



MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 17th May 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 (SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Loretta Stewart (LS)m Ben Thomas (BT), Craig Rapson (CR), Herbert Coutts (HC), Kevin Searle (KS), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cllr Paul McLennan MSP (PMc) (Part), 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. Particular welcome was given to KS who had applied to join DCC.	
1.02	Apologies – None	
1.03	<p><u>Application for Membership</u>- Kevin Searle KS spoke to his written application. Following a brief discussion he was unanimously welcomed as a DCC member. JB agreed to inform ELC.</p>	JB
2.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2.01	<p><u>Councillors declaring an interest</u> in matters to be discussed: AS – Dunbar Harbour Trust – Local Priorities Funding Application</p>	
3.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 19th April 2021	
3.01	<p><u>Amendments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alteration was made to the recording of Agenda item 4.04 – Discussion on the Expedited List. 	
3.02	<p><u>Adoption - APPROVED</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - HC • Seconded - GW 	
3.03	<p><u>DCC Action Review</u> (For Councillor actions, see Councillor reports)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB had circulated the Berwick Bank slide presentation. • AS had made various payments 	

3.04	<u>Matters arising not covered in agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
4.01	<p><u>Norman Hampshire</u></p> <p>1. Action Update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expedited list</i> – Request to Keith Dingwall for the list to be circulated to community councils. NH had not made this request. He said that the ELC Planning Officers produce their reports with a recommendation to grant or refuse consent. It is up to the ELC Councillors to decide if having read the information they agree and where they have concerns to call the application in to Planning Committee. He said that ELC Councillors should not be involved in lobbying – to do so would be in breach of the Code of Conduct. JB noted her continued concerns about instances where Community Councils, as statutory consultees in the planning process had objected/raised concerns about applications and then, not being aware of the applications being on the Expedited list, had found that they had been approved by delegated powers. This had led to community concerns. In addition, some applications that had been supported by Community Councils, had been called in and the Community Councils had only found out when given a Planning Committee date by ELC staff. PS agreed to discuss further with JB. <p>2. Report</p> <p><i>Paths Network South of the Railway Line</i> – NH noted that the new ELC Officer was now in post. They will be looking at routes. There has been discussion between ELC and Taylor Wimpey regarding connections as part of dialogue on the Hospital North application. Part of this concerns ideas for a new underpass between Hallhill North and Ash Grove. This would require agreement from Network Rail. JB noted that Network Rail had previously been unwilling to consider either the reopening of an old underpass or development of a new one due to the potential disruption of services on the East Coast Mainline. The cost would also be very high. NH also spoke of discussions to improve Hospital Road with a potential junction into Hallhill North near the railway bridge. The route may be widened as far as the old A1 junction if agreements could be made.</p> <p>NH agreed that there should be a discussion on the paths network between ELC and DCC. He agreed to arrange a meeting.</p> <p><i>Routeway from Robertson/Avant to ASDA</i>. NH advised that discussions are still ongoing between Robertson Homes, Network Rail and ELC regarding the pathway under the bridge which remains incomplete and is the subject of many complaints from the public. Network Rail are now asking for Robertsons to agree to pay for 30 years of maintenance on the bridge. KS queried the rationale for this. NH advised that Network Rail believed that further footfall under the bridge would lead to greater wear and tear on their property. In the meantime a temporary surface will be put into place to make the route less muddy.</p> <p><i>Bridge to Nowhere</i> – NH advised that to make access over the boulders to get to the Bridge easier a new metal construction was to be erected in the coming week. This would make access to the bridge more disability friendly. Funding for this had been negotiated through Dunbar Community Development Company. Some funds had come from Community Windpower. NH said that he was aware of the longstanding discussions by DELAP/DCC to provide a disability access from Shore Road to the sands. He said that a number of organisations had objected to the suggestions. He said that he was willing to work with DCC/DELAP on alternatives and to try to seek funding.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>

	<p><i>Lamer Street</i> – Heavy seas had again breached the sea wall and caused a sink hole. AG Thomson had been repairing the hole. It was suggested that a longer term solution was needed and that this should involve discussion with local residents. This has all been covered by the DSHNG’s East Beach Regeneration Project which has been ongoing since 2015 (report circulated – See Community Report 6.02). Long term plans are in place for a new sea wall and NH and ELC are actively engaged with the local residents through Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group.</p> <p>GA noted issues of the heavy plant that had been using the road for the beach works and also for the house construction at the Amusement Arcade site. HC asked whether the sea wall/road was covered by insurance or whether the damage was considered Act of God. NH said that although the roads network is insured the sink hole damage is considered to be wear and tear over time.</p> <p><i>Covid Recovery</i> – NH noted that strict lock down had ended. However, public buildings will need to ensure that they do not fully open until safety arrangements e.g. for cleaning are in place.</p> <p><i>Coastal Catering Outlets</i> – JB noted recent publicity for people to tender for pitches at coastal sites like Shore Road and Whitesands. NH said that Shore Road had become popular and people were seeking refreshments closer to hand than the town centre. The process was queried. NH said that anyone who successfully tendered would need to apply for planning permission which would require the usual public consultation. This was felt to be a potentially long and expensive process if facilities to be in place for Summer 2021.</p>	
4.02	<p><u>Sue Kempson</u></p> <p>1. Action Update - None</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p><i>Meetings</i> SK said that she had been speaking to ELC Officers about meetings returning to public settings. She hoped this might be soon although there would need to be arrangements made for cleaning etc. She noted that some venues like the Council Chamber at Haddington Town House posed some issues like ventilation and that alternative venues may be needed post Covid.</p>	
4.03	<p><u>Paul McLennan</u></p> <p>PS congratulated PMc on his election as Constituency MSP for East Lothian at the Holyrood election on May 6th. He said that he intended to continue as an ELC Councillor until the Council elections in May 2022. He would still attend DCC Meetings. He noted that he intended to donate his Councillor salary to local charities and that he would welcome suggestions. He will contact PS about this.</p> <p>1. Action Update –</p> <p><i>*Bird Management Consultation</i>– PMc noted that there was still no timetable for this.</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p><i>Shore Road</i> – PMc noted that discussions are continuing regarding safer access to the car park. He said that Cabinet would be discussing guidelines on land use of public spaces. There would be a further consultation on bye laws for the countryside.</p> <p><i>Business</i> – The High Street has opened up. The advice to the public from Economic Development is to remain careful in public spaces.</p>	PMcL

