



MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 21st June 2021

7 pm by Zoom Conference Call

Ref	Item	
1.00	<p>SEDERUNT Pippa Swan (PS) (Chair), Alasdair Swan(AS) (Treasurer), Graham Adams (GA) (Vice Chair), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), George Robertson (GR). Craig Rapson (CR), Ben Thomas (BT) (lost connection before end), Loretta Stewart (LS), Herbert Coutts (HC), Gill Wilson (GW) ((By phone), Cllr Paul McLennan MSP (PMc), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Rev Keith Mills, Mike Shaw, Sarah Watson (Members of the Public)</p> <p><i>In line with Government instructions for the protection of the public from the risk of Covid 19 infection, public meetings are prohibited. DCC are 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 Cllr Craig Hoy MSP.	
1.02	Apologies – NONE	

Presentation - Councillor Craig Hoy MSP – Cllr Hoy has been an ELC Councillor for Haddington and Lammermuir Ward for 2 years following a by election. He was elected to serve South of Scotland on 6th May as a Conservative MSP. He holds the Shadow Spokesperson brief for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care with a remit for suicide prevention. Cllr Hoy gave a brief personal background. He had worked as a journalist and in business. Cllr Hoy noted that the 3 Conservative MSPs elected to serve South of Scotland would be dividing the large area between them. He would cover East Lothian and the Borders seats. Cllr Hoy noted the pressures for Dunbar and wider East Lothian from population growth linked to increasing housebuilding in the area. This was in the face of Scottish Government requests for the county to meet housing supply needs. Cllr Hoy noted pressures on ELC to meet increasing demands for council services. Cllr Hoy noted particular issues for the Social Care brief including the ongoing Covid response and the proposals for the creation of a National Care Service following the Feeley Report produced from the Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland. He said that the Conservatives at Holyrood did support the human rights approach within the report. However, he noted concerns expressed by COSLA and others about the potential for increased bureaucracy and costs. He had met with Reps from Leuchie House who wondered how the 3rd sector would fit into the proposals. JB noted the concerns of the social work profession about their ongoing role in any new service. Cllr Hoy suggested that it was

important that development was not a one size fits all scenario. There should be opportunity for local initiatives to meet local needs.

Cllr Hoy noted the impacts of Covid on mental health. He noted delays in the provision of CALMS services for young people.

Questions and Discussion

Members raised a number of questions. There was a widespread discussion.

JB advised that she and GW Chaired the DELAP Health and Wellbeing sub group. She said that Cllr Hoy would be included in minutes of the Group and receive invites to meetings.

Covid Testing – PS noted concerns from the community about negative feelings felt by individuals and their families following positive test results.

Covid Vaccination facilities – JB noted issues with East Lothian residents being given appointments in West Lothian, Midlothian and Edinburgh. These were difficult for people to attend without transport. There had been issues with changing appointments on the centralised website. Information on drop in clinics from NHS Lothian had been unclear and poorly promoted.

Services for Older People – JB noted continued concerns about the inclusion of local community representatives in the formation of future service proposals.

Suicide Prevention – JB noted the delay in the formation of a new Scottish Suicide strategy. She advised of the new Andy’s Man Club being set up in Dunbar for men at risk of suicide and agreed to pass on details.

Service Capacity – JB noted issues for service availability e.g. for mental health. There could be long waiting lists. She noted that the new GP link workers may see people but they would then refer on to services that had waiting lists.

Centralisation – AS noted concerns about potential centralisation of social care services. He noted previous centralisation of the Police and Justice systems where local services had diminished.

Timescales for Change. Cllr Hoy said that consultation on the National Care Service would start in the next 12 months. It was a flagship item following the Holyrood election. JB noted concerns that this process would slow existing discussions on local care provision e.g. the reprovisioning of Belhaven Hospital.

Ongoing Contact Cllr Hoy was advised that he would be added to the list of regular recipients of DCC Minutes. He would be welcome to attend future meetings of DCC.

2.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2.01	<u>Councillors declaring an interest</u> in matters to be discussed: NONE	
3.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 17th May 2021	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> - NONE	
3.02	<u>Adoption</u> - ADOPTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - HC • Seconded - KS 	
3.03	<u>DCC Action Review</u> (For Councillor actions, see Councillor reports) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB had advised ELC of KS’s membership. • AS/JB had made various payments • AS had advised Romie Blair that DAL had been confirmed as a sub committee of DCC • JB had sent a card to Rev Watson to mark his transfer from Belhaven to Rutherglen. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS had contacted Craig Hoy who was attending the meeting on 21st June. PS still to contact Martin Whitfield to come to a future meeting. • 	
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 – None 2. Report <i>National Planning Framework 4.</i> NH noted that this linked to the previous SESPLAN. ELCs SESPLAN 2 had been rejected by the Scottish Government. The National Planning Framework will look at growth over the next 10 years. At present ELC is required to build 6000 new homes. There is land for this. He noted that developers were pushing for 12,000 new homes in the County. ELC would oppose this demand. NH noted that new planning legislation required an infrastructure first approach. DCC members noted the infrastructure issues for new development wound Dunbar. <i>City Deal.</i> NH noted prospects of this for investment in East Lothian e.g. a new Food and Drink hub. He spoke of the development of a Regional Prosperity Framework and alerted DCC members to a Consultation on the proposals from 14/6-26/7. <i>Covid Incidence-</i> NH noted the increased local incidence. Testing facilities were available at the Pool. <i>Spott Road</i> – NH noted discussions on DunBear Park. This had potential to increase traffic movements in the Spott Road area. ELC were considering use of 4 way traffic lights to replace the mini roundabout near ASDA. PS noted concerns that to date the developers of DunBear Park had not produced a Masterplan for the area and thus the future impact on traffic remained uncertain. <i>Hallhill North</i> – NH noted that the large (242 homes) Taylor Wimpey site might come to Planning Committee in August. There were discussions ongoing about access improvements e.g. an underpass between the site and the Tree Scheme, widening of Hospital Road. <i>Routes South of the Railway line-</i> NH noted that Michael Naysmith was now in post to look at active travel across the county. Local areas of concern included connectivity from the housing estates into Dunbar town. A meeting was arranged for 30/6. It was agreed that PS, BT and JB would attend. JB noted the existence of information from the Spott to Dunbar route Feasibility Study. She also noted the need to include DCWG who manage paths in the woodlands. NH noted that the initial discussions would be with DCC but other interest groups could be added at a later date. <i>ELC Poverty Plan.</i> NH noted that this would be discussed by ELC at the June Council meeting. It would then be open to public consultation. <i>Bayview Circus</i> – NH noted that it was intended to open up access from the Cala estate into Beveridge Row from 5 th July. To enable this there would be a road closure with a diversion via School Brae at West Barns. ELC were considering making Beveridge Row one way with northwards traffic using Bayview Circus to access Edinburgh Road. He advised that traffic flow studies in the area were ongoing. PS noted concerns from Bayview Circus residents about traffic movements on the estate leading to damage of monoblock paving. Any change to the use of Beveridge Row would need a TRO Consultation process.	PS/BT/JB

