



MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 19th April 2021

7 pm by Zoom Conference Call

Ref	Item	
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 (SC), Gill Wilson (GW), Loretta Stewart (LS), Ben Thomas (BT), Craig Rapson (CR), Herbert Coutts (HC), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cllr Paul McLennan (PMc), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Mike Shaw, Rev Keith Mills (Members of the Public), Gary Donlin (SSE Renewables).</p> <p><i>In line with Government instructions for the protection of the public from the risk of Covid19 infection, public meetings are prohibited. DCC therefore meeting by video link. Minutes will be made available to the public in the normal way and will be ratified at the first DCC meeting to be held after the lifting of prohibitions.</i></p>	
1.01	<p>Welcome – PS welcomed all to the meeting. Particular welcome was given to Kevin Searle who was interested in joining DCC and Gary Donlin of SSE Renewables.</p> <p>PS advised that following the main meeting there would be a short meeting to discuss an application to the Community Benefit Fund. This would be for DCC members only. That meeting would be minuted by AS and a note of the decision made recorded in the May 2021 Community Report.</p>	
1.02	<p>Apologies – Elouise Smith (SSE Renewables)</p>	

PRESENTATION : Berwick Bank and Marr Bank Windfarms – Gary Donlin (SSE Renewables)

Jacquie Bell had previously circulated a Report from the Public Consultation held in November 2020. Mr Donlin agreed to circulate a copy of his presentation slides for distribution.

Presentation

Mr Donlin outlined the project for 2 new windfarms in the Firth of Forth. Berwick Bank and Marr Bank will be additional to the NNG windfarm which is currently under construction. He noted that wind will be an important factor in the palette of renewable energy options that will enable Scotland to meet its Climate Change targets in the future.

Planning for Berwick Bank which will be 49 kilometres off the East Lothian coast is further advanced than for Marr Bank which will be 43 kilometres away.

Berwick Bank will have 242 turbines. As yet, it is not known how big they will be. The grid connection will be at Branxton near Torness. The grid connection for Marr Bank is still to be confirmed.

Further studies are ongoing e.g. ornithological impact assessment, environmental impact assessment, preparation of £D visualisations from the shoreline. There will be dialogue with local Community Councils and other stakeholders. There will be discussion with companies who may wish to be part of the supply chain for the construction. Following these discussions, it is intended to hold a further public consultation on updated proposals in Autumn 2021. It would be hoped to submit a planning application to Scottish Ministers/Marine Scotland in Spring 2022.

If consent is granted SSE would need to take part in the Auction process by which the UK Government contracts its energy supplies. Finalisation of the project would be dependent on SSE being successful in the auction process.

All being well, commercial energy production may begin by 2030.

Questions

Members asked a number of questions.

Impact on Birdlife – JB noted the importance of the Firth of Forth for birdlife, particularly the gannetry at Bass Rock. She noted the lengthy process for the NNG consent which had been challenged by RSPB, the Seabird Centre and others. She queried the potential for birdstrikes and other impacts from the erection of further turbines within the migration and feeding corridor. Mr Donlin advised that aerial and boat based ornithological surveys were ongoing.

Impact on Seabed life and Fishing. JB, AS and SK asked about the potential of disturbance of the seabed during construction on the wellbeing of shellfish, nephrods etc and thus impact on the local fishing industry. Mr Donlin said that there may be an impact during the laying of cables on the seabed. However, he did not think there would be a long-term impact due to the distance of the turbines from the shore. He said that there had been discussion with fishing groups. Marine Scotland will form a view on this matter as part of their consideration of the proposals.

Unexploded Ordnance – SK asked as to how this might be dealt with during construction. Mr Donlin advised that it would be intended to avoid any detonation of wartime devices. To do so would be a last resort.

Landward Connection- BT asked how the system would connect to the Grid. Mr Donlin advised that cabling would be underground. The route was still to be determined. JB noted the cumulative impact on Lammermuir communities of the various offshore and onshore windfarm projects.

Community Benefits – AS asked about potential community benefits e.g. grants for local communities. Mr Donlin advised that, as yet, such agreements were uncertain. They would depend on whether or not the projects went ahead. In the meantime. SSE had given funds to some local initiatives and organisations e.g. Seabird Centre, Fringe by the Sea.

Energy Destinations – HC noted the potential for energy from all the windfarm projects to create a surplus. He asked where any surplus might be directed. Mr Donlin advised that this would be for Scottish Power to decide but it would be likely for any excess of renewable power generated by the windfarms to be directed south of the border.

Future Communications with DCC

Mr Donlin said he would be happy to answer further questions at any time. He would be happy to give a further presentation once proposals are clearer.

2.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2.01	<u>Councillors declaring an interest</u> in matters to be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
3.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 15th March 2021	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
3.02	<u>Adoption</u> - APPROVED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - LS • Seconded - SB 	
3.03	<u>DCC Action Review</u> (For Councillor actions, see Councillor reports) All DCC actions had been attended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Access to Spott Kirkyard – PS had sent a letter of support on behalf of DCC • Dunbar Primary School – Pipe and Drum Tuition – £2000 committed but AS awaiting further information in order for payment to be made. • Hanging Baskets – Costs to be finalised • DunBear Park – Letter to Hallhill Developments sent on behalf of DCC by PS • DCC vacancy had been advertised again. Kevin Searle had expressed an interest. 	
3.04	<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> 1. Action Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access networks south of the railway line. NH had sent a map which had been circulated. <i>Access to Southern Platform.</i> NH noted that ELC had given planning consent for the path network to the boundary. Network Rail are still to issue an order for the arrangements internal to the station boundary. He noted that Transport Scotland were keen for work to be underway. <i>Paths Network Officer.</i> NH advised that an Officer to work on access routes south of the railway was due to start work on 4th May. <i>Wider Paths Network-</i> The new Officer will consider improved linkages between the different parts of the town. Consideration is to be given to improving Hospital Road between Belhaven Hospital and Eweford to include road widening and creating a space for pedestrians and cyclists. A route will be considered between the new Halhill North development to the rear of Hallhill Healthy Living Centre. Improving pedestrian safety on Spott Road by creating a pavement on the garden centre side and widening the western side is also to be considered. Engineers have been looking at this area and there will be a future public consultation on proposals. JB noted the work already done by Spott Community Association/SUSTRANS on consideration of safe routes from Spott into Dunbar and linkages between the southern estates and the town. She suggested that the new officer should make contact with them. NH said that routes from Spott could be considered. PS noted that BT is the main DCC contact for cycling connections. BT asked when diagrams of the networks would be available. NH said this may be possible. He agreed to arrange a meeting with DCC to look at the options. 2. Report <i>Access from Robertson/Avant site to ASDA .</i> The ongoing issues regarding completion of the path under the railway bridge continue. Network Rail wish	NH