	<p>21/00/171/LBC – Restoration work to derelict buildings west of 68/70 High Street (Fleshers Close) to form accommodation and office space. ELC Roads have raised no objection to the flats created having no parking provision. JB had circulated information and submitted DCC response to ELC in support of the proposals.</p> <p>20/00939/P – Erection of 27 Flats at 9 Bayswell Road. JB was to represent DCC at Planning Committee on 18th May. Affordable housing is welcome but there are local concerns about safe pedestrian access, bin storage and the felling of mature trees. The application had been called in from the Expedited list by Cllr Hampshire. JB had spoken to some of the local residents about their concerns which they hoped the Planning Committee would take into account. JB was advised on 17/5 that the Planning Committee was cancelled as the Agent for the applicant wished to resolve some matters before presenting the application for consideration. The new date may be 1st June and JB will attend on behalf of DCC.</p> <p>21/00471/P – Broxmouth House -Use of South Lodge Access as a change of scheme of development 08/00369/FUL and removal of Condition 3 of that planning approval which had related to development access at the West Lodge for a holiday development of 25 lodges. JB had circulated information and gave further information to the meeting. In the Planners Report of September 2009 access was proposed via the West Lodge. Comments on why that access should be used rather than access by the South Lodge involved concerns about road safety and that title to South Lodge included title to the access road at that point. JB had contacted the ELC Planner, David Taylor, who had advised that although consent had been given to the original application in September 2009 the approval had not come into force until the completion of a S75 agreement which had not been agreed until 2018. Thus, the consent would not lapse until December 2021. PS queried why the S75 Agreement had been allowed to take so long. NH noted that the process had been tightened since the time of the original application. He said that now a Planning Consent would fall if a developer did not agree a S75 contribution within 3 months of approval being granted. Following discussion, it was agreed that JB would advise ELC Planning that the consideration of the change of access point to South Lodge from West Lodge should take into account the views on road safety and assessment by ELC Transportation.</p>	JB
8.00	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.01	<i>Dunbar Against Litter</i> – Proposal that DAL become a Sub Committee of Dunbar Community Council (AS). All agreed that DAL do an excellent job of tidying the town and surrounding countryside. AS noted that by being a sub committee of DCC he, as DCC Treasurer, could assist with their accounting etc. The proposal was agreed unanimously. AS will approach DCC insurers regarding the addition of DAL to activities covered. PS advised that KS had agreed to be the DCC link to DAL. AS agreed to give KS the contact details for Romie Blair of DAL.	AS/KS
8.02	<i>Rev Neil Watson</i> –JB advised that Rev Watson will leave Belhaven Parish Church on May 23 rd to move to a new calling in Rutherglen. It was agreed that JB would send him a DCC card to wish him and his wife, Elizabeth, well.	JB
8.03	Holyrood Election/New MSPs – SB noted that in addition to PMc’s election as Constituency MSP for East Lothian Cllr Craig Hoy (Conservative) and former MP Martin Whitfield (Labour) had been elected as List MSPs for South of Scotland. PS agreed to write to them and to invite them to attend DCC in the future. JB agreed to add them to the circulation list for DCC minutes.	PS/JB
9.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	



COMMUNITY REPORT May 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 April was £95,641.58 The Restricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of the month were Community Windpower Fund £76267 Covid Fund £10471 Access For All Fund £ 759 Local Priorities Fund £ 6098 War Memorial Fund £ 361 Dunbar Against Litter £ 839 TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS £94796 The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Fund at the end of the month end were Balance in the General Fund £846 TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £846 The ELC grant is still to be confirmed. The Dunbar Against Litter Fund represents a DELAP grant to DAL less the expenditure to date that has been managed by DCC on behalf of DAL. Four new litter bins have been ordered. Payment from the Covid Fund had been made to Lothian Printers for the Wandering maps and for the Easter Holiday Club. 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 £15,675.74. £2000 was received from the DCC Local Priorities Fund during the month.

1.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Grant Scheme update</u></p> <p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>Payments were made to the ELANS Playgroup and the DTA during the month. Thanks had been received.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>The Current Year Fund</td> <td>£10020 – To be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brought Forward Fund</td> <td>£ 6678</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maximum Budget Total</td> <td>£16698</td> </tr> </table> <p>Committed or under review on 19th April - £ 7000</p> <p>Local Priorities Fund Available £9698</p> <p><u>New Applications</u></p> <p><i>Dunbar Christmas Lights</i> - £565 towards pro bono bunting costs and new display for Community Windpower</p> <p><i>Dunbar Harbour Trust</i> - £500 towards materials for harbour murals</p> <p>These were approved – See Minutes 5.01</p>	The Current Year Fund	£10020 – To be confirmed	Brought Forward Fund	£ 6678	Maximum Budget Total	£16698
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1.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund update</u></p> <p><i>A Panel Meeting was held on 19th April. AS had circulated minutes.</i></p> <p><u>Application</u></p> <p>DCWG - £2464 was approved towards the purchase of a Muck Truck to enable path maintenance in the woods.</p> <p>Thanks had been received from DCWG.</p> <p>Grants previously made to the Dunbar Street Art Trail and Dunbar Music Festival remain deferred until it is confirmed that the events will go ahead and the monies required.</p> <p>Future Panel Meeting – This was due to be held on 20th May. The 2 applications were considered and approved at the DCC Meeting. See Minutes 5.01.</p>						
2.00	<p>COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT</p>						
2.01	<p><u>Police Report -Circulated by JB</u> – The report from PC Hutchison was based on incidents reported to Police between 19th April and 14th May 2021.</p> <p><u>Road Safety</u></p> <p>1 driver charged with dangerous driving and other road traffic offences following a vehicle accident.</p> <p>1 driver charged with careless driving following a vehicle accident</p> <p>2 drivers stopped for driving motor vehicles on a road without MOTs</p> <p>1 driver charged for driving without valid insurance.</p> <p><u>Violence and Anti Social Behaviour</u></p> <p>1 male arrested and charged for possession of a knife on Belhaven Road on 1st May.</p> <p>4 incidents of vandalism including damage to The Makery and Central Café between 7-9th May. A male has been identified and reported in relation to the damage at The Makery.</p> <p>Issues continue with underage drinking at JMCP and Lochend Woods. Officers patrol the areas on foot, bike and vehicle and quantities of alcohol have been seized. Officers have been grateful to those who have contacted the Police at the time of incidents regarding the presence of large groups of youths.</p> <p>Serious Crime</p> <p>2 Misuse of drugs warrants have been executed at addresses within Dunbar. 1 male found in possession of Class A and Class B drugs and reported for their possession. A further quantity of Class A drugs was recovered from another address and enquiries are ongoing.</p> <p>Theft</p>						