4.02	<p><u>Sue Kempson</u></p> <p>1. Action Update -None</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p><i>New Recycling Arrangements.</i> SK spoke of a briefing she had had on the new recycling lorries and the new arrangements following the change in the ELC Contract for recycling services. She suggested that DCC may wish a presentation on the changes from Tom Reid, ELC Head of Infrastructure.</p> <p><i>DunBear Park</i> – SK noted the lack of landscaping around the bear. Much of the area was covered by weeds. JB noted ongoing issues about maintenance. DAL and members of the public had raised many concerns. Visitors expected a Kelpie experience and left disappointed. She had had contact with Hallhill Developments. They had said that landscaping and maintenance were part of the planning proposals for the area. They were to seek an interim arrangement for maintenance and litter clearance.</p>	
4.03	<p><u>Paul McLennan</u></p> <p>1. Action Update – None</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p><i>Reprovisioning of Belhaven Hospital and Services for Older People.</i> PMc had had contact with Alison McDonald of ELHSCPO/IJB. He was concerned by the continued delays. There was still no Needs Analysis for future services. JB noted discussions at the DELAP Health and Social Care sub group. It was known that a Change Board had been set up to look at the matter and that Marilyn McNeil, Service User rep on the IJB had requested local stakeholder involvement at a meeting on May 31st. However, there had been no contact. JB noted that letters were to be sent from the sub group to Alison MacDonald and Peter Murray, IJB Chair, seeking an update and inclusion in discussions. There was concern that there was a shortage of services in Dunbar and East Linton ward with those needing care having to go to Haddington, Tranent or North Berwick. There was concern that discussions regarding the National Care Service may further delay the re-provision process.</p> <p><i>Rail Services</i> – TransPennine, Cross Country and LNER had all produced May 2022 timetables for consultation. There was a widespread concern that Dunbar would see a drastic cut in services, particularly cross border journeys. There was cross party unity on the need to campaign against the proposals. A meeting was to be held on June 25th. JB was to attend as a DCC rep and member of East Lothian Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p><i>Covid</i> – PMc noted the increase in incidence within the town. There were testing facilities at the Pool. JB noted that she promoted this on local social media.</p>	JB
4.04	<p><u>Questions to Councillors</u></p> <p><u>Toilet Facilities at Shore Road (AS)</u>– Early evening (6 pm) closing had been causing issues. AS noted that opening hours had now been extended to 8 pm following action by NH and ELC.</p> <p>NH noted the exceptional local toilet facilities. JB noted repeated community concerns about cleanliness and long queues whilst only disabled facilities were open e.g at Bayswell Road.</p> <p><u>Coastal Car Parking Charges(JB)</u> – JB queried the Justification for the 25% (£2 to £2.50 per day) Increase to be implemented in August 2021. The decision had been made by ELC Cabinet rather than all ELC Councillors. There had been no Community Consultation. There had been much concern raised by members of the public who felt that local residents, who already paid Council Tax should, have a reduced rate. NH noted that the rise had been recommended by ELC Officers. There had been no rise for some years.</p>	

	<p>JB noted concern that the charges were not being used to make local coastal improvements. The slope to the beach at Belhaven Bay remained difficult to negotiate over the stones. She noted that the new extension at Belhaven Bridge had been funded by a DCDC approach to Community Windpower.</p> <p><i>Financial Support for Local Tourism (PS)</i> PS noted that DTA had applied for a grant from ELC to promote post Covid tourism in the town but the application had been rejected as the DTA was not an approved tourism organisation. Concern was expressed about this decision. It was noted how much the DTA had done over the years to attract tourists to Dunbar and that a number of DTA members were engaged in hospitality. PMc noted that he attended a weekly group looking at Town Centre support post Covid with Cllrs MacMillan and Findlay. He agreed to raise the situation at the next meeting.</p>	PMc
5.00	TREASURER’S REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting (AS)	
5.01	<p><u>ELC Grants</u> The Annual Grants had been received. Administration Grant - £1100 Local Priorities Grant - £10,200</p> <p><u>Requests for Support for consideration:</u> <u>Local Priorities Fund –</u> <u>Update</u> - AS had made payments to recipients . Notes of thanks had been received. <u>New Applications</u> <i>Dunbar Craft Centre</i> - £350 towards set up costs for Parkinson’s Café - APPROVED <i>DSAT</i> - £500 towards concert costs – APPROVED subject to the event going ahead. <i>West Barns Village Hall</i> - £500 towards community events costs. There was much discussion and it was felt that the application was short of detail. DECLINED</p> <p><u>Community Benefits Fund</u> <u>Update</u>- AS had made payments to recipients. Notes of thanks had been received. <u>Meeting on 17th June</u> – 5 applications considered (See community Report 1.03) <i>Enjoy Leisure</i> – Wheelchair for pool -APPROVED <i>DSHNG</i> – Fishermens Monument - APPROVED <i>Dunbar Christmas Lights</i> – Upgrade of event stalls - APPROVED <i>Memorial Bench Upgrade</i>- APPROVED The costs had increased to £818 <i>East Lothian Guides</i> – Equipment for Alison Cargill House – conditional approval- situation to be checked with Community Windpower regarding the building being out with Dunbar Community Council area. Local guides do benefit. This had subsequently been agreed. <i>Dunbar Music Festival</i> – Update discussion about possible proposals given Covid restrictions. DTA- Discussion about an application that may be forthcoming for marketing Dunbar</p>	
5.02	<p><u>Matters arising/questions:</u> DTA Application to DELAP for Town Marketing. An application received at short notice for the DELAP meeting on 14/6 had noted match funding of £15K from DCC as being confirmed. AS had noted there had been conversations by PS and AS with DTA Chair, Philip Mellor, but no formal applications had been received for funding by 16/6. JB had had discussions with the Community Rail Partnership (CRP) about use of funds available to CRP from rail operators to assist with this project. JB had had contact with Paul Gillon as applicant and suggested other possible funding sources.</p>	

