepark at Pine Street. JB had contacted the group involved. Contact Lynsey Moody had contacted PS. Another group is considering a pump track site.</p>
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p>Dunbar Churches Together Special Meeting– 17th February. JB had attended.</p> <p>The group had been established around 30 years ago to foster ecumenical working in the town. However, support had dwindled over the years as membership in both clergy and laity had changed.</p> <p>It was agreed to dissolve the group.</p> <p>It was intended that local churches would continue to work together on specific projects e.g. Holiday Clubs and support for the Christian Youth Project led by Richard Taylor.</p> <p>Holyrood Hustings will be held in conjunction with Sustaining Dunbar on 13th April (Constituency Candidates) and 15th April (List Candidates)</p>
9.02	<p>Community Carrot AGM 20th February- JB had attended</p> <p>The shop had been challenged by Covid restrictions. However, it continued to offer an important service to the community. Thanks was given to the community for supporting the</p>

	<p>shop during the pandemic. Although footfall to the High Street shop had fallen there had been a vast increase in the number of vegetable boxes distributed – from 60 to 350 boxes in one week!</p> <p>A new Board was elected. Chair is Calum Elliot and Company Secretary is Naomi Barnes.</p>
9.03	<p><u>East Lothian Community Lottery Launch – 23rd February</u> – JB had attended.</p> <p><i>This initiative had been established between VCEL and Gatherwell who have set up other community lotteries across the UK. Information had been given on the Scheme by Maureen Allan of VCEL.</i></p> <p>Constituted groups can sign up to the scheme from 23rd February. They will need to share information on their constitution etc to be accepted.</p> <p>Once accepted a page on the Lottery website will be set up.</p> <p>Players can register from 1st march. They can choose to support one or a number of affiliated groups. Tickets will be £1.</p> <p>Affiliated groups will receive 50 p in the £1 for tickets sold on their page. A further 10p in the £1 will go into a central pot to which groups can apply. Such groups may include small groups without constitutions.</p> <p>Syndicates can play on behalf of communities.</p> <p>The first draw will be on May 8th.</p> <p>JB had agreed to share the information with local community groups.</p>
9.04	<p><u>East Lothian Educational Trust- February 25th</u> – JB had attended</p> <p>The ELC employed Clerk to the Trust, Stuart Townley, had left ELC. Head of Finance, Sara Fortune had attended the meeting.</p> <p>There had been a discussion as to how ELC may best support the Trust including administration, clerking and helpful presentation of documentation.</p> <p>A small number of applications had been discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Trust would benefit from further public promotion of its grants to individuals and groups for educational purposes.</p>
9.05	<p><u>Dunbar Community Bakery – February 27th</u>- JB had attended</p> <p>Sales had remained steady. New lines had been introduced. Given Covid, the café tables would be removed to give more space for the display of goods.</p> <p>Wholesale had declined as outlets had been closed due to Covid.</p> <p>Post Brexit the cost of ingredients had continued to rise.</p> <p>It was agreed to apply to join the East Lothian Community Lottery programme. JB had agreed to initiate this with VCEL.</p> <p>AGM planned for 2 pm on May 29th. New Board members would be welcome.</p>
9.06	<p><u>Hallhill TRA AGM 1st March</u> – GR, PS and JB had attended</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Jim Herron, Chair of East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel.</p> <p>Terry Prior was re-elected as Chair of the group.</p> <p>Terry gave a resume of the history of the group and its achievements. Priorities were set for the future e.g. adoption of roads on the new estates follow up of A1 noise concerns. Terry and other committee members will continue to speak up for residents on issues like A1 safety, Anti Social Behaviour, Planning.</p> <p>Various presentations were given.</p> <p>Ken Ross spoke on local developments.</p> <p>He spoke of the history of support for the Dunbar area by Hallhill Developments and RDL.</p> <p>He noted the success of the DunBear statue and its publicity across the world. He noted that DunBear Park and its proposed environmental outlook was a legacy of John Muir. He spoke of the support of Hallhill Developments for the DTA and the need to promote the town through signage for DunBear park etc.</p> <p>He noted proposals in the pipeline.</p>