	<p>Between 31st March and 1st April 4 vans were entered overnight at different locations in Dunbar. An individual has been identified in relation to the matter and will be reported for the offences.</p> <p>1 incident of housebreaking – a make identified, arrested and charged.</p> <p>2 incidents of shoplifting reported.</p>
2.02	<p><u>Community and Police Partnership Update (CAPP) – Meeting Held on 13th April</u></p> <p><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> – PC Hutchison had asked Police Finance at Dalkeith to Invoice Dunbar CC. The 3 other CCs will repay Dunbar . Dunpender had agreed to pay £60, West Barns and East Lammermuir £50 each. The Dunpender and West Barns contributions had been received.</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></p> <p><u>Problem Solving Partnership Meeting –</u> There have been no meetings since 30th March and the PSP has been stood down based on the reduced number of calls related to Youth Anti Social Behaviour. It can be restarted if required. In the meantime ,Police patrols continue and Gordon Horsburgh and others are working on projects to engage young people.</p>
3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u></p> <p>Development at The Value Shop Building and Neighbouring Backlands. JB had attended a meeting on April 29th. This was a pre application discussion with residents who mostly live at Friarsbank Terrace. JB had been invited by residents.</p> <p>The Ridge have purchased the Value Shop building and associated Backlands ground. The shop has the remnant of a lease which will be honoured. Property above the shop has a complicated history and is currently in Crown ownership.</p> <p>The Ridge are considering renovation of the building to provide supported accommodation for young homeless individuals.</p> <p>Development of single storey accommodation in the garden ground is also proposed. This would be small scale. Properties developed would be for sale or rent.</p> <p>Following the meeting The Ridge will further develop plans for the site.</p> <p>Local residents have mixed views about the proposals. Some have concerns about the loss of green space. Others are concerned about the impact on light to existing housing by the proposed new accommodation as well as access to amenity.</p> <p>Residents had invited JB to a further site meeting on 19th May.</p> <p>In the meantime, residents have been concerned that stone from their boundary wall which was damaged when contractors removed vegetation from the Backlands has been removed for use at Belhaven Hill School wall. They had asked for it to be reinstated.</p>
3.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20/00110/PM Halhill North - To be determined. Further information has been requested by ELC/Transport Scotland on road and transport links. Planner Daryth Irving has advised JB that, as yet, there is no date for the application coming to Planning Committee. 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. Robertson Homes Safe Access Route – Planning Enforcement Notice actioned by ELC. Permission for footpath works still required from Network Rail. ELC have been given permission to do temporary surfacing. Kings Meadow Dangerous Playparks – Enforcement Action continues. ELC are still chasing the owner of 2 playparks. In the meantime, the new owner of 2 playparks, who had bought

via Future Property Auctions in error had offered to sell for £5k before returning to auction. This would be too low a sum for the Scottish Land Fund to consider and local residents likely to feel it was too much to pay. Committee Chair, Malcolm Payton m had queried if ELC had contacted the owner of the other 2 Playparks and, if they were willing to sell, if this might be potentially enough for a Scottish Land Fund grant. Cllr McLennan still to ask Taylor Wimpey if they would be willing to assist with funding as they had been the developer who had sold the play parks to Greenbelt.

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. 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. Environmental Health continue to follow up sewage contamination issues at the SUDS Pond.
Drainage issues continue at the site with regular flooding of Sinton Park and other streets.
- 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. The playpark surface is in dangerous condition. JB is keeping local residents informed.
- 7 **20/00554/P and 20/00553/LBC–** Alterations to steading buildings at Broxmouth Estate to form wedding venue and accommodation. JB had circulated information for comment on 17/6. JB had submitted DCC supportive comments on 29/6. To be determined.
- 8 **20/00642/P Change of Use/Conversion of former Methodist Church, Victoria Street (Class 10) to Class 11 for community use.** Marriage venue. The applicant had had to provide a Travel Plan and a Noise Analysis. Approved on 30th April.
- 9 **Access routes from Albany Grange.** Chicane barriers are on order and will be put into place asp.
- 10 **20/00939/P- Proposals for 27 flats at 9 Bayswell Road.** JB had circulated information. DCC Views had been submitted. Was to be determined at Planning Committee on 18th May where JB was to represent DCC. The application had been called in from the Expedited list by Cllr Hampshire. However, the Planning Committee meeting had been cancelled. New date to be confirmed but likely to be June 1st.
- 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.
- 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.
- 13 **21/00369/LBC –** Belhaven House, Edinburgh Road ,West Barns. The Agent had confirmed that the information publicly advertised had referred to the incorrect property address. The application referred to 7-9 Duke Street, Belhaven. The application had been withdrawn and will be resubmitted with the correct details. A previous owner of the property had already had LBC for internal alterations.
- 14 **21/00510/LBC –** Internal alterations at 7-9 Duke Street , Belhaven. The corrected application to replace 21/00369/LBP. To be determined.
- 15 **21/00171/LBP –** Renovation by The Ridge of derelict buildings west of 68/70 High Street to form flats and office space. JB had circulated information and submitted DCC views to ELC. To be determined.
- 16 **21/00471/P –** Broxmouth House. Use of South Lodge access as a change of the approved scheme of development 08/00369/FUL and removal of Condition 3 of that approved application. To be determined. (See Minutes 7.01)

4.00	<u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u>
4.01	<p><u>Meeting on 26th April</u> - GR, JB, PS and GW had attended <i>Meeting of Area Partnership Chairs</i> GR had given verbal feedback.</p> <p><i>Yvonne Wemyss – Community Engagement Worker at Sustaining Dunbar</i> had given a presentation on her work. Following the Question and Discussions of What If in Light of the Covid Pandemic the attention has changed to What Next – priorities for the community working together for a sustainable future in areas including food, energy, local economy and health and wellbeing. She invited those present to contribute to the discussion.</p> <p><i>Budgets</i> There was a general discussion. The budget levels remain the same as for all previous years since DELAP was formed in 2014.</p> <p><i>Roads</i> – There was concern that funding agreed for West Barns Village Hall Car Park could not be carried over even though the work, for which a contract agreement had been made, had not been possible due to Covid. It was felt unfair that the Funds should now be taken from the 2021-22 budget. There was also discussion about proposals to fund traffic calming measures in Tynninghame. Further roads proposals had been suggested. Gordon Horsburgh was to discuss matters at a meeting with Roads.</p> <p><i>Amenities.</i> There was discussion about the ongoing matter that the men and machine budget was unrealistic. GR had suggested at the AP Chair meeting that it should be deleted but Council Officers were keen that it should continue.</p> <p><i>Funding Applications</i> – were discussed. On line voting was to take place after the meeting.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing- JB had given verbal feedback on the Health and Wellbeing meeting of 17th April. Full minutes were to be circulated with the DELAP Minutes.</p> <p><i>DELAP Plan</i> – This required to be updated. The current Plan was to be circulated for comments. GR noted that AP Chairs had been advised at their meeting that updated Plans should give consideration to Mental Health matters.</p> <p><i>Chair-</i> GR had been due to stand down after his 2 year term in 2020. This had been extended due to Covid. A new Chair will be required from October 2021. This will be publicly advertised. Current members of DELAP were asked to consider taking on the role.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Hill School</i> – JB had noted her positive meeting with Olly Langdon the new Head who is keen for the school to have a more active role in the community. JB had spoken to him of community initiatives where the School may be able to play a part and of various Community Groups to make contact with.</p> <p><i>Barry the Bench</i> – JB and GR noted thanks to Barry Craighead for an offer to repair further benches in Dunbar which ELC did not have fund to repair or replace.</p>
4.01	<u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u> – 14 th June 2021
5.00	<u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u> <i>Dunbar Community Council manages a number of projects and initiatives throughout the year.</i>
5.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team (including Corn Exchange)</u></p> <p>GA had circulated a report by e mail.</p> <p>The Team is back up and running. Repairs are underway from last year’s display. The repairs have been delayed by Blachere whose warehouse is on furlough and thus parts cannot be obtained until at least the end of May.</p> <p>A Pull Test is booked for the start of September.</p> <p>Fund raising will be challenging depending on the relaxation of Covid tier restrictions.</p> <p>The Team will have a challenge to complete all required works prior to erection in November but the current plan indicates that this will be possible with other works included within this.</p> <p>ELC Sundry Accounts had invoiced DCC £750 for 2 TTROs. Cllr NH was taking this up. A process is still needed between DCC and ELC for such payments as it had been agreed in 2020 that approved community events would not be billed for these costs. NH had previously advised that this would be actioned. Without resolution of this the Christmas Lights would need to pay £1500 for TTRO paperwork. There are also costs of signage and coning. (See Agenda 4.04)</p>