	<p>Robertson Homes to form a legal agreement to maintain the bridge on a long term basis. In the meantime, Network Rail have advised ELC that temporary surfacing can be completed under the bridge to enable pedestrian and cyclist access.</p> <p><i>Lamer Street /East Beach</i> – Consideration is being given to safety measures along the busy street where there is no footpath. Consideration being given to cordoning off part of the area for pedestrians/cyclists. However, Dave Northcott had advised that some remedial work was required at the new breakwater and thus arrangements will be needed to allow access for workmen.</p> <p><i>Campervan Parking</i>. It was expected that the lifting of some Covid restrictions will lead to an increase in visitors and the requirement for parking spaces for campervans. Sites were being considered. JB noted the public concerns about the proposals to make use of Winterfield Park, particularly questions of public safety and the lack of toilets. She and HC noted the status of Winterfield Park as a Field in Trust which meant that The FIT Trustees had to agree to any use. NH said that other sites were being considered. He said that PS had met with ELC officers on 16/4 to discuss the situation.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Bay</i> NH noted that summer 2020 had seen the area become very busy. A number of people had been cut off by the tide and had had to clamber over the boulders near the Bridge to Nowhere to get to safety. He had raised concerns about the dangers with ELC. Thus agreement had been made to create a crossing with a galvanised platform to the sands. Landscape and Countryside had agreed to fund the work which will be Project Managed by ELC. It was hoped that the work would be completed by May 2021.</p> <p>PS noted concern about the lack of communication by NH and ELC Officers regarding this proposal. DCC members had read about it in the Press. She noted that DCC and DELAP had had ongoing work to look at Access to Belhaven Bay for a number of years and had been told that there was not funding available. She queried the need for Marine Licenses and Planning Permission for the work which she had been told were required for the Access For All works. NH said that it did not need planning consent as it was an alteration to an existing structure.</p> <p>HC noted that he, GW and SB along with NH were Directors of DCDC which had been involved in discussions regarding the project.</p>	
4.02	<p><u>Sue Kempson</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Update- <i>Railway Southern Platform</i>. SK had fed back to local residents who had been happy with the proposals for the access and that ELC would monitor the parking situation. CR said that he had not seen anything further from ELC about temporary signage in the area. NH said that this would be provided once the access route was ready for use. Plans for signage would be put into place once the completion date was clearer. 2. Report <i>Access Forum SK advised that she would be attending a forthcoming meeting of the Access Forum She would raise the issues of footpaths and campervan parking. She would be happy to raise any other questions if DCC members contacted her about them.</i> 	SK
4.03	<p><u>Paul McLennan</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Action Update</u> – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) ASB i) <i>Housing</i> PS and PMc had had contact with a resident regarding ASB matters at Fall Avenue. This was in hand. JB noted concerns at Yosemite Park where a property had become available and nearby residents were concerned as to who the property may be let to after longstanding issues. PMc advised that ELC were to operate a stringent 	

	<p>letting arrangement for the property and others in the problem areas known. CCTV Cameras have been installed to monitor ASB.</p> <p>ii)Lauderdale Park. PMc noted issues at Lauderdale Park of youths climbing the wall. Anti climb paint was to be used to deter this. JB advised of contact she had had from a nearby resident who had had double glazing panes smashed by stones thrown from the wall. She agreed to notify the resident of the proposals to try to stop the problem.</p> <p>b) Bird Issues</p> <p>i) <i>Railway Bridge Spikes</i>. PMc advised that spikes that had fallen off were being replaced.</p> <p>ii)<i>Bird Management Report</i> – PS asked when the community consultation mentioned in the Report might take place. PMc was uncertain. PS agreed to recirculate the document and P Mc agreed to find out more.</p> <p>2. <u>Report</u></p> <p><i>High Street Reopening</i>. P Mc noted that all being well businesses were due to re-open on 26th April. Thanks were given to members of the community for pulling together to prepare e.g. Dunbar in Bloom, Gleam Machine, DCC, DTA,DAL. JB advised that she was to meet with an ELC Officer on 20/4 to look at repairs, extraneous signage etc.</p> <p><i>Station Car Park</i> – No further information</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>PS/PMc</p> <p>JB</p>
4.04	<p><u>Questions to Councillors</u></p> <p>CARS Grant – JB noted the recent article in the East Lothian Courier regarding the £1 million award to upgrade buildings in the High Street. She asked for more information on the buildings that would benefit and if there would be any monies for other works e.g. the Mercat Cross restoration. NH advised that Jamie Baker of ELC had worked on the funding request. A number of projects were involved, and funding allocation being finalised. More information could be given at a later date.</p> <p>Expedited List JB asked if there could be an improved dialogue between ELC members and DCC/other community councils in the Ward regarding this weekly list. She noted concerns that the information is only made available to the 22 ELC Councillors and that they are the only ones who can call applications in from the list for discussion at a Full Planning Committee. There had been a number of instances in recent months where local community councils/local residents had made objections to proposals, but they had not been called in. ELC Councillors had not informed Community Councillors when they had appeared on the list and had not sought views. Thus, applications of concern had gone through without a full discussion which had led to concerns and in some cases upset to residents. She noted that although an application might still be given approval the community might feel that at least the application had had a hearing before the Committee rather than being passed by the delegated powers. She noted that there had also been the situation where the Assembly Rooms application, which had been supported by DCC, had been called in by NH. DCC had only been aware that it had been called in when invited to attend Planning Committee. JB noted that having had contact with other members of AELCC that there was a variable experience across the Wards of the county.</p> <p>NH gave his reasons for calling in of the Assembly Rooms application. He noted the lack of Parking. JB said that Guidelines produced by Paul Zochowski were clear that parking principles could be overlooked if the benefits to the townscape of a conservation area outweighed the lack of parking.</p> <p>NH said that calling in to Planning Committee cost money, especially if an application were rejected and the developer appealed. JB noted that the Assembly Rooms had been recommended for approval and that following its rejection by Planning Committee the applicant was considering an appeal.</p>	

	<p>HC asked PS for information on comments reported in the East Lothian Courier that had been made by the Agent of the applicant regarding her involvement in the Assembly Rooms planning process. PS advised that the comments had not been accurate.</p> <p>NH said that he would ask Keith Dingwall about circulation of the Expedited list to community councils. JB asked that further consideration still be given as to the dialogue between ELC members and Community Councillors on applications where Community Councils have an expressed view and discussion by Planning Committee would be beneficial.</p>	NH
5.00	SECRETARY'S REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting by JB. Items are Incorporated in 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 by AS (See Community Report 1.00-1.03)	
6.01	<p>Local Priorities Fund – New Applications</p> <p>£500 for East Lothian Additional Needs Support Playgroup - APPROVED</p> <p>£2000 for Dunbar Christmas Lights - APPROVED</p> <p>£2000 for Civic Week (Up to this figure depending on actual spend)- APPROVED</p> <p>£500 for DTA towards Rebranding Project costs – APPROVED</p> <p>AS will arrange payment of the Grants.</p>	AS
6.02	<p><u>Matters arising/questions:</u></p> <p>PS requested funding for projects linked to the reopening of local businesses - £150 for maps and a small amount for the team who had worked on sprucing up the High Street on 18th April.</p> <p>It was agreed to finance these from the Covid Fund.</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"> • <i>DCC Finances</i> • <i>Community Police</i> • <i>Planning</i> • <i>DCC Initiatives/Projects</i> • <i>Community Projects</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i> • <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i> • <i>Record of meetings attended</i> • <i>Correspondence received</i>
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> None	