6.00	<p>COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended (JB)</p> <p>The Community Report provides information and updates on:</p> <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> • <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i> • <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i> • <i>Record of meetings attended</i> • <i>Correspondence received</i> 	
5.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters:</u></p> <p><i>Scottish Water Your Water Your Life Campaign-</i> Scottish Water campaign (JB) Consideration of Dunbar sites for Drinking water taps. JB had circulated information. There had been an interest in provision from members of the public and JB had had contact with Natalie Walker of Scottish Water who lived in Dunbar. All work on checking site suitability, planning applications, installation and ongoing maintenance would be handled by Scottish Water. DCC Members agreed to support this initiative. Some potential sites were discussed. DCC members could advise JB of other options to pass on to Scottish Water.</p>	ALL/JB
7.00	<p>PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)</p>	
7.01	<p><u>Planning Applications for consideration/discussion:</u></p> <p>20/00939/P – Erection of 27 Flats at 9 Bayswell Road. JB would now represent DCC at Planning Committee on 29th June after a 2nd postponement from 1st June. JB had had representation from local residents concerned about drainage issues.</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. JB had submitted DCC views to ELC Planning</p> <p>08/00369/FUL Broxmouth House The applicant had asked for Condition 1 of the original application to be extended for 1 year. This refers to extending the time allowed between consent to the application and the start of works to be increased from 3 to 4 years. The application was consented in 2009 but not ratified until the completion of a S75 agreement in 2018. Thus, the consent is due to expire in 2021. (See Community Report 3.02). JB had noted concern about the continued delay by the applicant and failure to comply with conditions 4 and 5 within the original agreed timescale.</p> <p>21/00676/P -Broxmouth Estate. Erection of 9 holiday lodges. This is for replacement of 1 existing lodge and 8 extra ones at a different area of the grounds to the 2008 consented application. Access is via the South Lodge. There may be concerns regarding the Battle of Dunbar 1650 site and landscaping report requirements as were relevant to the older application. Road safety could be an issue.</p> <p>There was a long discussion about the various Broxmouth Park applications and requests to change the approved application from 2008. JB noted that in addition to the new application for 9 holiday lodges an application for conversion of old buildings into accommodation and a wedding venue (20/00554 and 20/00553/LBC) was still awaiting determination.</p>	JB

	<p>HC noted the costs of running historical properties and that diversification into accommodation was a means to maintain the viability of estates like Broxmouth Park.</p> <p>PS and others noted that the applications seemed to have been submitted piecemeal rather than as a coherent Masterplan for development.</p> <p>JB noted concern regarding the delays with the 2008 application which, although approved in 2009 had not been ratified until 2018 due to a hold up with completion of a S75 agreement. As yet there had been no progress on the proposals for holiday lodges and conditions on archaeological surveys and landscaping proposals had not been met.</p> <p>There was concern that the various applications had a cumulative impact on various aspects e.g. development of the historic landscape, development of the 1650 battle of Dunbar site, road safety, internal roads and paths network, drainage and sewerage.</p> <p>It was agreed that DCC would oppose the new application for 9 holiday lodges. It was also agreed to suggest to ELC that the applicant should submit a clearer Masterplan as a whole application rather than in the current fragmented form.</p> <p>JB agreed to submit DCC views to ELC.</p> <p>21/00627/P- Manor House, Belhaven. Application for 1 dwelling in the garden ground. This had been re-registered following the submission of further paperwork related to an application in the conservation area.</p> <p>Members discussed the application. There was general support although JB suggested that ELC should consider road safety matters as there would be additional vehicle movements into Back Road near a difficult exit point from Winterfield Place. There was also discussion as to the fitting of the new dwelling into the garden ground space. Similar proposals had been rejected elsewhere in the county. JB agreed to submit DCC views to ELC.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
7.02	<p><u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion</u> Harbour Chapel Victoria Street – JB had circulated information on an application for a premises licence. JB had advised ELC that DCC supported the application.</p>	
8.00	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.01	<p><i>Restoration of Graves at Dunbar Parish Churchyard</i> – PS had circulated an e mail from Will Collin. HC had circulated an e mail suggesting the formation of a Dunbar War Memorials Committee. This would be a sub committee of DCC. (See Community Report 6.06)</p> <p>There was considerable discussion. GA queried maintenance of stones at all cemeteries including Deerpark. HC noted that responsibility would be limited to historically significant monuments, particularly with a link to the military. There was a recognition that families, where known, would be involved e.g Sister Violet Fraser, whose family monument needed attention, had known family connections living in the area.</p> <p>HC Proposed the creation of a DCC Sub Committee. This was seconded by JB. PS opposed the proposal which was seconded by GA.</p> <p>Those voting in favour were HC, SB and JB. The majority (PS,AS,LS,CR,GA) voted against. GW did not clearly vote on the phone. BT had lost IT connection and did not vote.</p> <p>It was agreed that those with interest could continue to work to preserve the historic monuments at the Kirkyard, including the war graves. However, there would not be the creation of a formal War Memorial sub committee of Dunbar CC.</p>	
8.02	<p><i>Community Council Elections.</i> These are due to be held on 7th October 2021. JB had circulated information. There was discussion about promotion and approach of local</p>	