	Corn Exchange – Final works are underway to the toilet, staircase and amenity areas.
5.02	<p><u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> GR had circulated a report by e mail</p> <p>Due to Covid rules large gatherings will again not be allowed in 2021. Thus Civic week will have a similar form to 2020 with a number of competitions to involve the community and young people in particular. There will be competitions for the best dressed scarecrow, the best dressed house and the best dressed window. Prizes will be in the form of vouchers (£100, £50 and £25) to be spent in local businesses.</p> <p>In addition, there will be a Treasure Hunt around the High Street shops to spot certain items on display to encourage families to explore the local premises.</p> <p>The Awards Ceremony will again be held in December.</p> <p>Further publicity will appear on the website and posters. The Courier had published an article in April.</p>
5.03	<p><u>Community Resilience</u></p> <p><u>Covid Response</u></p> <p><i>New Wave Volunteers-</i> There had been no requests for assistance either from the community, via ELC Contact centre or via VCEL.</p> <p><i>VCEL Task Force</i> – JB had spoken with Maureen Allan of VCEL about issues with recruitment and training. Maureen was still to follow these up and come back to JB. Some Dunbar volunteers who had signed up with VCEL had now withdrawn as they had returned to work following the lifting of Covid restrictions. VCEL are still advertising for Community Volunteers across East Lothian.</p> <p><u>ELC Community Recovery and Renewal Co-ordinating Group- Meeting on April 21st</u> GR and JB had attended. JB had circulated notes.</p> <p><i>ELC Report on Covid Response</i> – JB had circulated a Report that had bene presented to the ELC meeting of April 2021.</p> <p><i>Mental Health Services</i> – JB had circulated slides from a presentation by Gillian Neil. This had been requested by JB at a previous meeting of the Group. Covid has been seen to have led to an increase in mental health issues across the county and the need for services to support those experiencing issues. Ms Neil had noted that the East Space website was being updated. There was discussion about the new GP link workers. JB raised issues regarding vaccination for vulnerable people which had been discussed at the DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group. Ms Neil had agreed to contact Maggie McCole at The Ridge about this.</p> <p>It was agreed that mental health first aid training should be arranged for community groups.</p> <p><i>East Lothian Covid Response</i></p> <p>An update had been given on East Lothian figures which were currently low.</p> <p>JB had updated on activity at the Haddington Vaccination hub.</p> <p>A test centre is to be established at the former Stoneyhill Community Centre in Musselburgh.</p> <p><i>Action Card-</i> There was discussion of the updating of the Comjmunty Recovery and Renewal Action Card.</p> <p><i>Area Partnerships</i> – Sharon Saunders and Caitlin McCrorrie advised that the Area Partnerships were to update their Action Plans. Attention should be given to Mental Health and Digital inclusion within the plans.</p> <p><i>Community Re-opening.</i> JB had noted the opening up of High Streets. There was discussion about the impact of re-opening of coastal and other open spaces. There was discussion about the role of the Police in ensuring community safety including the deployment of Officers on bikes and horses.</p> <p><i>Poverty Working Group</i> – Paolo Vestri had given an update. A draft plan will go to Council in June and then be open for public consultation. There are a number of community initiatives looking at Food Poverty. A presentation will be brought to the June meeting.</p> <p><i>VCEL</i> – The Improvement Service is assisting with a forward plan on 3rd party interface in East Lothian. Responses from the recent survey are being collated.</p> <p>Over 50 groups had signed up to the new Community Lottery. The first draw will be on 8th May.</p> <p><i>Nest Meeting</i> – 30th June</p>

	<p><u>Spaces for People</u></p> <p>There had been no progress on works proposed following the Spaces for People Consultation. JB had contacted Morag Haddow who had advised that most of the proposals could not be progressed. This was because due to the time taken on consultations and design work along with contractors being very busy it had not been possible to complete projects and the funding could not be carried over. It was still hoped to get some smaller tweaks in around the primary school gate and to install bollards at Hallhill. Other projects might be reconsidered in the future should there be further Sustrans money made available.</p> <p>JB had had contact from Ian Hamilton concerned about the costs of consultation fees with no result. He had also been concerned by the lack of progress on options for Back Road and was proposing to write to ELC with DCC copied in.</p> <p><u>Management of Open Spaces –</u></p> <p><i>Land Management Rules</i> – Consultation had ended. Recommendations were to be presented to the May 25th Cabinet meeting.</p> <p><u>Campervan Overflow Proposal at Winterfield Park</u> – No further information</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><u>High Street Reopening</u></p> <p><i>Preparation</i> – JB had met with Gary of Transportation to discuss preparation work. Extraneous signage was to be removed (Keith Scott), temporary cobble repairs made until work crews could again work in town centres, bike racks painted (Iain Reid), parking signs to be considered (Keith Scott). Gary had noted issues in accessing replacement granite setts, which are imported from Portugal or Spain due to the combination of Covid and Brexit.</p> <p>The DTA had welcomed the work of Gleam Machine to clean the High Street although some had noted that the area between 1-10 had been missed and that a chewing gum removal operation would still be beneficial.</p> <p><i>Opening</i> – Went ahead on 26th April. However, it had rained.</p> <p><i>Spring Fling</i> – The draw had been publicised and had taken place.</p>
6.02	<p><u>Dunbar East Beach/Promenade Project</u></p> <p>High seas had breached the sea wall defence and undercut Lamer Street creating a large sink hole near Coastguard Cottages. AG Thomson had attended to make emergency repairs – by pumping cement into the void. Completion of the work had been delayed by further heavy seas. PS had contacted Cllr NH regarding setting up a meeting to discuss a masterplan for upgrading the sea wall defences and the wider promenade project.</p> <p>JB had received concerns from a member of the public wishing an improved disability access to the beach view benches where the current slope is steep for those with reduced mobility. A hand rail would be appreciated.</p>
6.03	<p><u>Access for All – Belhaven Bay</u></p> <p>No further information on DELAP/DCC Project.</p> <p>See Agenda 4.01 for update on ELC works</p>
6.05	<p><u>Changing Places Changing Room – Dunbar Leisure Pool</u></p> <p>PS had written to John McMillan as Chair of Enjoy Leisure, asking for this project to be prioritised.</p>
6.06	<p><u>War Memorial (HC)</u></p> <p>Research by Will Collin and Herbert Coutts had identified another missing name – Samuel Henderson. Following discussions by the War Memorial Working Group it was agreed that the name should be added to the Memorial at the same time as those of the Welsh brothers.</p>