9.00	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
9.01	<p><u>Kevin Searle</u> – Mr Searle confirmed that he was interested in joining DCC. PS will contact him to discuss further the application process. The application will be the first item at the May meeting.</p> <p><u>40th Anniversary of Martinez Twinning</u> – JB had written a note of greeting to the Mayor of Martinez, California to mark the Ruby Anniversary on April 18th of the Sister City agreement with the city where John Muir had lived in later life.</p> <p><u>Mercat Cross</u> – HC noted that an article had appeared in The Herald on April 18th.</p> <p><u>Dunbar Day Centre</u> – GW noted the need for further Trustees and volunteers.</p>	PS/KS
10.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
10.01	<u>17th May 2021</u>	



COMMUNITY REPORT April 2021

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1.00	DCC FINANCE REPORT
1.01	<u>DCC and Sub-Committee Accounts</u> AS had circulated his Report by e mail General Account The Bank Balance at the end of March was £52,770.68 The Restricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of the month were Community Windpower Fund £33731 Covid Fund £10531 Access For All Fund £ 759 Local Priorities Fund £ 7098 War Memorial Fund £ 361 TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS £52480 The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Fund at the end of the month end were Balance in the General Fund £291 TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £291 Payments from the General Fund included annual subscriptions. The ELC Grant is to be confirmed. .Civic Week Account The bank balance at the month end stood at £7218.71 Christmas Lights Account The bank balance at the month end stood at £13675.74 A grant of £1831.10 was received from Dunbar Co-op during the month £537.04 was spent on Corn Exchange refurbishment The balance of the expenditure was spent on Christmas Lights maintenance.
1.02	<u>Local Priorities Grant Scheme update</u> <u>New Applications -</u> East Lothian Additional Needs Support Playgroup - £500 Dunbar Christmas Lights - £2000

	<p>Civic Week - £2000 to be held as an interim measure. LAS had noted that the cost is likely to be less than that sum. There may be some donations from local business etc. Monies remaining can be redirected to other applicants once the real costs of Civic Week are known.</p> <p>Dunbar Trades Association - £500 towards Rebranding project.</p> <p>The Current Year Fund £10020 – To be confirmed Brought Forward Fund £ 6678 Maximum Budget Total £16698</p> <p>Committed or under review on 19th April - £ 7000 Local Priorities Fund Available £9698</p>
1.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund update</u> A Panel Meeting was held on 18th March. AS had circulated minutes. Funding had been awarded to a number of organisations <i>Dunbar Music Festival</i> - £6000 <i>Dunbar & District Guiding</i> - £1672.75 <i>The Ridge</i> - £2500 <i>Dunbar Street Art Trail</i> (per European Stone Stacking Competition) - £2100. Subject to the Competition being held.</p> <p>Letters of thanks had been received from recipients and circulated by AS. Publicity about the Stone stacking competition had appeared in national media.</p> <p>First Quarterly Report This had been drawn up by AS and circulated to DCC Members. A copy had been sent to Community Windpower Ltd.</p> <p>April Report. This had been circulated by AS April Applications – An application has been received from DCWG - £2464 to purchase equipment to enable path maintenance activities. It was agreed that this should be discussed as part of the main DCC meeting rather than at a separate gathering.</p> <p>Funding Update At the start of April £45,000 had been received representing £20,000 – next tranche of accrued monies £25,000 – advance payment of money due on July 1st</p>
2.00	COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT
2.01	<p>Police Report -Circulated by JB – The Report was based on incidents between 15th March and 17th April. Road Safety – No issues reported Anti-Social Behaviour <i>Lochend PSP</i>- Few calls had been received relating to youth disorder/alcohol misuse over the time period. Community Officers frequently patrol the areas where problems are known to occur when available. Small amounts of alcohol had been sized from youths on 2nd and 3rd April. 29th March – Following a disturbance in Dunbar High Street a male was charged with possession of an offensive weapon, vandalism, police assault/resisting arrest and behaving in a threatening and abusive manner. He was arrested and charged. A male was arrested and charged with behaving in a threatening and abusive manner and abuse of the 999 system. A female was arrested for breach of bail conditions linked to anti-social behaviour charges.</p>

	<p><i>Fires</i> were reported at Lochend Woods, Winterfield Park and Pine Street Skatepark. <i>5 incidents of minor vandalism</i> were reported. These included paint or other substance being painted onto the rear of the Fishermen’s Monument.</p> <p>Serious Crime</p> <p>2 Misuse of Drugs Warrants were executed at addresses within Dunbar. 2 people were subsequently found in possession of Class B drugs.</p> <p>Theft</p> <p>Between 31st March and 1st April 4 vans were entered overnight at a number of locations in Dunbar and property stolen from them. Enquiries are ongoing. Officers advise van owners to remove any tools/valuables from the rear of their vehicles for safe keeping overnight.</p>
2.02	<p><u>Community and Police Partnership Update (CAPP) – Meeting Held on 13th April</u> <u>Panel Agreed Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour -Patrols of Hotspot Areas on Friday and Saturday nights • Speeding around the Ward. Pop up Jim to be deployed and Speed Checks to be conducted. Social media messaging to be utilised. <p><u>Pop Up Jemima Funding</u> – All 4 Community Councils had agreed to fund a new Jemima. PC Hutchison will speak to Police regarding billing. It was suggested that Dunbar CC is invoiced as the CC paying the largest share. Other CCs may then reimburse Dunbar. This was thought to be simpler than 4 separate invoices.</p> <p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u>- 7 pm on May 24th</p>
2.03	<p><u>DCC Liaison with Police and Others</u> <u>Problem Solving Partnership Meeting – 30th March– JB had attended</u></p> <p><i>Incidents</i> – There had been few reports of incidents to the Police and Fire Service since the last meeting. JB and Eva Hurley of DCWG had noted some incidents in recent days. There was awareness that lighter nights were coming and that Covid Restrictions may be eased which could lead to an increase in youth gatherings.</p> <p><i>Diversionsary Activities</i>. Gordon Horsburgh had noted plans for Midnight Football sessions and visits by Heavy Sound. Some youth outreach work had begun.</p> <p><i>Skatepark Upgrade/Pumptrack</i> – Steven Wands has had contact with those considering this. Proposals are still at an early stage. A formal committee still needs to be formed. JB had noted the need for consultation with young people on the facilities they would like and also the need to consult with nearby residents – some of whom had expressed concerns about noise and loss of greenspace to concrete structures etc. Steve agreed that the community would be kept informed.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting</i>. No firm date set. Given the low number of recent calls it was discussed as to whether the PSP should be dissolved and potentially restarted if further incidents of concern arose. However, given the potential for issues with the lighter nights and lock down easing it was agreed to defer a formal decision. Kenny Black agreed to circulate an update on 30th April. Should the number of calls remain low the PSP could be stood down on the understanding that it could be recalled.</p>
3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u></p> <p>1)Assembly Rooms – JB and PS had attended Planning Committee on 30/3. The application had been called in by Cllr Hampshire. The proposal had been defeated 7-4.Cllrs Hampshire and Kempson had voted against the Officer recommendation to grant consent. It is believed that the applicant is planning an appeal.</p> <p>2)DunBear Park – Meeting with Ken Ross on 7th April JB, GR, AS and PS had attended. <i>DunBear Publicity</i> – Ken Ross noted how far afield publicity about DunBear had gone, particularly in America. He again noted the links to the legacy of John Muir.</p>