	<p><i>Area Z</i> – off Yosemite Park. 37 homes including 27 mid market rent properties.</p> <p><i>Hallhill North</i>. Discussions ongoing. Will include 64 affordable properties – Of these 50% will be for social rent and 50% for mid market rent JB noted issues of access and route linkages. Mr Ross advised that Hospital Road and access under the East Coast main line were under discussion.</p> <p><i>DunBear Park</i>. Mr Ross shared a Masterplan. He noted proposals for an electric bus interchange for a service between Newcastle and Dundee. Following the meeting a copy of the Masterplan was requested to share with the community by JB but declined by Mr Ross on the grounds that the proposals were being discussed by ELC</p> <p>JB noted flooding issues at DunBear Park. Mr Ross noted that this was in hand with contractors.</p> <p>Keith Dingwall (ELC) explained the Planning Process. He advised that recruitment of further staff to implement enforcement of planning conditions was underway. It was noted that new Scottish Government legislation requires local authorities to monitor the compliance of developers with planning conditions. Those present noted a number of concerns about planning enforcement by ELC with regard to local developments. Concerns were raised that developers were gaining planning permission and moving on to start building new developments before all snags were dealt with at earlier ones e.g drainage, roads adoption, landscaping, noise. Mr Dingwall advised that he understood concerns but each application had to be considered on its own merits.</p> <p>Kenny Black (ELC) spoke on the Anti Social Behaviour processes The formation of a Neighbourhood Watch Group was suggested. Mobile CCTV is now covering the area around Yosemite Park/Fall Avenue where concerns had been raised about criminal activity.</p> <p>Cllr McLennan spoke on the role of Elected Members in supporting and representing the concerns of the community.</p>
9.07	<p>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership (CRP) March 4th – JB had attended a meeting with Alex Bray of Cross Country</p> <p>Mr Bray advised that the next Core Funding would be made available from April 1st. However, funding for specific projects was being delayed as there were ongoing discussions about the future of rail transport with the Department of Transport.</p> <p>There was further discussion of the ongoing project to fund replacement murals at Prestonpans Station in conjunction with the local community council.</p> <p>Allison Cosgrove noted that Dunpender Community Council may request funding in the future for tourist information at the new East Linton Station.</p> <p>JB had asked about sponsorship for local events that might bring tourists to Dunbar. Mr Bray said that this may be possible but Cross Country would need to be sure that there were benefits from such financial support for his company and the rail network.</p> <p>There was discussion about the need to promote public confidence in using public transport again once Covid restrictions lift. Suggestion was made of special offers etc.</p> <p>There was discussion of Scotrail moving in to cover for Cross Country reductions as per an e mail from Scotrail on February 17th. Mr Bray was not aware of this and agreed to look into it further as he was not aware of cuts to the Cross Rail services to Dunbar.</p> <p>Date of Next meeting- May 13th</p>
9.08	<p>Shore Road Issues – March 10th – JB had attended</p> <p>Strategic Discussions -Alan Stubbs had noted that an ELC Open Space Strategy Working Group was meeting on a weekly basis. PMcL and JB had asked that information from this group was shared with DCC and ELC Councillors so that it could be disseminated to the public.</p> <p>ELC Consultation of Land Management Rules – Responses to the on line consultation were being collated. Consideration will need to be given as to how any proposals are implemented e.g. regulation on wild camping.</p> <p>Coastal Car Parking – There was discussion of the displacement of traffic onto nearby streets due to people trying to avoid charges or due to car parks being full. There was concern about</p>