	<p>The Dunbar branch of the Royal British Legion hope to have an event (with social distancing measures in place) on July 3rd to mark the centenary of the unveiling of the Memorial. This will also include the dedication of the 3 additional names which Robertson Memorials intend to have in place by that time.</p> <p>HC is liaising with the RBL Secretary, Iain Maddox, about arrangements. Given the Canadian links of the Welsh brothers, the Canadian Honorary Consul has agreed to attend to give brief remarks on behalf of the Canadian Government.</p> <p>The new chains are still to be installed.</p>
6.07	<p>A1 Safety</p> <p><i>Works</i> – The road between Abbotsview and Thistley Cross had been closed for several nights in April to allow for surface repairs, remarking and installation of new catseyes. The road is due to be closed again on 22nd May to allow for the repainting of Rumble strips at Thistley Cross following the recent accidents. The road will again be closed overnight between 9th- 11th June to allow for resurfacing near the Tyne Bridge.</p> <p><i>Accidents</i> – There had been a number of accidents at Thistley Cross roundabout and also near Torness. Transport Scotland have advised that where injuries have occurred they will be considered as part of the Annual Road Safety Review process which is used to prioritise investigations into road safety.</p> <p><i>Traffic Speed survey</i>- Bear have commenced a survey of speeds and signage between Thistley Cross and Spott Road Roundabouts as part of consideration of a 50 mph limit and signage in the area with particular regard to concerns about the safety of Belhaven junction. Transport Scotland had suggested that this should be postponed until traffic movements revert to normality post Covid. However, Transport Scotland have advised that it is in progress.</p> <p><i>Signage from A1 to Hallhill Estates</i> – This had been requested in 2020 . Still to be installed.</p> <p><i>Routes from Spott to Dunbar Project.</i></p> <p>An update report from Consultant, Crispin Hayes, is to be issued with information on progress. Information on existing and proposed routes, including between southern Dunbar and the town centre had been passed to ELC.</p> <p>ELC have appointed an Active Travel Officer for the whole County. Michael Naysmith has been seconded from Sustrans and will work 4 days for ELC and 1 for Sustrans. The Project Team hope to make contact with him.</p>
6.08	<p>Mercat Cross – HC had circulated an update. He had also circulated an article about the Cross from the Sunday Herald.</p> <p>HC had had further contact with Paul Zochowski and Bob Heath. Bob Heath had agreed to invite Graciela Ainsworth to provide an initial quotation for the work. This will include 2 options for the conservation of the shaft and the inclusion of a Unicorn finial. In the future further quotations may be needed but it is very specialist work.</p> <p>It is hoped that some of the Cars Funding from HES may be available to assist with funding of the project.</p> <p>HC had sent an updated visualisation of the appearance of the cross if it were protected with limewash of similar colour to Bankton House This represents one of the options for completion.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 17/5 Minutes to follow. JB and GW had attended.</p> <p>Main Points:-</p> <p><i>Belhaven Re-provisioning</i> – There had been further discussion. Those present remained concerned by the lack of movement by ELHSCP/IJB/NHS Lothian. It was hoped that the 3 MSPs elected on 6th May from East Lothian may be of support. Information was awaited on who would be appointed as Scottish Health Minister. There was a discussion about the number of local residents who had needed to move to care homes out with Dunbar due to the lack of local beds.</p>

Covid – There had been some relaxation of restrictions on May 17th. Maggie McCole of The Ridge had further raised issues for vaccination of vulnerable groups.

What If/What Next? Yvonne Wemyss had further discussed her work on behalf of Sustaining Dunbar

Day Centre – GW had advised that the Centre hoped to re-open on May 24th. She and JB had noted the discussions on conversion to a SCIO.

Mental Health – There was further discussion on the increased need for mental health supports due to lock down which had brought problems of social isolation and increased pressure for carers. Helen Harper had noted that there were some new initiatives for younger people. There was discussion about the pressures on those caring for family members with dementia.

Next Meeting – 2 pm on June 14th

Health and Well Being Older People's Action Group. – Meeting on 27/4. JB and GW had attended. JB had circulated notes prepared by Sue Northrop of DFEL who had facilitated the meeting.

This group has been formed for those members of the DELAP sub group interested in matters relating to older peoples services in the ward -to push bottom up for action on what the community wants and needs rather than wait on ELHSCP to make progress. Other interested parties are welcome to join. Discussions from this group will feed back to the DELAP H&WB Group, DELAP, DCC and others.

Main points – Continued frustration with the reprovision progress by ELHSCP. Dunbar and East Linton Ward has fewer beds for older people than 30 years ago. Belhaven Hospital had 49 beds – it now has 23. This is despite the increasing population. Other areas e.g. Haddington, North Berwick , Tranent and Musselburgh have all seen new facilities.

There will always be a need for 24 hour NHS and social care – extra care housing is not suitable for those with advanced dementia, double incontinence, high physical care needs. There is a shortage of care home beds in facilities which accept SWD funding. People want to be cared for either at home or in a homely environment as close to their home community as possible.

There is a need for a range of respite options from befriending, to overnight care.

Day Care services are also required. Again, the number of places has declined in the Ward e.g. Church of Scotland Care at the Old Manse and Belhaven Day Hospital. The current day centres in Dunbar and East Linton have seen their buildings closed during Covid. In the future they will need to manage a mixture of buildings based and community outreach services. It is expected that in the future RLHSCP will be putting the day services out to competitive tender.

Care at Home services vary in their availability. They are very limited in the more rural parts of the ward e.g. Oldhamstocks. East Lammermuir Community Council has been involved in seeking service provision beyond its remit for community based care at home services.

Work will be done to look at community assets. To consider current provision and what is required. Previously collated information from a variety of sources will be gathered to inform discussions on future requirements.

Next Meeting – 10.30 on 1st June

Reprovisioning of Belhaven Hospital – JB had circulated a letter from Alison MacDonald, Chief Officer of ELHSCP. This had been sent to Cllr PMc in response to his requests and the requests of the DELAP sub group for updates. PMc had asked ELC Chief Executive, Monica Paterson, to get an update from Ms MacDonald. The letter indicated that a Project Board was to be set up and that Partnership Groups would be set up in June/July to start work on the next stages. JB has since been advised by Jane Ogden Smith that Peter Murray, IJB Chair will Chair the Change Board.