	<p><i>Masterplan</i> – PS had noted how useful this would be. Ken Ross and Alex Orr noted that the design was still being tweaked in discussions with ELC. There had been a number of versions since the version that some members had seen at the Hallhill TRA AGM. It was agreed that information would be supplied to DCC when a final version is submitted to ELC- hopefully at the end of the month.</p> <p>It was clear that there would not be a full Master Plan for the whole site. Mr Ross said that this needed to be developed in phases. Concern was expressed about the potential of a piecemeal nature to the development rather than a coherent whole vision for use of the land.</p> <p><i>Phase One</i>- Mr Ross noted the high costs of providing infrastructure for the site. Thus funding needed to be pump primed. Negotiations were ongoing with a number of retail firms. There was a discussion about the nature of these. He noted that, with the new Gateside development Dunbar could leach trade to Haddington. It would be good to keep shoppers in Dunbar and attract others to shop to local facilities. He said that the consultation had demonstrated a public interest in some retail brands like lower cost grocery stores. He did not think a destination venture similar to House of Bruar would be viable at this stage. He said that the identities of those interested could not be given for commercial reasons. Concerns were noted about competition with the High Street- that any offering at DunBear Park should be to complement rather than compete with the High Street which has been affected by Covid. Mr Ross said that there would be signage to the High Street, footpath links etc. There was a discussion about design. JB had noted concerns by the residents of Newtonlees and others about illumination, building works etc.</p> <p><i>Roads</i> – Mr Ross said that ELC wished a route through to link to the Old A1. Concerns were noted about this.</p> <p><i>Electric Transport Hub</i>- Mr Ross has been in discussions with a bus company who would like to run a route via Dunbar from the North of England to Dundee/Glasgow. He hoped this would be in place in time for COP 26 in November 2021. He also hoped to have a site for car charging.</p> <p><i>Business Start Ups/Office Space</i>- Mr Ross said that rents would be too expensive to provide such units at this time.</p> <p><i>Community Spaces</i> Mr Ross said he was in discussion with a local group about a community youth facility. JB noted the need for a community arts/multispace facility. Mr Ross would be willing to consider this further with community reps.</p> <p><i>Open Space</i>- JB had noted that many in the community had hoped for greenspace/parkland as at The Kelpies in Falkirk.</p> <p><i>Care Home</i> – Mr Ross said that this would not be in the first phase. Likewise there were no initial firm plans for a nursery or hotel.</p> <p><i>Further Discussion</i> – There will be opportunities for further discussion.</p> <p>-</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. Alan Stubbs has advised that the pavement is in the programme for 2021-22. 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 chasing 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. Planning Enforcement are following this up. 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

	<p>Avant by ELC Planning Enforcement. The need for a gate to prevent access to the Ransom Strip 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 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>11 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>12 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>13 20/01413/P – Alteration and Conversion of Old Assembly Rooms to Form 4 flats. Refused by Planning Committee on March 30th. The applicant is expected to appeal.</p> <p>14 20/01442/ADV – Signage for Drive Thru Starbucks near Spott Road Roundabout. JB had circulated information. DCC views had been submitted to ELC. The application had been withdrawn by the applicant on 9th April.</p> <p>15 21/00166/P – Harbour Seafood Shack. JB had circulated information. DCC views had been submitted to ELC. Approved on 2nd April.</p> <p>16 21/00369/LBC – Belhaven House, Edinburgh Road, West Barns – application for alterations to listed building. JB seeking clarification of the property involved. It may be 7-9 Duke Street, Belhaven for which a previous LBC consent had been granted for works before the property was sold in 2020. The documents refer to that property and there is no Belhaven House in West Barns.</p>
4.00	<u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u>
4.01	<u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u> – 26 th April
5.00	<u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u> <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> AS had circulated a brief update on proposals including community competitions as in 2020.

5.03	<p>Community Resilience</p> <p>Winter Weather Matters – GR had taken delivery of 8 snow shovels via Sandy Baptie at ELC. These have been stored at the Corn Exchange along with the Resilience Hi Viz jackets and badges.</p> <p>Covid Response</p> <p>New Wave Volunteers- There had been no requests for assistance either from the community, via ELC Contact centre or via VCEL.</p> <p>VCEL Task Force – JB had spoken with Maureen Allan of VCEL about issues with recruitment and training. Maureen was to follow these up and come back to JB.</p> <p>ELC Community Recovery and Renewal Co-ordinating Group- Next Meeting April 21st</p> <p>Spaces for People – JB had contacted Morag Haddow for an update on Dunbar projects. She had circulated a response. Most of the local initiatives had stalled as contractors were busy with requests for works to be done. ELC DLO may be approached but they have a backlog of work due to Covid. Interventions near DPS had not worked and alternatives are to be considered. Ben Thomas is involved in discussions on behalf of DCC. There may be consideration of path widening between Countess Road and Belhaven Road near DPS and Bleachingfield Centre.</p> <p>Management of Open Spaces – JB had circulated the Covid 19 Multi Agency Open Space Working Group Elected Members Briefing. Circulation of this had been requested from Alan Stubbs at the meeting JB had attended regarding Shore Road in March. The Working Group meets on a weekly basis.</p> <p>There had been discussion of the latest proposals for easing lock down measures from 26th April.</p> <p>Signage – In line with other Scottish Councils lamp post wrap information signage will be displayed at popular visitor sites.</p> <p>Road Safety – New yellow lines have been installed at Barns Ness in response to dangerous traffic practices in 2020. PS had raised concerns about this in correspondence but ELC had advised that they would remain having been subject to a TRO process Since installation there have been concerns raised on social media.)</p> <p>Further parking attendants will be employed.</p> <p>Discussions with Tarmac on camper van provision at Barns Ness had not been successful for safety reasons. Other camper van sites are to be considered.</p> <p>Land Management Rules – Consultation had ended. Recommendations will be presented to the May Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>Campervan Overflow Proposal at Winterfield Park – Friends of Winterfield had been approached on 6/4 by ELC regarding use of part of Winterfield Park as an overflow site for campervans. There had been no information about which part of the Park would be identified for use. The proposal seemed to be related to the Park not having a height restrictor. This had been discussed by the FOW committee. Feedback from the Chair to ELC was concerns about the proposal chiefly due to the lack of amenities at the site e.g. electric hook ups, hardstanding, toilets & waste disposal facilities. There has been a history of issues when Circuses and Fairs have come with human excrement etc. An approach had also been made to DCC and DELAP by Connected Communities Manager, Gordon Horsburgh.</p> <p>JB had circulated information from Friends of Winterfield regarding their concerns. Chair, Esther Wilson, had contacted Fields in Trust with which the Park has been registered as a Queen Elizabeth II Field in Trust for a number of years. They had advised that any use must be in keeping with the uses agreed between ELC and Fields in Trust. Fields in Trust would need information on any proposals. If a major change from the agreement a formal application would need to be made to the Trustees. This information had been submitted to Peter Forsyth at ELC. PS had asked ELC for information on the proposals.</p>
6.00	DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
6.01	<p>Dunbar High Street and Friends – JB and CR continue to post on the Facebook page.</p> <p>Meeting 23rd March. PS, GR, AS had attended along with members of the DTA. PS had circulated a minute.</p> <p>The meeting was held to plan for businesses opening up on 26th April.</p>