	<p>residents to join DCC. JB noted that ELC would be promoting the elections in conjunction with the Association of East Lothian Community Councils. It was agreed to wait on ELC publicity.</p> <p>PS queried who might be standing down in October. GR had already stated that he would be.</p> <p>GA noted issues for those who worked, as a number of meetings were held during the working day. JB and SB noted the constraints to attend evening meetings on ELC Officials and those from other outside organisations like Viridor, Tarmac and Torness.</p>	
8.03	<p><i>E Bike Funding-</i> PS noted information from the Energy Savings Trust regarding funding for e bike provision to communities. She said she would follow up a potential application with BT.</p>	PS/BT
8.04	<p><i>Youth Activities.</i> GA noted concern about the impact of Covid on young people. He also noted the issues of youth anti social behaviour in the town.</p> <p>He noted awareness that Summer activities promoted by ELC were mostly for those on benefits. He expressed concern that some activities in the community were expensive and the shortage of activities available for ordinary working families. Some members suggested that families should not expect others to provide holiday activities for their children. Parents had their own responsibilities. It was noted that Dunbar had a variety of outdoor spaces to explore along with the provision of the library and pool.</p> <p>JB noted that ELC had limited resources for young people and that funding was often linked to tackling deprivation and youngsters most in need.</p> <p>NH noted activities available at Hallhill. He said that facilities like cinemas were not commercially viable in the locality.</p> <p>It was agreed that GA, CR and KS would consider options for summer youth activities. Potential options for activities could be considered for funding.</p>	GA, CR,KS
8.05	<p><i>SP Energy Networks-</i> Wished to give a presentation on a connection to the Grid near Torness. A meeting was to be arranged for 6.30 on June 30th. PS would liaise with the development team.</p>	PS
9.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
9.01	<u>19th July 2021</u>	



COMMUNITY REPORT June 2021

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

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1.00	DCC FINANCE REPORT																		
1.01	<p><u>DCC and Sub-Committee Accounts</u> AS had circulated his Report by e mail</p> <p><i>General Account</i> The Bank Balance at the end of May was £101,864.94 The Restricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of the month were</p> <table><tr><td>Community Windpower Fund</td><td>£74,442</td></tr><tr><td>Covid Fund</td><td>£ 9,889</td></tr><tr><td>Access For All Fund</td><td>£ 759</td></tr><tr><td>Local Priorities Fund</td><td>£ 13,233</td></tr><tr><td>War Memorial Fund</td><td>£ 361</td></tr><tr><td>Dunbar Against Litter</td><td>£ 400</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td>£99,084</td></tr></table> <p>The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Fund at the end of the month end were</p> <table><tr><td>Balance in the General Fund</td><td>£2,781</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td>£2,781</td></tr></table> <p>The Grants had been received from ELC Administration Grant - £1100 Local Priorities Grant - £10,200</p> <p><i>Civic Week Account</i> The bank balance at the month end stood at £7800.05</p> <p><i>Christmas Lights Account</i> The bank balance at the month end stood at £19,176.25.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Against Litter Account</i> The bank balance at the month end was £1,956.35</p>	Community Windpower Fund	£74,442	Covid Fund	£ 9,889	Access For All Fund	£ 759	Local Priorities Fund	£ 13,233	War Memorial Fund	£ 361	Dunbar Against Litter	£ 400	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	£99,084	Balance in the General Fund	£2,781	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	£2,781
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1.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Grant Scheme update</u> <u>Updates</u> Payments were made to the Christmas Lights and the Harbour Trust during the month. Thanks had been received.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>The Current Year Fund</td> <td>£10020</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 8th June - £ 8415 Local Priorities Fund Available £8463</p> <p><u>New Applications (See Agenda 5.01)</u> Dunbar Craft Centre - £350 towards set up costs of a Parkinson's Café DSAT - £500 towards costs of a concert during the European Stonestacking Championships West Barns Village Hall - £500 for community events</p>	The Current Year Fund	£10020	Brought Forward Fund	£ 6678	Maximum Budget Total	£16698
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1.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund update</u> AS had made payments to recipients following the meeting on 17th May. Notes of thanks had been received.</p> <p><u>Meeting on 17th June.</u> There were 5 applications. <i>Enjoy Leisure</i> - £1680 for a wheelchair to access the pool APPROVED <i>Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group</i> -£5348.66 to restore the Fishermen's Monument - APPROVED <i>Dunbar Christmas Lights</i> - £4290 – upgrade of event stalls - APPROVED <i>Memorial Bench Renewal</i> - £700 – APPROVED Since increased to £818 East Lothian Guides -£3000 for equipment for Alison Carghill House – waiting on further information.</p> <p>There was an update on the Music Festival. There was a discussion about the DTA application to DELAP. DTA had not yet applied to DCC.</p>						
2.00	<p>COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT</p>						
2.01	<p><u>Police Report -Circulated by JB</u> The Report was based on incidents between 14th May and 19th June.</p> <p><i>Road Safety</i> 2 vehicles seized after drivers were stopped and found no have no insurance. Drivers charged and reported. 1 driver charged with dangerous driving after an incident reported to Police in Queens Road.</p> <p><i>Violence and Anti Social Behaviour</i> 3 minor assaults had been reported. On 21st May a male and a female were charged in relation to proxy purchase of alcohol for a minor. Police would like the public to contact the police with information relating to similar proxy purchasing in the area. On 4th June there was enhanced Police presence to tackle anticipated youth anti social behaviour/underage drinking related to school end of term . There were patrols in the town centre and other areas. Alcohol was recovered and seized.</p> <p><i>Drug offences</i> 2 further Misuse of Drugs Act warrants were executed in Dunbar. 1 male charged with possession of Class B drugs. 1 male charged with illegal possession of Class B drugs and illegal possession of an air weapon. Further enquiries continue.</p>						