JB had had information from Marilyn McNeil who is the service user representative on the IJB and a member of DELAP and the DELAP sub group. She had attended a meeting of the IJB Strategic Planning Group on 5th May where Alison MacDonald had given an update on the reprovisioning. ELHSCP are planning to engage professionals to help in the co-production and planning along with a major community engagement strategy. The Project Team would be set up to engage with the community in a transparent and meaningful way. The envisaged time

scale is 9-12 months. The IJB sub group name had been changed to the Community Hospitals and Care Homes Provisioning Change Board. It seems that the term reprovisioning is not being used as a potential outcome is that there will not be any re-provisioning. JB had noted concerns about this to Marilyn as community consultations had taken place in 2016-18 and a Project Team set up had been promised in 2018. The IJB Strategic Planning Group meetings are not public and minutes are not in the public domain. JB had contacted Jane Ogden Smith at ELHSCP for more information.

Dunbar Day Centre

Meeting on 22nd April JB, GW and SB had attended a meeting.

The building remains closed with continuation of the outreach work. Consideration is being given to the re-opening of the premises for around 8 clients. Risk assessments are ongoing for this. Some staff will work in the Centre and others in the community. New volunteers are needed.

There had been a number of new referrals.

Some service users had moved to long term care.

The pressures on carers during Covid were noted.

Further information was still needed for proposals for longer term funding e.g. a requirement by day centres to tender for providing services beyond 2022. ELHSCP are to set up an IJB Development Day to look at this further. Some East Lothian Day Centre committees and others in the community have concerns about such a move.

Dunbar Day Centre is considering becoming a SCIO.

The AGM will be held at 7 pm on June 23rd. New Trustees are required.

Next Meeting – May 19th

Meeting on May 3rd - GW, JB, SB and the other 2 DDC Trustees had met with PS and AS to discuss the process of converting to a SCIO. There will be a further meeting on May 18th.

Meeting on May 14th – GW, JB and SB had attended

There had been further discussion about moving to a SCIO and the skills that would be beneficial to have when recruiting new Trustees.

The Care Inspectorate had allowed a temporary change in the Registration requirements for the Centre to allow community working. They have now advised that the Day Centre will need to amend its registration to allow outreach work to continue. In addition, staff will need to register individually on the SSSC Care at Home Staff register which will have cost implications – SSSC registration is £80 per person.

Staff have been working on preparations for re-opening the building to service users on May 24th. Initially, opening will allow 6 people on 3 days a week. Discussions are ongoing about Transport arrangements.

There had been no information on the proposed IJB Development Day to consider future plans for day centres – it had previously been intimated that this would be in late May.

Scottish Government Independent Review of Adult Care Services – Further discussions will be held following the Holyrood elections.

Vaccination Programme. JB had continued to assist with the vaccination centre at Haddington community Hospital.

Carers of East Lothian – GW had been the Acting Chair of this organisation. On 26th April Jim Buckley had rejoined the Board of Trustees and been appointed as Chair. They had been successful in tendering for the contract to continue to support carers in East Lothian.

Mental Health – JB had circulated a Powerpoint of a presentation given by Gillian Neil of ELHSCP to the ELC Recovery and Renewal Co-ordination Group on 21st April.

	<p>Adults with Complex Needs – Services are being reviewed as part of a Transformation Project by the IJB/ELHSCP. JB had circulated slides of a presentation to the Carers Change Board.</p> <p>Parkinsons’ Support – A new Group is being established which will meet at the Dunbar Craft Centre. The Café will open officially on June 3rd but there will be Open Days on 20th and 27th May between 10 and 3.</p>
8.00	ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE
8.01	<p>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> –Remains in bad condition.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs at 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. It has since been reported to others at ELC.</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</p> <p><i>Condition of Belhaven Road/Belhaven High Street.</i> ELC have advised that this road is in the 2021-22 programme.</p> <p><i>Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line.</i> Still required. A new Active travel Officer, Mike Naysmith, was appointed in May 2021 with funding support from Sustrans. He will work 1 day for Sustrans and 4 for ELC. Part of his remit will be to look at these routes.</p> <p><i>Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane</i> – Still needed. Alan Stubbs has advised that this is in the 2021-22 programme of work.</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 An opening has been created at Brand Court but the route remains blocked off. 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 had spoken to Community Garden about this idea.</p> <p><i>Access to Footpath at Eweford Farm (Core Path 51)</i> Still closed off. ELC Officers involved.</p> <p><i>Lack of dropped kerbs</i> between Robertson/Avant Homes and the new Sustrans funded path at Deerpark. Crossing the road difficult for pushchairs/wheelchairs etc. Passed to ELC. There is also a shortage of dropped kerbs at other new estates e.g. Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey where the roads and pavements are still to be adopted by ELC. Also passed to ELC</p> <p><i>Pedestrian safety in Bayswell Road-</i> A member of the public has expressed concerns about the safety of those trying to cross the road between the swimming pool and Our Lady of the Waves. Passed by JB to ELC.</p>

8.02	<p>Signage</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. 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 arranging a new position on Queens Road – other sites have not been possible due to the lack of a socket. Keith has advised JB that the move has been delayed by the tarring over of the Queens Road socket when the pavement was changed to shared use in early 2021. A new socket is on order and will be installed as soon as possible so that the sign can be moved.</p> <p><i>Vandalised signs (graffiti at junction to Belhaven on Eweford Road, Beltonford Roundabout and elsewhere)</i>- Reported 17/4.</p> <p><i>Extraneous housing developer signs</i> – There are many of these. Keith Scott has been asked to arrange removal of those where estates have been long completed.</p> <p><i>Heritage fingerpost near Dolphin Inn</i> – Seems to have been damaged during the building works and the fingers now point in incorrect directions. ELC asked to put right.</p>
8.03	<p>Structures</p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons).</i> Still to be repaired. Condition continues to deteriorate. Frank Fairgrieve of ELC had noted the poor condition and lack of maintenance. Tom Reid had further requested information on what action may be possible by ELC to request repair by Four Seasons. The Ridge offered to make repairs around 3 years ago.</p> <p>Frank Fairgrieve has had contact with Gordon Paterson (Four Seasons Estates Manager based in Glasgow). Inspections are conducted by Bell Munro. The wall was checked in late 2020 and again in March 2021. Some vegetation had been removed from the base of the wall.</p> <p>Frank has advised that the responsibility for maintenance and repair is that of Four Seasons. Building Standards can only act where danger has occurred or there is an immediate need to take action to prevent danger occurring which until the wall gets to that point there is nothing ELC can do. Unfortunately, until the wall reaches the trigger point for enforcement action there is nothing that can be done to force Four Seasons to repair the wall. As its condition declines the repair bill will increase accordingly.</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. Planning Enforcement have again asked for a timescale for the work to be completed.</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 by The Ridge began on 5th April. 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	<p>Drainage</p>