	<p><i>Prize Draw</i>- Love Local had granted DTA £1500 to run a business voucher scheme. By shopping locally shoppers can choose to be entered into a prize draw to win vouchers to spend at a local business. The promotion will run from 26th April- 9th May.</p> <p><i>SOLE</i> – Launch planned for 19th April. Success will depend on local businesses using the site and promoting it via their own social media and websites.</p> <p><i>Return to Trading</i></p> <p>ELC actions identified included - hand sanitiser bulk purchase, repairing cobbles, management of Abbeylands parking, removing extraneous signage around the town centre, information to businesses on manging customers within premises.</p> <p>DCC/DTA Actions include -updating of Town parking/Safe Seating Map, Pop Up Park.</p> <p><i>High Street Ready</i> – Initiative to be arranged to install hanging baskets, have a tidy up day, pavement cleaning offered by Gleam Machine, cleaning up of empty shop fronts and tidy up of empty properties.</p> <p><i>The Future</i></p> <p>Shop Canopies – Bea Taylor to explore what kind of canopies would be acceptable in the Conservation Area.</p> <p>Rebranding – An update to be considered on the previous Discover Dunbar theme. An application to be made to DCC Local Priorities.</p> <p>Events – Consideration was given to future events.</p> <p><i>Further Meeting</i> – to be held before April 29th</p> <p><i>Meeting April 6th</i> – AS, PS, JB had attended.</p> <p>The meeting was held to further consider plans for re-opening on 26th April.</p> <p><i>Prize Draw</i> – There was further discussion of arrangements. Businesses will be asked to display posters and allocate draw tickets to those who spend more than £5 with them. Publicity will be given on SESCOT Radio and on various social media.</p> <p><i>SOLE</i>- The website is undergoing further tweaking. Once signed off it will be launched. There was some discussion regarding ongoing funding of the licence once the pilot, funded by ELC, is completed.</p> <p><i>Return to Trading</i></p> <p>Alan Stubbs at ELC Transportation had agreed to follow up a number of actions including removal of unnecessary signs, mending of cobbles.</p> <p>JB noted ELC plans for lamp post wrap around information signs.</p> <p>PS suggested that additional bike racks would be useful in the High Street.</p> <p>It was noted that there was no TTRO in place to limit parking at Abbeylands. It was agreed that signs and other information maps on places to park would be helpful.</p> <p>Cleaning up of empty ELC properties was thought to be important.</p> <p>JB agreed to arrange to meet with Alan Stubbs to further discuss arrangements.</p> <p>There was further discussion about tidy up of the High Street by businesses, DCC and other groups e.g Dunbar Against Litter.</p> <p><i>The Future</i></p> <p>Shop Canopies – Bea Taylor was to give this further consideration and discuss what may be allowed with ELC Planning.</p> <p>Rebranding – A survey had been sent to DTA members. This will be collated for further consideration. Jo Wadell taking the lead</p> <p><i>Further Meeting</i> – To be arranged</p> <p>Since the meeting Philip Mellor of DTA had noted that ELC had agreed that Gleam Machine may clean pavements. Dunbar in Bloom will assist with planting. Preparation works will take place on 25th April.</p>
6.02	<p>Dunbar East Beach/Promenade Project</p> <p>An update had been circulated by DSHNG.</p> <p><i>Sand</i> continues to return to the East Beach.</p>

	<p><i>Lamer Street Trial</i> – Proposals for seating, barriers etc had been discussed by DSHNG and residents of Coastguard Cottages. Both groups had noted concerns. In discussion with Cllr Hampshire PS had found that ELC were progressing plans for seating and stainless steel bollards around seating areas. It is envisaged that the seating would only be located on the previously hatched area. Consideration is also being given to a traffic management/one way system. Adam Brian of DSHNG will liaise with Peter Forsyth at ELC to ensure that resident views are represented.</p> <p><i>Kelp</i>- Joan Johnson of DSHNG is working on a management strategy.</p> <p><i>Biowall</i> – Introducing small rocks to the pools had been considered but discounted after discussion with Senior Ranger, Roger Powell.</p> <p><i>Fishermen’s Monument</i> – arrangements are being made to repaint it. Work will be done by The Ridge.</p>
6.03	<p>Access for All – Belhaven Bay ELC had announced works near the Bridge to Nowhere. A grant had been obtained from Community Windpower. This development is outwith the Access for All Project. (See Agenda 4.04)</p>
6.05	<p>Changing Places Changing Room – Dunbar Leisure Pool PS has written to John McMillan as Chair of Enjoy Leisure, asking for this project to be prioritised.</p>
6.06	<p>War Memorial 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. HC had been advised by David Spiden that preparation work on the new chain was in hand.</p>
6.07	<p>A1 Safety <i>Litter</i> – JB had had further contact with Transport Scotland/ELC and Bear. Some litter picking had been done but longstanding debris remains to be removed. <i>Works</i> – The road between Abbotsview and Thistley Cross had been closed for several nights between 15th and 18th April to allow for surface repairs, remarking and installation of new catseyes.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 12/4 Minutes to follow Main points:- <i>Reprovisioning of Belhaven Hospital</i>- Concerns about delays continue. The Needs Led Analysis of older people’s services is months overdue. Covid was not felt to be the only factor in the delay. It was agreed that bottom up action is needed to be taken by the community on what it wishes. A meeting of interested parties will be arranged. <i>DunBear Park Care Provision</i> – JB noted that there were no plans for this to be taken forward in the first phase of DunBear Park. There had been no further contact from John Corbett of SAOL. <i>Link Workers</i>- Louisa Richardson had given an update. The 2 workers have now had 20 referrals from GPs. A common theme has been isolation. <i>Sustaining Dunbar Community Engagement Worker</i> – Yvonne Wemyss had given an introduction to her role <i>Dunbar Day Centre</i> – Gill Wilson had given an update <i>Carers of East Lothian</i>- Gill Wilson had given an update <i>Covid Matters</i>. The current local incidence is low. Maggie McCole from The Ridge had noted issues in their vulnerable young people taking up appointments – transport is a factor. Jane</p>

Ogden-Smith had agreed to raise this concern and issues for homeless people with the Covid team.

Independent Review of Adult Social Care – There was a brief discussion. This may have a significant impact on the provision of care. Developments post Scottish Election are awaited.

Date of Next Meeting- 2 pm on May 17th

Reprovisioning of Belhaven Hospital - JB had written again to Alison MacDonald (ELHSCP) for clarification of the process including the promise of a Needs led Analysis. She had circulated a response. This had only referred to hospital beds and not the wider question of residential/nursing care provision in the area. It was suggested by Ms MacDonald that funding availability for any new provision would be challenging. Ms MacDonald will be invited to a future meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Group. Other Health and Wellbeing Groups in East Lothian also remain concerned about the lack of progress on the reprovisioning exercise. JB had also written to the Health Minister, Jeanne Freeman,. She had circulated a response which was an echo of the response from Ms MacDonald.