	<p>dangerous parking in Duke Street and North Street. Some residents had queried the use of resident only permits. The situation will be monitored. Alan Stubbs had noted that the Police could follow up any issues of dangerous parking.</p> <p>Beach User Safety – This is being discussed. Public notices are being considered. Volunteer life guarding may be implemented at Belhaven Bay.</p> <p>Visitor Facilities – Following refusal of a proposal for a snack outlet at Shore Road Keith Dingwall advised that anyone proposing to open a food outlet should first discuss with ELC Planners.</p> <p>Seafield Pond – JB noted the query from Active Schools at the March 8th DELAP Meeting. Ranger, Tara Sykes, was clear that the water had ongoing contamination issues from an unknown source including e coli which rendered the pond unsafe for water activities by the public.</p>
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10.01	<p>Sandy Baptie, ELC -Weather Updates</p> <p>Harry Barker, Community Rail Partnership – Increase in Scotrail services from February 22nd.</p> <p>DSHNG – AGM Minutes and Chair’s report. Notes of Open Meeting on 2nd October.</p> <p>Local People Leading – Newsletters</p> <p>East Lothian Community Councils – VCEL Community Lottery Launch on February 23rd</p> <p>People at the Centre – Report. JB had circulated</p> <p>Area Partnerships – Consultation on the Condition of the East Lothian Learning Estate. JB had circulated.</p> <p>National Museum of Flight – Community Survey</p> <p>Kenny MacAskill MP – Thanks for the Vision Document</p> <p>Via Facebook – Glynda Jones – Query about Affordable Housing. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook – Various- Concerns about Recycling Mess on February 19th. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Mary Horsburgh – Street Name Suggestion. JB had responded</p> <p>Paul Beveridge & Others – Newtonlees Concerns. JB had responded</p> <p>RAGES- Update on East Linton Station</p> <p>Via Facebook- Jane McIntyre. Wishing to Adopt Bayswell Road Phone Box. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Romie Blair- Litter and Flytipping issues JB had responded</p> <p>Christiane Manuelian (France)- Seeking old friends in Dunbar – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Calum Porteus- Flooding in North Road. JB had responded</p> <p>CarolAnn Andrews- Flooding on path and land at DunBear Park. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook – Chris McCracken – damaged sign at Lochend Road – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Gillian Gibson- Missing Toby top at Letham Place- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook – June Douglas- Damaged litter bin at Kellie Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Community Councils – Information on fuel poverty grants</p> <p>Community Councils – information on funding to promote digital inclusion</p> <p>Community Councils – Information on keeping warm and well</p> <p>Community Councils – Information on the National Lottery Climate Action Fund</p> <p>DCWG- Lochend Woods survey – JB had responded</p> <p>Philip Immirzi- Tourism pressure issues. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook -Rosy Johnston – interest in the Skatepark Project. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- A1 Litter- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- June Douglas- Missing Toby Top in John Muir Crescent – JB had responded</p> <p>Neil and Evelyn Hutchison – Concerns about lack of planting and other planning issues between Walker Homes and Robertson/Avant site . JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Ian Cormack – seeking information on private lets. JB had responded.</p> <p>Gary Donlin – SSE Renewables. Invited to attend April meeting by PS</p> <p>Via Facebook- Isabella Queiroz- Information on Laptop provision for older people. JB had responded</p> <p>Brake- Newsletter</p> <p>Christine Gray, Spott Kirk Session – Request for support for disability access improvements at Spott Churchyard. AS had responded.</p>

	<p>Helen Gillanders, DPS- Funding request for pipe and drum tuition. AS had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook-Rhona Lees – Roadworks issues (road closure for Scottish Power works) in Park Avenue/North Road. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Covid immunization issues(appointment letters not being received) – JB had responded</p> <p>Sustaining Dunbar/DCT- Hustings events on 13th and 15th April</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various – Flooding on old A1/Brandsmill Area – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Heather Reid – Dangerous tree grates at Yosemite Park causing personal injury- JB had responded.</p> <p>Bear - Newsletter</p>

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