	<p><i>A drain near 105 Summerfield Road</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.</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 at the time the works are done. Morag had since advised of the delays to the Spaces for People Programme.</p> <p><i>Flooding near Lethendry, North Road.</i> 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 gulley 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. The road had been flooded again during rain on 12th May.</p> <p><i>Foul Flooding near Pine Street Playpark.</i> Environmental Health will take samples following rain.</p> <p><i>Drainage for Robertson Joyness Estate.</i> Major Roadworks ongoing. Members of the public concerned about considerable delays along Queens Road towards the town centre.</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. The Playpark surface is in an unsafe condition. Persimmon had told Planning Enforcement that the area had been handed to the Factor but this was not true. Persimmon have again been asked to complete the work to a satisfactory standard and for a timescale for it to be done.</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>Cutting of mature trees in DGS Grounds behind 32-36 Doon Avenue.</i> These had been a buffer zone and their removal has resulted in loss of privacy for the residents. Some of the trees also had bird boxes placed in them by a resident. JB had contacted ELC Tree Officer and Planning. The Tree Officer had advised that he had spoken to FES Operations Manager, Jim Falconer who had spoken to the Janitor. Information was that it had</p>

	<p>previously been agreed between FES and the Tree Officer that minor tree work might be conducted without approval by him. It was said that lower branches had been removed to enable grass cutting. It was also noted that bird boxes should not be placed in FES trees without the permission of FES. JB had fed back to the resident who stated that trees had been cut back to a height of around 7 feet, privacy had been lost and children were congregating in the location. JB had further advised the Tree Officer on 14/5. He had advised on 17/5 that he did not have any issue with the work and that the concerned residents should contact FES.</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>Steep Slope to beach view benches at Lamer Street.</i> Would benefit from a handrail.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Bay</i> – A life ring has been installed at Shore Road.</p> <p><i>Tourism Infrastructure</i> – There had not been further meetings of the group looking at Shore Road matters. There had been no further information from the ELC Open Spaces Management Group. ELC are now advertising opportunities for seasonal refreshment stance leases including at Shore Road and Whitesands.</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> <p><i>Illumination of Roof Level Signage at ASDA-</i> Local residents have raised concerns. JB had contacted ELC Planning to see if the level of illumination might be reduced/turned off at night. Amelia Smith of Planning Enforcement had responded that they could not enforce the times of illumination as there had not been a planning condition imposed when the planning application had been approved. However, she had referred the matter to Environmental Health and had asked JB to get more information from residents about the area affected by the lighting.</p> <p><i>Street Lighting at Tree Scheme-</i> all lights had failed on May 3rd over a significant part of the estate. JB had contacted ELC who had reported the matter to Scottish Power as the fault lay with Scottish Power equipment. Repair was completed on 13th May. JB had liaised with residents.</p> <p><i>Skatepark Lights</i> – remain broken. JB had again chased ELC on 13/5.</p>
8.08	<p>Litter</p> <p><i>Fly Tipping-</i> Has been an issue. Over 200 tyres, white goods and sanitary ware had been removed by contractors on land near Skateraw, this had followed a traveller encampment in 2020.</p> <p><i>Graffiti</i> -on Bridge Near Beltonford and Signage to Belhaven from Eweford Road. Community warden actioning a clean up.</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 was to be tendered in 2020. However, Morag Haddow has advised that this process had been delayed as Officers were involved with Spaces for People.</p> <p>A bus stop near Knockenhair Road has been replaced by a temporary flag. ELC have been asked why the temporary flag is in use. Morag Haddow did not know why.</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. Therefore, it will be some months before it can be replaced.</p>
8.10	<p>Postal Services Box Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail. Installation being chased.</p>
8.11	<p>Bayswell Road Phone Box. Jo McNamara of Sustaining Dunbar is to meet with local residents who are considering conversion to a mini museum.</p>
8.12	<p>Other</p> <p><i>Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections</i> – Ongoing. JB is in contact with the family about the renewal of a headstone for Lt Col Sutherland. It is hoped that the situation can progress now that the monumental mason is open again. A response is still awaited from Dunbar Parish Church Session regarding a plaque within the Church. If Dunbar do not agree Belhaven Kirk Session will be approached as Lt Col Sutherland lived close to Belhaven Church. In the meantime author Peter Bance has located a number of artefacts belonging to Dr Sutherland and these will be offered on loan to ELC Museums Service/History Society.</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> – ELC are still to pursue the owner of 2 playparks who has now been traced. The new owner of 2 playparks bought via Future Property Auctions in error had suggested an asking price. (See Planning). Local residents remain concerned at the derelict state of the playparks. JB continues to support the local residents.</p> <p><i>Issues at New Robertson site</i> – Issues of dust, drainage etc continue and Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Issues at the SUDS had continued.</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.</p> <p><i>Pigeons at Garden Close</i> – Still to be dealt with.</p> <p><i>Parking in Yosemite Park.</i> Safety measures still required. Responsibility of Persimmon.</p> <p><i>Built Environment at Writers Court.</i> JB is to meet with ELC Housing Officer when conditions allow.</p> <p><i>Built Environment at Yosemite Park-</i> Various issues being taken up by ELC Housing Officer/Taylor Wimpey. JB to meet with ELC Housing Officer when conditions allow.</p>