DunBear Park Care Provision – No further information from SAOL. PS had advised Ken Ross that there was no support by DCC for the project. Keith Dingwall of ELC Planning had advised that if the extra care housing was approved but not taken forward the site would then be prone to applications for housing which is contrary to the Local Development Plan.

At the meeting with Ken Ross on 7th April he had indicated that Care provision would not be part of the first phase of development.

Dunbar Day Centre JB, GW and SB had attended a meeting on 18th March.

The building remains closed to service users. Staff continue to give support to a number of people in the community. There have been new referrals, but some service users have moved on into residential care as their care needs could no longer be supported at home.

The Funding continues at the same level as for previous years.

Staff had been paid the £500 for Care Staff which had had to be reclaimed from the Scottish Government.

Christine Johnstone of ELHSCP had attended. She had noted likely changes to the way in which day care is provided in East Lothian in the future. Services are likely to be a mix of care in the community and buildings-based care. Consideration will be needed of the suitability of existing day care buildings for ongoing provision. There had been some discussion of providing meals cooked at sites rather than being bought in and of providing meals to the wider community. It was hoped that there might be greater community involvement in the provision of services both for older people and those with complex needs under 65. This may involve competitive tendering for services. It was proposed to have a development day for the IJB in May to which day centre committees and others would be invited to further discuss the future shape of services. Christine had suggested that the AGM, planned for October might be brought forward to June in order to give wider public information about the proposals for change. The Recommendations of the Feeley review might also have a bearing on the future shape of services.

Date of Next Meeting – 22nd April

Celebrating Communities Conversations - 25th March JB had attended

There had been further discussions on some of the ideas for activities e.g. walking groups, singing groups.

There had been discussion about the delays in the Re-provision of Health and Social Care facilities across East Lothian.

There had been discussion of the tentative proposals to change the service model of day care for older people away from the current voluntary provision. Reservations were expressed about the potential for services being put forward to competitive tender – whether larger organisations may be able to financially undercut the longstanding services provided by local voluntary organisations.

	<p>Celebrating Communities Conversations -15th April – JB had attended The meeting had been joined by representatives from Dementia Friendly communities in Dunblane and Pentlands (Currie). They had shared their experiences and activities. As in East Lothian there were issues of isolation during the pandemic. There were also common issues of access to services when many social work staff are working from home and of digital exclusion for those who cannot access appointments by Zoom. Sue Northrop had shared local discussions on the development of Meeting Centres. Local meetings are being set up including in Dunbar. There was discussion about engagement with residents of care homes and sheltered housing where entertainment or other activity visits have not been possible due to the pandemic. <i>Next Meeting- May 20th</i></p> <p>Scottish Government Independent Review of Adult Care Services – Further discussions will be held but they are currently on hold due to the Holyrood elections.</p> <p>Vaccination Programme. JB had continued to assist with the vaccination centre at Haddington community Hospital. There had been a major issue across Lothian on March 15th. This had been due to the non arrival of letters delivered from the central address by Royal Mail. The Haddington site had only seen 10 people on that day. The incident was being explored by NHS Scotland and NHS Lothian. At other times the Haddington site had been very busy. Testing for people who are Asymptomatic had been available in Dunbar on a number of dates at the Pool. Take Up had been low.</p> <p>Integrated Joint Board Chairmanship –Incoming IJB Chair, Peter Murray, and incoming ELC Cabinet member for Health and Social Care, Shamin Akhtar will be invited to future meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Group.</p> <p>Carers of East Lothian – GW is currently the Acting Chair of this organisations which has supported carers needs in East Lothian for many years. After years of being based in Musselburgh the Organisation is now based in Haddington Community Hospital. ELHSCP are now putting the ongoing support for carers in East Lothian out to a competitive tender process. COEL will need to submit a successful bid in order to continue their work. COEL are holding an online hustings at 6 pm on 21st April.</p>
8.00	ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE
8.01	<p>Roads, Pavements and Pathways <i>Hospital Road</i> –Remains in bad condition.. <i>Dropped kerbs</i> The subsided kerb at Boroughdales had been fixed in March 2021. Others at Summerfield Road, Shore Road, Pine Street and elsewhere still need attention to stop the subsidence and stop 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. <i>Uneven pavement in Westgate</i> – Repair still to be programmed by ELC <i>Uneven slopes to crossings in West Port and High Street.</i> ELC still to programme works. <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. JB had been advised by the Head of Infrastructure that Persimmon had</p>

	<p>been asked to get costings to remove the tree grates and make them safe for pedestrians.</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.</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>
8.02	<p>Signage</p> <p><i>Lack of signage at Alexander Gardens.</i> . The signs had been installed at Alexander Gardens and Kirkwood Crescent in March 2021.</p> <p><i>Lack of Signage at new estates.</i> This is causing issues for delivery drivers and emergency vehicles. Provision is the responsibility of developers. Planning Enforcement involved. Cala had installed signs in March 2021 at Bay View Circus and Beveridge Links. Signs are still needed at the Robertson/Avant sites and Persimmon.</p> <p><i>Speed Reactive Sign at James Kirk Way</i> – Keith Scott at ELC is to arrange a new position on Queens Road – other sites have not been possible due to the lack of a socket.</p> <p><i>Damaged sign at Lochend Road/Kellie Road junction</i> –Repaired 16/3.</p> <p><i>Vandalised sign (graffiti at junction to Belhaven on Eweford Road)</i>- Reported 17/4.</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 without response.</p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDC)</i> HC and Kate Darrah of The Ridge had been working on a funding application. In the meantime, there is evidence of incursion of the site and underage drinking. JB had advised DCDC Trustees and the Police.</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 commenced by The Ridge on 5th April. Will take around 30 working days. Temporary traffic lights in place.</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

Drainage

A drain near 105 Summerfield Road 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.

Damaged drain cover at Winterfield Park Car Park- A temporary repair had been made in 2019. Roads are still to programme a permanent repair on behalf of Amenities. The drain cover is now in a dangerous condition again.

Flooding at Alexander Gardens. 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.

Eweford Underpass – Flooding issues continue. Bear/Transport Scotland/ELC aware.

Brandsmill Underpass – Major issues. Network Rail, ELC and Bear aware. Flooding of this area and the old A1 has continued leading to many public complaints. Callum Redpath of ELC had advised that investigation/repair work was to commence in April 2021. The pile of bitumen across the road was to be removed and he would arrange reinstatement of the earthworks bunds.

Blocked drain in Summerfield Road. 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 at the time the works are done. Morag had since advised of the delays to the Spaces for People Programme.

Missing Toby at Lamer Street (Cromwell Anchorage) reported to Scottish Water 8/2. Repaired March 2021.

Missing Toby at Letham Place- JB had reported to Scottish Water. Repaired March 2021.

Missing Toby at John Muir Crescent- JB had reported to Scottish Water. Replaced March 2021.

Flooding near Lethendry, North Road. Issues have exacerbated in recent heavy rains. Callum Redpath had arranged cleaning of some gulleys in March 2021. They had been unable to clear the gully near Lethendry but would return to do so. Mr Porteus had noted that he had been advised by an ELC officer that the system has subsided and needed replacement. His comments had been fed back to ELC.