	<p>1 male charged with possession of a Class B drug in a public place. Police encourage the public to contact them with information or concerns in relation to drug activity. Alternatively, anonymous information can be passed to Crimestoppers.</p> <p>Theft</p> <p>On 19th May a male was arrested and charged with theft, shoplifting and attempted theft after entering 3 stores in Dunbar. He was held in custody and appeared in court on 20th May. 5 incidents of shoplifting had been reported. 4 of them had perpetrators identified and reports will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal.</p>
2.02	<p><u>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) – Meeting Held on 24th May</u></p> <p><u>Panel Agreed Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Anti Social Behaviour</i> -Patrols of Hotspot Areas on Friday and Saturday nights when issues most prevalent. • <i>Speeding around the Ward.</i> Pop up Jim and Jemima to be deployed and Speed Checks to be conducted. Social media messaging to be utilised. <p><u>Pop Up Jemima</u> – Jemima had arrived. PC Hutchison will ask Police Scotland to invoice DCC.</p> <p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u>- 7 pm on July 6th</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 The PSP can be reformed if there are problems during the summer months.</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</p> <p>At the invitation of Friarscroft residents, JB had attended a meeting on 19th May with Kate Darrah and other representatives of The Ridge. There had been further discussion about the proposals. Residents particularly had concerns about proposals for a building in what had once been garden ground regarding potential impact on their light, privacy and amenity. Alternative options were discussed and residents will consider them. In the meantime repairs will be made to the wall which had been damaged during clearance work.</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. Planner Daryth Irving has advised JB that, as yet, there is no date for the application coming to Planning Committee. 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. They wish Robertson Homes to commit to 30 years maintenance funding for the bridge on the grounds of extra wear and tear. ELC have been given permission to do temporary surfacing. 4. 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 to the Residents Association for £5k . This would be too low a sum for the Scottish Land Fund to consider and local residents may feel it is too much to pay at about £50 per house. Committee Chair, Malcolm Payton 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. Malcolm Payton had asked Paul McLennan MSP how the Scottish Government might

	<p>implement its manifesto proposals for estate playparks to move to local authority rather than Factor management.</p>
5.	<p>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. Avant have now planted some trees but screening is still needed between the Walker Homes and the affordable homes .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 in heavy rain.</p>
6	<p>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.</p>
7	<p>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>
8	<p>Access routes from Albany Grange. Chicane barriers are on order and will be put into place asp.</p>
9	<p>20/00939/P- Proposals for 27 flats at 9 Bayswell Road. JB had circulated information. DCC Views had been submitted. To be determined at Planning Committee on 29th June. JB will represent DCC. The application had been called in from the Expedited list by Cllr Hampshire.</p>
10	<p>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>
11	<p>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>
12	<p>21/00510/LBC 7-9 Duke Street , Belhaven – internal alterations to listed building. Having been resubmitted with the correct address this was approved on 31st May.</p>
13	<p>21/00400/P – St Annes Church – Hardstanding and bike racks - Approved on 1st June. LBC also approved.</p>
14	<p>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. Approved on 4th June.</p>
15	<p>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. JB had submitted DCC views.</p>
16	<p>21/00627/P – Erection of House in Garden Ground of Manor House, Belhaven. The application had been resubmitted with further information.</p>
17	<p>Dunbar Golf Club – Housing Development- JB had seen Jacky Montgomery from DGC. It seems that the planning proposals had been delayed by Covid. The Club hopes to submit an application in the coming weeks. GR had circulated a DGC Members update on the proposals.</p>
18	<p>08/00369/FUL- Request by applicant to extend Condition 1 by 1 year. This is to allow an extra year, 4 years rather than 3, to commence works from the time of consent. Consent was granted in 2009 but ratified in December 2018 on completion of a S75. Thus the request is to extend the period from 2021 to 2022. It is noted that to date the applicant has not met condition 4 (to submit plans for an archaeological study prior to work commencing) or Condition 5 (to submit a scheme of landscaping).</p>
19	<p>21/00676/P- Broxmouth Estate. Erection of 9 holiday lodges. JB had circulated information.</p>