	<p>Upgrade of Skatepark at Pine Street. A Committee is being organised. An initial meeting of interested parties is to be arranged. The steering group are working on a name and logo. They plan to contact the schools for pupils' views.</p> <p>DunBear Park Maintenance. JB has continued to note concerns to Ken Ross.</p> <p>Benches- Barry Craighead had repaired vandalised benches at Pine Street and Elder Street. Materials had been funded by DELAP.</p>
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p>Tarmac Liaison Group – 29th April. GR and JB had attended. GR had circulated a brief note. JB had circulated the presentation slides produced by Josh Bryden of Tarmac.</p> <p>Main Points</p> <p><i>New Manager</i> – Chris Bradbury was appointed in early 2021.</p> <p><i>Upgrades</i> – Investment at the plant continues. A new cement mill is being commissioned.</p> <p><i>Carbon Footprint</i> – There was discussion of the cement making process. Tarmac seek to reduce their Carbon footprint and the impact of the plant on the environment. Information was given on the use of fuels e.g. from tyres, sewage that reduce the carbon footprint of the plant. Some of the energy required comes from the methane output at the Viridor landfill . A new rail head is being developed to allow dispersal of cement along the East Coast main line. Much cement is sold south of the Border.</p> <p><i>Sales</i> – have been increasing. There is an increase in sales to England. Blue Circle is a continued marketing line. There is an increased use of recycled plastic for packaging.</p> <p><i>Dust Issues</i> – There has been an investment in improvements e.g. renewal of doors, filters. The Plant are keen to hear of any community concerns.</p> <p><i>Cycle Track</i> – Discussion of the rerouting of N76 continues.</p> <p><i>Battle of Dunbar Plaque</i> – restored information plaque had been delivered to Tarmac and it will be put into place along the Whitesands road.</p> <p><i>Fly tipping</i> – JB had noted that considerable waste from a traveller encampment was being removed by ELC. This included tyres, sanitary ware and white goods.</p> <p><i>Community Grants</i> – Tarmac support a number of local organisations. They are happy to hear from community groups seeking funding.</p> <p><i>Community Links-</i> Tarmac are open to communication from the community. or 01368 863371.</p> <p>Apprentices – Tarmac are taking on both school leavers and graduates for a variety of positions</p> <p><i>Future Meetings</i> – will be held quarterly. A future meeting will give more information on the cement making process.</p>
9.02	<p>Sustaining Dunbar Board – 5th May. JB had attended</p> <p><i>Projects</i> – Various Projects are continuing e.g. Belhaven Community Garden</p> <p><i>What If?</i> Yvonne Wemyss has been employed on a short term basis to pull together the various strands of these discussions into a What Next? Document. It is hoped that some of the emerging themes/ideas may be fed in by Sustaining Dunbar into the future DELAP Area Plan.</p>
9.03	<p>Local Good Food Alliance – 12th May – JB had attended.</p> <p><i>Community Gardener</i> – Caroline Bryden is now in post with a funding package that includes Belhaven Brewery and DELAP. Part of her work will be to improve the garden ground at the Brewery as a community garden space. She is also working with the local schools and developing a programme at Belhaven Hospital Community Garden for the patients, others with disabilities and as a resource for those with various needs identified by the new GP Link Workers. JB suggested that she may also like to link with Olly Langton at Belhaven Hill School to consider how they might become involved in local projects.</p> <p>There was a general discussion about project themes for LGFA as part of the wider Sustaining Dunbar What If?, What Next? Discussions. There are themes around community growing, food waste and its prevention including composting. JB also suggested themes of tackling food poverty and inequality, using opportunities to produce and cook food socially to enable mental health and how these might be linked to the forthcoming DELAP Plan.</p>

9.04	<p>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership – 13th May – JB had attended a meeting of the CRP with Alex Bray of Cross Country.</p> <p>Cross Country provide seed funding for a number of CRPs. They can also give further funding for specific projects. Current projects in mind include new murals at Prestonpans to replace ones that have weathered and historic posters for other stations including Dunbar with information about the work of the CRP.</p> <p>JB noted that in the future Dunbar may benefit from material to encourage active travel to the new platform access from the south. A further CRP meeting is to be held on 19th May specifically to discuss a new funding stream provided by Paths for All to promote active travel at train destinations.</p> <p>Train services remain reduced due to Covid. It is hoped Cross Country services that have not been running may be restored as Covid restrictions are lifted.</p>
9.05	<p>Dunbar Community Bakery – Board 13th May. JB had attended.</p> <p>This year marks the Bakery's 10th Anniversary.</p> <p>The AGM will be on June 12th. New Trustees would be welcome to join the Board of Directors. With the easing of lockdown wholesale is picking up with new venues coming on board. Efforts are being made to recruit an apprentice baker.</p> <p>Consideration is being given to making an application to the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the shop premises.</p>
10.00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
10.01	<p>Scottish Communities Alliance – Local People Leading newsletters</p> <p>Via Facebook – Lisa Bryson – Concerns about clearance works and proposals for use of Backlands. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- John Murphy – Damaged Bench near Pine Street Playpark. JB had responded</p> <p>Torness -Outage at reactor 1 had been completed.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various. Concerns about proposals for campervan parking at Winterfield Park</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various. Concerns about safety at Thistley Cross Roundabout following a number of accidents. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Hannah Cliverd- Lauderdale Park issues. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook – Various – Fly Tipping near Skateraw. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Fiona Amos. Seeking information re Spring Fling. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Joanna Planeta – Query about an old photo location. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Anne Morton-Query about Path Access from Brand Court to Hospital Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Bex Matteucci- Concerns about dog fouling at Whitesands. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various -Persimmon estate issues (landscaping, roads adoption etc). JB had responded</p> <p>Gordon Horsburgh – Smarter Choices, Smarter Places – Local authority funding grants for active travel/public transport projects</p> <p>Gordon Horsburgh – Scottish Older People's Assembly Survey on Access to Healthcare during Covid.</p> <p>Community Councils – ELC Consultation on the draft Community Justice Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2021-24</p> <p>Sandy Baptie – Further offer of snow shovels for Community Councils</p> <p>Via Facebook- Finlay Cooke – Sink Hole at Lamer Street- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Cass Hamilton – Disability access to benches at East Beach – JB had responded</p> <p>Torness- Planned shutdown of one reactor from 30/4 for 3 weeks to allow upgrade of the fuelling machine.</p> <p>Bren Muirhead – Student funding options. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Rachel Marshall- Process for High Street stalls and community raffles- JB had responded</p> <p>Pamela Huntley- Concerns about pedestrian safety in Bayswell Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Bear – Recruitment Opportunities on the roads network</p> <p>Via Facebook – Various – Thanks for the repaired benches at the Tree Scheme.</p>

Carolann Andrews – Queries about 20 mph signage in Belhaven and West Barns & footpath from Avant/Robertson Homes to ASDA. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Various- queries about mid market rental property in Dunbar. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Haylee Weatherhead- lack of dropped kerbs between Deerpark/the new Sustrans footpath and new housing estates. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various – concerns about lack of dropped kerbs at various new housing estates.

Via Facebook- George Brading – Cutting of trees in DGS grounds leading to loss of privacy for Doon Avenue residents. JB had responded.

Catherine Dunning – Query about publication of DCC April minutes. PS and JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Neil Munro – Concerns about unfinished road surface at Alexander Gardens- he had been advised by Taylor Wimpey that responsibility passed to ELC. JB had responded- the road is not yet adopted.

Via Facebook- Victoria Rollings- Seeking people in Dunbar who may remember her family. JB had responded. There had been a good response to JB's posting on social media.

Via Facebook- Jill Murphy- Street lighting failure at Tree Scheme. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Finlay Cooke – Road safety issues at Queens Road roadworks. JB had responded.

Sarah McLeary – Query about temporary sett repairs in High Street. PS and JB had responded.

Mick Slatter,Chris Hay – Planning application at Bayswell Road- JB had responded.

Via Facebook- various- complaints about traffic disruption at Queens Road roadworks.

Bear- Information on road closure for works at Tyne Bridge 9th – 11th June.

Via Facebook- Marita Brown – Concerns that Pool disabled parking bays are blocked by the Covid testing units. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Andrea Johnstonova – Query about access to Covid home testing kits. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – John Lugton – Query about publication of DCC minutes online. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- John Lawson – Query regarding ELC not consulting the public before advertising catering pitches at coastal sites. JB had responded that first information DCC had had was the posting on ELC Facebook page.

AELCC- Query if Community Councils had had information/payment on 2021-22 monies from ELC. JB had responded. Generally, CCs had had no intimation at all of payments.

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