Flooding at DunBear Park 26/2. 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 was responsible for the drainage and that works should be done to prevent a future incident before ELC will adopt the path.

Foul Flooding near Pine Street Playpark. There is a long history of contaminated water pooling near the playpark. JB had passed to ELC. Environmental Health were to take samples of the water. An Officer had visited on 14/4 and had found the area dry. They will return after further rain to try and get a sample.

Drainage for Robertson Joyness Estate. Major Roadworks, taking around 70 working days commenced on April 12th between Comrie Avenue and Countess Road. This is to link the new development to the main near the station. Traffic lights will be in place. Walker Homes residents had expressed concerns that their streets would become a ratrun for the duration of the works.

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. The Playpark surface is in an unsafe condition.</p> <p><i>Dead planting at Alexander Gardens –</i> Responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. 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. Some vegetation has been removed but it remains at some properties. ELC Housing Officer and Taylor Wimpey/Hart involved. JB is to meet with ELC Housing Officer when restrictions allow.</p> <p><i>Belhaven School Trees.</i> Some trees had been removed/thinned in March 2021. JB had been advised by Tree Officer, Mike Foy, and David Silence at ELC Planning that arrangements had been agreed with ELC by the tree surgeon involved for removal/maintenance of the trees within the Conservation Area. None of the trees had been subject to a Tree Preservation Order.</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 made. Handrail installed at the steep steps near the townward arch on March 25th.</p> <p><i>Dead Seal –</i> Reported by members of the public on 2nd April. JB had contacted Tara Sykes who was to arrange removal of the corpse.</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><i>DAL</i> remain active Over 400 bags had been gathered in March with over 70 on Easter weekend. A bin near ASDA had had to be removed as it had been being used for disposal of bottles of human urine and other items.</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. Repaired March 2021.</p> <p><i>A1 Litter –</i> Some litter picking had slowly been taking place. JB had liaised with Transport Scotland, Bear and ELC.</p> <p><i>Fly Tipping-</i> Has been an issue. JB has reported a number of incidents as has Romie Blair including fridges, TVs and batteries.</p>

	<i>Graffiti</i> -on Bridge Near Beltonford and Signage to Belhaven from Eweford Road. Community warden actioning a cleanup.
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> – The Scottish Government will take the services currently provided by Scotrail through the Abellio tender into public ownership in 2022.</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 Jane McIntyre a representative of the group interested in taking on box adoption. She had had further contact with Jo McNamara, Chair of Sustaining Dunbar, to ask that contact is made with Jane as applications for adoption must be through a constituted community group. Sustaining Dunbar have already adopted a phone box on behalf of a community group in East Linton.</p>
8.12	<p>Other</p> <p><i>Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections</i> – Ongoing. JB had had further discussion with family members regarding funding of a memorial gravestone. JB had taken flowers on the 82nd anniversary of Dr Sutherland’s death on 19th April. A response is still needed from Dunbar Parish Kirk Session on the placement of a plaque at the Church to the memory of Dr Sutherland by the Anglo Punjab Society through author, Peter Bance. It is hoped that progress can be made on the headstone once Robertson Memorials is able to reopen.</p> <p><i>Speeding at Brodie Road near John Muir Gardens.</i> Actions still needed</p> <p><i>Kings Meadow playparks and Open Spaces</i> JB had attended a meeting with residents on 31st March. Cllr Hampshire and Amelia Smith of ELC had also attended. Auctioning of the green spaces at Middlemass Road continues. The owner of the 2 play-parks subject to ELC Enforcement action had sold them on to another party residing in Glasgow through Future Property Auctions. The new owner had indicated that his purchase was in error – he had thought he was buying a flat in Glasgow, He may be willing to negotiate a sale. ELC will pursue this. Local owners may not be willing to contribute to the purchase price- Cllr Hampshire indicated that ELC may be able to assist with purchase. ELC officers had also traced the owner of the other 2 playparks but had had no success in contacting them. Use of Sheriff Officers may be required to initiate a response from the owner. The Residents Committee also continue to pursue Greenbelt for the handover of further pockets of land. Further meeting to be arranged.</p> <p><i>Issues at New Robertson site</i> – Issues continue and Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Issues at the SUDS had continued</p> <p>Permission had been granted for access for construction plant. Residents were unhappy that permission was given without their knowledge. The application site was outwith the distance for neighbour notification but residents remain concerned about the impact on their properties.</p>

	<p>Dust and noise issues are being raised as the new Joyness development commences. The construction works are only a few feet from the front doors of the steading. This will be monitored by residents who have already raised concerns about air quality matters with ELC. Concerns about the level of dust have been passed to ELC Planning Enforcement and Environmental Health.</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. Some spikes have fallen off and remedial works are to be attended to.</p> <p>Pigeons at Garden Close – Still to be dealt with.</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. ELC Head of Infrastructure, Tom Reid , had asked for this to be taken forward. Trees were planted in the grids in April 2021.</p> <p>Upgrade of Skatepark at Pine Street. There had been further discussions with ELC Active Schools Officers with groups interested in upgrading the Skatepark and creating a pump track. Some members of the community living near the Pine Street area had raised concerns. JB, PS and Cllr McLennan had had contact with them. JB had also had contact with a DGS pupil who had wanted to present her ideas for a new skatepark design to DCC. JB had advised them to make contact with the emerging group, noting that the views of the pupils as potential users was important to the planning of any upgrade.</p> <p>2 fires near the skatepark were reported in early April.</p> <p>DunBear Park Maintenance. JB had noted issues including the amount of litter collected by DAL, the entrance area at the back of ASDA being used by drivers as a toilet and abuse of the DAL bin by passers by so that it had needed to be removed, the spillage of some kind of cement like substance down the slope behind ASDA onto the field etc. Ken Ross had advised that he was seeking blocking off of the area to traffic with ELC.</p> <p>Twinning – JB had sent a message of greeting to Mayor Schroder of Martinez to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Sister City link on 18th April.</p>
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p>Association of East Lothian Community Councils 22nd March JB had attended</p> <p><i>Douglas Proudfoot</i> had given a presentation on his new role as Executive Director for Place. He lives in Dunbar.His background is as an accountant. The new role covers many aspects of ELCs remit including Planning, Transportation, Connected Communities.</p> <p><i>Keith Dingwall</i> – gave an overview of the Planning Process and the role of Community Councils as Statutory Consultees. He is happy to take any questions/concerns from Community Councillors on planning matters that arise in their areas.</p> <p><i>Robin Edgar</i> of ELC Policy and Projects had given a presentation on the Local Development Plan which is beginning preparation and asked Community Councils to be involved</p> <p><i>Caitlin McCrory</i> – had noted new schemes for provision of IT equipment and for digital training. She had noted that Community Council elections are due to be held in October. ELC were proposing to publicise the work of Community Councils in advance of the elections to encourage community participation in standing to be Community councillors.</p>