3.03	<p><u>Licensing Matters to Note</u> Harbour Chapel – JB had circulated information on a Premises Licence for the new wedding venue. JB had advised Licensing that DCC supported the application.</p>
4.00	<p><u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u></p>
4.01	<p><u>Meeting on 14th June - GR, JB, GW and SB had attended.</u> Climate Change – Jennifer Lothian, previously Sustainability and Climate Change Officer of ELC had given a presentation. It was noted that she has moved position within the Council to Amenities. Funding – A number of applications had been considered. There was discussion that some applications which had been presented would have been previously considered by the Educational Attainment Fund which had ceased. Decisions on funding were to take place by e mail after the meeting once some questions had been clarified. DELAP Area Plan – Some changes had been made. A revision would be circulated. GR noted that Sustaining Dunbar were to add some comments. Roads Budget- It had not been possible to carry over the budget even though Roads had been unable to deliver due to Covid. Thus the West Barns Hall disabled parking and Tynninghame traffic calming measures had had to be taken from the 2021-22 budget. Further concern was expressed about this. Amenities Budget – GR had met with Gordon Whitelaw about this. Amenities remain pressured regarding their funding. They will do what they can to tackle the items listed by GR. Health and Wellbeing – JB had updated from the meeting of 14/6 (See Community Report 7.01) Benches – Barry Craighead was thanked for his repair work on benches at Parsonspool and West Barns Park. GR noted that a number of memorial benches in Dunbar had fallen into disrepair. It was hoped that work could be done to replace them. Chairmanship – GR will be stepping down. The position will be advertised.</p>
4.01	<p><u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u> – August 30th</p>
5.00	<p><u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u> <i>Dunbar Community Council manages a number of projects and initiatives throughout the year.</i></p>
5.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team (including Corn Exchange)</u> No Report</p>
5.02	<p><u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> Various competitions had been held.</p>
5.03	<p><u>Dunbar Against Litter</u>– Continue to be active in the community. New bins have been put into place. A weekly fund raising event with live music is being held at the Swimming Pool pop up park.</p>
5.03	<p><u>Community Resilience</u> <u>Covid Response</u> New Wave Volunteers- There had been no requests for assistance either from the community, via ELC Contact centre or via VCEL. VCEL Task Force – VCEL are still advertising for Community Volunteers across East Lothian. Their website also carries adverts for a number of community groups seeking volunteers. ELC Community Recovery and Renewal Co-ordinating Group- Next Meeting July 7th. <u>Spaces for People</u> – Most Dunbar initiatives had ceased due to lack of contractor availability within the identified timescale for works to be completed. It is still hoped to do some work at the Primary School where there can be congestion at peak times.</p>

	<p>JB had queried the situation with the 20 mph zones which had been consulted on prior to Covid lockdown. Alan Stubbs of ELC had advised that the TRO to enact changes including areas reverting to 30 mph e.g. Belhaven had fallen. A consultant, Aecom, was preparing a report for ELC Cabinet to consider 20 mph across the county – proposals to delete, continue or alter 20 mph zones. Subject to ELC Cabinet decisions there would be a further public consultation.</p> <p>Management of Open Spaces –</p> <p><i>Land Management Rules</i> – Consultation had ended. Recommendations were presented and approved at the May Cabinet meeting. There will be a further consultation on bye laws.</p> <p>Campervan Overflow Proposal at Winterfield Park – Campervan provision across East Lothian had been part of the paper discussed by the May Cabinet meeting</p> <p>Peter Forsyth had since advised that there had been no support for a temporary motorhome site at Winterfield. With no other options readily available within the community, that could quickly be adapted to meet all, regulatory and planning requirements within a short timeframe the idea was not being pursued in 2021.</p> <p>Going forward ,ELC might give consideration to exploring other sites in East Lothian which will require technical appraisal, feasibility studies and the development of a business case. No decision will be made until Autumn 2021 at the earliest following an assessment over the summer of the impact of tourism and the impact of increased tourism on local communities.</p> <p>Planning for Covid Measures Relaxation had been allowed during Covid for measures to allow social distancing. DCC had been asked about the future of the pop up park near the pool. This has been well used and DCC would wish it to continue. ELC Planning have advised that, provided it is not fastened down, it does not need planning consent. Should it be fastened down, it would need Monument Consent as it is sited on an ancient monument. ELC Amenities have advised that they are happy for the pop up park to remain in place. Other structures e.g. at Bayswell Hotel garden can also remain whilst they are to promote social distancing during Covid. The Brig and Barrell had needed to make a retrospective application for their beer garden.</p>
6.00	DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
6.01	<p>Dunbar High Street and Friends – JB continued to post on the Facebook page.</p> <p>High Street</p> <p>Trade had been picking up following the end of lockdown.</p> <p>SOLE – Some traders had been visited by reps of SOLE and supplied with promotional materials during May. The SOLE website/Facebook is operational but publicity seems to be low key.</p> <p>DELAP had had an application from DTA to support a marketing initiative. This had noted a significant financial request to DCC. JB had met with the applicant and discussed other funding sources. A request had been made to the Community Rail Partnership for funds.</p>
6.02	<p>Dunbar East Beach/Promenade Project</p> <p>The minutes of the DSHNG meeting on 18th May had been circulated. This included notes from a meeting of the East Beach Regeneration Group on 14th May.</p> <p><i>Sea wall Defence Works</i> – There had been discussion of ELC actions following the collapse of the sea wall/roadway in April.</p> <p>ELC had received quotes for the development of new breakwaters to protect the old north lamer Street walls and those south of the new groyne to protect properties in Woodbush Court. At the meeting a 3rd breakwater placed offshore was suggested to mitigate the wave impact on the sea wall.</p> <p>ELC would pass the proposals to RHDVH for further consideration and costing.</p> <p>It was recognised that the work of 2020 and any proposed additional breakwaters may not provide a long term solution to the fragility of the sea defences. The April collapse emphasised the need for ongoing maintenance until the new sea wall project being prepared by RHDVH and landscape architects OOB can be carried out.</p> <p>There was support for rock armour being placed as protection along the whole of the sea wall to give a defence until a new sea wall can be built.</p> <p><i>Kelp</i> – ELC are preparing a kelp management plan. DSHNG will liaise with ELC to ensure resolution of the longstanding problem.</p>