	<p><i>Green Book</i>- A small working group led by Stuart Baxter had been looking at this. A draft of an update will be circulated for comments. It was also proposed to have a handbook of guidance for Community Councillors. This would include a Code of Conduct. There would also be consideration of dealing with abuse/harrassment from members of the public in the light of issues faced by one Community Council.</p>
9.02	<p><u>Friends of John Muir Birthplace What If presentation in Conjunction with Sustaining Dunbar/AGM- March 23rd</u> – JB had attended</p> <p>Duncan Smeed, Chairman, had led a discussion on the way forward for the Group which had been actively involved in the creation of the Birthplace Museum. It no longer charges a membership but needs an ongoing community interest in promoting its message both locally and wider afield.</p> <p>JB joined the committee which will be in addition to her role as a trustee appointed by DCC on the John Muir Birthplace Trust.</p>
9.03	<p><u>Kings Meadow Residents Association meeting. 31st March. See 8.12</u></p>
9.04	<p><u>Dunbar Community Bakery – April 8th</u> – JB had attended</p> <p>New lines have been trialled.</p> <p>As hospitality businesses open up again new wholesale opportunities are opening up. Arrangements were considered for the Zoom AGM at 4 pm on 29th May. New Trustees would be welcome to join the Committee.</p> <p>The Bakery has signed up to East Lothian Community Lottery. JB had noted the Spring Fling Draw.</p> <p>JB had noted arrangements for the High Street reopening. She had mentioned the possible plans for shop canopies. Committee members thought this was a nice idea but were not sure if they would be needed on the shady side of the street. It was also thought that some shops like the Community carrot had them already.</p> <p>JB had noted the discussions with Ken Ross about DunBear Park and the likelihood that the first phase looked as though it would be for retail options.</p>
9.05	<p><u>Meeting with Olly Langdon, Head of Belhaven Hill School</u> – JB had met him on April 9th.</p> <p>Mr Langdon took over Headship in September 2020. He noted the unusual circumstances of his coming, given the Pandemic.</p> <p>The school currently has 100 pupils, although not all have been able to attend in person in recent months. A new pre – prep facility is being planned which should see more day pupils.</p> <p>He is keen to see the school more involved in the community. He would like to see the grounds used for events, community groups making use of facilities like the gardens, the pupils mixing with other young people e.g. for sports, music activities. JB had suggested some options and agreed to pass on contact details to him to be followed up.</p>
9.06	<p><u>Local Good Food Alliance – April 7th</u></p> <p>Yvonne Wemyss is the new Sustaining Dunbar (SD) Community Engagement Worker. She will be working alongside Naomi Barnes the LGFA Co-ordinator. Yvonne and Osbert Lancaster (SD Development Manager) had outlined ideas for the next steps of community engagement following the SD What If initiative.</p> <p>In conjunction with Belhaven Brewery, a Community Outreach Gardener has been appointed. Funding had also been given towards this by DELAP. She will link with various groups including the Primary School on growing projects as well as taking a lead role at the proposed Brewery garden and Belhaven Community Garden.</p> <p>Information had been given on SOLE.</p> <p>A summer cooking project is being planned for the harbour.</p> <p>Naomi had had contact with Jennifer Lothian, Sustainability and Climate Change Officer at ELC about allotment needs and the Local Food Growing Strategy. Jennifer had advised that these were currently on hold due to the Pandemic.</p> <p>Kate Darrah had given an update on initiatives by The Ridge including hopes to set up a Micro College in Co-ordination with Borders Council to develop courses in hospitality.</p>

	<p>Hannah Ewan of the Community Carrot had updated on food projects including Sunny Soups, Cooking for Life classes and Hungry Hatch community meals.</p> <p>There had been an update on the Basics Foodbank. This had seen a decrease in clients although needs continue. In the future deliveries will only be if essential. Most clients will be given timeslots to choose goods from moveable crates. The Foodbank will now issue their own vouchers with holographic stickers on them. Dunbar Basics will be billed when the vouchers are redeemed. With suppliers.</p>
9.07	<p><u>Sustaining Dunbar/Dunbar Churches Together Hustings April 13th (Constituency Candidates) and April 15th Regional List Candidates</u> had been well attended. The Independent Chairs, Tim Green and Rev Diana Hall had managed the events very well.</p>
10.00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
10.01	<p>Via Facebook- Heather Reid. Continued issues re dangerous tree grates at Yosemite Park. JB had responded</p> <p>Kenny Macaskill MP- Broadband speeds</p> <p>Scottish Communities Alliance – Newsletters</p> <p>John Fyall – Political stickering of bus stops and other public property. JB had responded.</p> <p>Sandy Baptie- Dead Bird Matters</p> <p>Malcolm Payton – Dangerous Playpark Matters</p> <p>Community Councils – Update on the Local Governance Review</p> <p>Via Facebook – Romie Blair – Various Litter issues</p> <p>Philip Immirzzi- Coastal Management Issues</p> <p>Philip Immirzzi – Town Management - Litter Issues. JB had responded</p> <p>Christine Gray- Spott Kirk Session- Thanks for note of support for the Kirkyard access project</p> <p>Via Facebook-Variou – Tree Removal at Belhaven Hill School – JB had responded</p> <p>Gareth Morgan – DCT- Hustings arrangements. JB had responded</p> <p>Ken Ross- Re DunBear Park</p> <p>Via Facebook- Sarah McEwan – Road safety for horses – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Gavin Wilson- Deer Issues at Deerpark Cemetery- JB had responded</p> <p>Catherine Finlayson – Dunbar Craft Studio- Seeking letter of support for Craft studio to make funding applications. AS and JB had responded.</p> <p>SESTRAN- Regional Transport Strategy Consultation – Responses due by 19th April</p> <p>Matt Marshall- Concerns about light pollution related to ASDA illuminated signs. PS and JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Kerry Weir – Queries about skatepark provision. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Michaela Logan-Joyce- Seeking information on history of Dunbar Scouts. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Greg Lynn- Concerns about spikes falling off Spott Road Bridge post repair. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Calum Porteus -North Road Flooding Issues. JB had responded</p> <p>Sandy Baptie- Easter Weather update</p> <p>ELC- Mobile Covid Testing Units in Dunbar</p> <p>Via Facebook -Variou – Raw Sewage leaking near Pine Street Playpark. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook – Kevin Searle – Interested in joining DCC. JB and PS had responded</p> <p>Sandy Baptie – Offering supplies of Snow Shovels etc. JB and GR had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Variou. Dead seal at Whitesands. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Ian Hume- Query about roadworks in Belhaven and at Queens Road. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Alasdair Bunyan- Query about Queens Road roadworks. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Variou – concerns about displacement of traffic by the major roadworks at Queens Road.</p> <p>Olly Langdon, Belhaven Hill School – Invitation to meet. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook – Sarah W- Pine Street Skatepark Update – JB had responded</p> <p>Will Collin- 40th Anniversary of Sister City Link with Martinez. JB and PS had responded.</p>

<p>Via Facebook- Justine Bradd- Pedestrian Safety near Garden Centre on Spott Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about proposals for Campervan Overnight Parking at Winterfield Park. JB had responded.</p> <p>Tarmac- Liaison Meeting on 29th April. JB will attend.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Finlay Cook- Query about Covid regulations for outdoor sports. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook –Hannah Clilverd- Lauderdale Park Issues – JB had responded</p>