	<p><i>Promenade Trial – Lamer Street</i> . ELC had shelved plans for pedestrian and traffic flow due to the need to allow for large vehicle access to the Amusement Arcade construction site and for sea wall repairs/kelp removal.</p> <p>DSHNG are keen to have a parking deterrent outside the old Coastguard Station.</p> <p>ELC were to be approached about the possibility of locating concrete barriers to prevent cars from parking too close to the water's edge.</p> <p>.</p>
6.03	<p>Belhaven Bay <i>Access for All</i>-There had been no further development on the DELAP/DCC initiative.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Bay Bridge</i> -There had been much public concern about the metal walkway arranged by ELC/DCDC. Members of the public were concerned about the large step up at the end, potential risks to children and paddleboarders, lack of awareness of it to water users when covered by the tide, the procurement/consultation process, the design/impact on the iconic structure and more.</p> <p>Eamonn John of ELC had advised JB that funding had not come from the ELC Coastal Car Parking Charges income. Funding had been obtained by DCDC from Community Windpower. He advised that Planning Permission/Marine Licence were not required as public safety issues in the bridge area were of concern. With the volume of visitors, closure of the Bridge to Nowhere had been a threat to be avoided. He had said that the situation would be monitored.</p> <p><i>Volunteer Beach Wardens</i> will be in place on peak days. They are from Dunbar Surf Life Saving Club. Funding has been provided by Be Green and Community Windpower.</p> <p><i>Toilet Facilities</i> – The Shore Road toilets had been closing at 6pm in summer. This has led to issues of inappropriate human excrement and urination near the Surf Centre and elsewhere. Following contact with ELC by AS and others the toilets were now open until 8 pm.</p>
6.05	<p>Changing Places Changing Room – Dunbar Leisure Pool PS had written to John McMillan as Chair of Enjoy Leisure, asking for this project to be prioritised.</p> <p>Enjoy Leisure had requested funding from the Community Benefit Fund for a new wheelchair for the pool. This had been approved on 17/6.</p>
6.06	<p>War Memorials (HC) <i>Dunbar War Memorial</i> Arrangements continue to be made for the centenary celebration on July 3rd during which the 3 additional names, previously agreed, will be dedicated.</p> <p>Those attending include the Provost of East Lothian who will lead the service, the Lord Lieutenant of East Lothian and the Hon Vice Consul of Canada. There will be representatives from the Scottish and Northern Irish Yeomanry, Dunbar Legion, uniformed organizations and schools.</p> <p>Information is awaited on how many may be able to attend the event in the light of Covid regulations.</p> <p>The new chains are still to be installed.</p> <p><i>Other War Graves and Memorials</i> Will Collin had sent an e mail to DCC regarding the condition of some gravestones in the Parish Churchyard. HC had since spoken with him and also conferred with members of the War Memorial Working Group, Dunbar History Society and the Legion. HC now suggests the formation of a War Memorials Committee. Such a committee might oversee the maintenance but not seek ownership of the memorials at Marine Road, the Lothian and Border Horse</p>

	<p>memorial at the Church and the memorial at DGS; assist with funding to repair/restore war grave stones at the Kirkyard and promote interest in the stories of those commemorated. (See Agenda 8.01).</p>
6.07	<p>A1 Safety <i>Works</i> -The road was closed overnight between 9th- 12th June to allow for resurfacing and other work near the Tyne Bridge. The road will be closed overnight at Thorntonloch for carriageway repairs from 5th -13th July. There will be local access only between 7.30 pm and 6 am. <i>Traffic Speed survey</i>- Ongoing. <i>Signage from A1 to Hallhill Estates</i> – This had been requested in 2020. Still to be installed by ELC.. <i>Accident</i> – There had been a serious accident at the Innerwick junction on June 16th. <i>Future Meeting</i> – JB will meet with Terry Prior and Peter Forsyth on June 25th to further discuss issues between Hallhill estates and the A1. Routes from Spott to Dunbar Project. The new ELC Transportation Officer is still to meet with the group regarding routes into Dunbar from the village..</p>
6.08	<p>Mercat Cross – HC had circulated an update. HC had met with Paul Zochowski (ELC), Bob Heath (Conservation Architect) and Graciela Ainsworth (specialist sculpture conservationist) on May 26th to consider options to conserve the cross and enhance its setting. Graciela will prepare a detailed quotation for the work including the sculpting of a unicorn finial. This will give a broad estimate of the cost involved in respect of the cross itself. Further expenditure would be needed to remove the existing pebbled surface within the Cross enclosure to improve drainage and reveal the lowest course of the monument’s red sandstone plinth. It is hoped this cost would be borne by ELC. Paul Zochowski hopes that the HES CARS Grant might pay up to 75% of the project costs, although it could take time to put all of the financial arrangements in place.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 14/6 Minutes to follow <i>Main points:</i> <i>Belhaven hospital reprovisioning</i> – Concerns noted. Next action group meeting 29th June. Terry Prior is working on documents. <i>IJB</i> – Need for more effective feedback by IJB members to communities <i>Community Initiatives</i> – how to communicate effectively on community activities – noticeboards, social media etc. <i>Covid Programme</i> -local issues discussed. <i>Link Workers</i> – There had been further discussion on their role and information on community resources that may benefit their service users. <i>Eastspace</i> – JB had given feedback on the relaunch. <i>Next Meeting</i> – 2 pm on July 26th</p> <p>Health and Well Being Older People’s Action Group. – Meeting on June 1st JB and GW had attended Reprovisioning of Belhaven Hospital – Marilyn McNeil (IJB Service Users Rep) had given feedback on the First meeting of the Community Hospital and Care Home Provisioning Change Board which she had attended on 31st May. The Change Board has 20 members from ELHSCP. None of them have a Dunbar and East Linton ward connection. Peter Murray (IJB Chair) will Chair and the Vice Chair will be Alison MacDonald (ELHSCP Chief Officer). Meeting dates have been set for the year. It is expected to report back to the IJB with its recommendations by the end of 2021. There will be 3 working theme groups <i>Capacity (including Needs Assessment)</i> – Chaired by Ian Gorman</p>

Finance – Chaired by Claire Goodwin

Communications and Engagement – Chaired by Laura Kerr

Marilyn had noted at the meeting that the Change Board had no representation from the Area Partnerships. At her suggestion it had been agreed to invite Health and Wellbeing group Chairs to be involved.

Action Group members noted concern at the continued slow progress. There seemed to have been no movement since 2018. It was felt important that there was meaningful dialogue with communities and their perception of needs/desired outcomes. Sue Northrop (DFEL) had spoken with Cllr Shamin Akhtar (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care) who was willing to attend a Health and Wellbeing Group meeting. It was felt it would be useful to have input from Dunpendar Community Council and also from Medical Centre Patient Participation Groups. Michael Huddleston of Alzheimer Scotland was willing to be involved.

Great Expectations- Action for Change and Delivery Document – Terry Prior had been working on a draft since the previous meeting. The purpose of this would be to pull together the aspirations of the Dunbar and East Linton community for a model of care fit for the 21st Century which might be submitted to ELHSCP/IJB. Members discussed this. JB, GW, Terry and Janice Hanvidge of East Lammermuir Community Council will work further on the draft for ongoing discussion by the Action Group. It would be hoped to have the document completed by August 2021.

Date of Next Meeting – June 29th

Dunbar Day Centre

Meeting on 19th May JB, GW and SB had attended a meeting.

Preparations were being made for re-opening on May 24th.

6 people will be able to attend each day with 3 people in each of the 2 large rooms. A one way system will operate.

Some staff will continue to give a community support service.

Some clients had moved to care homes during the Pandemic. Generally, these were out with Dunbar. Concern was noted that there are limited care bed options in Dunbar, particularly for those who need placement in homes which will accept social work funding.

The Centre currently had 10 people on the waiting list.

To allow for the new blended service, consideration will need to be given to potential changes in the Centres Registration with SSSC. There are several possible models for this.

Maria, the Outreach Manager was attending a course on fundraising. Raising funds will be vital for the long term as the ELC grant does not cover all the costs of running the service.

Jamie, the manager, noted that due to restrictions it would not be possible for entertainers, external activity organisers etc to visit the centre.

There was a brief discussion about the proposals for SCIO Conversion and the AGM on June 23rd.

Meetings on May 18th and 29th - GW, JB, SB and the other 2 DDC Trustees had met with PS and AS to further discuss the process of converting to a SCIO and recruitment of new trustees.

Reopening – The Centre had reopened on May 24th as planned.

The Centre Management had taken part in a survey by Shared Care Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government regarding the re-opening of Adult Social Care Day Care. The outcome of this showed a variable reopening across Scotland. The Mental Wellbeing and Social Care Minister, Kevin Stewart, had written to all HSCPs urging them to reopen services.

Community Transformation Programme for Adults With Complex Needs over 65. – JB had circulated a paper being presented to IJB on June 24th regarding future services in the county. An IJB Development Day had been held in May 2021 which had been a closed session for IJB members. The IJB meeting is not open to presentation by Day Centre Trustees.

Celebrating Communities Conversations –

May 20th – JB had attended

The session had mostly concentrated on activities for older people that were ongoing around the county. There was also input from elsewhere in Scotland. There is a wide range of activities including walking buddies, singing, yoga, arts and crafts.

JB had noted that outside entertainers/singing groups etc would not be able to visit Dunbar Day Centre due to the Covid regulations in place which keep people in 2 distinct bubbles of 3 across 2 rooms each day. However, it was felt that it may be possible for such activities to take place in other settings like care homes, at the discretion of the Manager.

There was discussion about the role of libraries as a hub for activities. It was hoped that all libraries could open their doors again. Outreach work like book buddy visits to care homes would be starting again.

JB had noted the various activities taking place at the Dunbar Craft Centre and Community Shed including the set up of a new Parkinson's Support Café. She had also noted the work at Belhaven Community Garden and the intergenerational work at Dunbar Grammar School.

There was further discussion about digital inclusion. It was felt libraries had a role in helping older people to manage their devices. There was concern that a number of schemes had provided devices but a number had been handed back because people needed direct buddying help, rather than phone or online support, to use them effectively.

June 8th – JB had attended

This had concentrated on digital inclusion.

During the Pandemic a number of schemes had developed to give out digital devices. An issue had been that although devices might enable older people/people with disabilities to get on line having a device in itself was not sufficient. As had been discussed on May 20th people needed hands on help to be available when they got stuck.

Christine Ryder of Outside the Box spoke of her work in various parts of Scotland, particularly the Borders to get people connected and using devices effectively by buddying.

She spoke of the Digital Buddy work that had been ongoing at Dunbar Grammar School which had grown out of the DGS/Rotary Dunbar Dinners intergenerational project run by Kirstie McLuckie. Devices had been obtained from Connecting Scotland. Older people had been matched up with pupil buddies to help them learn how to use the devices. This had worked well.

Christine has devised a Digital Classroom – various on line exercises to help with skills learning and sharing. They are on the Outside the Box website.

Ang McInnes had spoken of her work to collect Digital Stories – how people had learned new digital skills during the Pandemic. She would like others sent to her.

Sue Northrop of DFEL said that they had a number of spare devices as some had been handed back as people could not use them. She noted that some care homes had bought devices but their use depended on staff having the skills to use them.

Mike Huddleston of Alzheimer Scotland said that they had previously been able to give 1 to 1 help but due to the Pandemic volunteers had not been able to make home visits.

The use of libraries to support IT skills was discussed, Again, this was something that would be easier once contact could be made with people in person rather than online or over the phone.

June 16th – Dunbar Services JB and GW had met with Helen Harper at Bleachingfield Centre. The Centre is now open again on a limited basis although a booking system is still to be set up. Numbers are restricted. The library is using a booked appointment system. Some new groups are being set up e.g. Andy's Mans Club for young men at risk of suicide on Monday evenings. Helen is hoping to get seating space in the old customer service area so that people can socialise without needing to go in the café.

There was discussion about the various dementia groups and options present and future for older people in Dunbar and wider East Lothian. It was felt that there was a community of interest but a physical meeting may be easier for people to engage with than online. There may be scope for a future event. The need to engage with the outlying areas was also important. Village halls may be gathering points for social activities. Sustaining Dunbar had initiated a Village Halls network but some linkage is needed for ongoing support and co-ordination of funding and events.

There was a discussion about digital inclusion and the DGS Digital Buddy project.
There was a discussion about nutritional poverty- the gap left by the meals at home provided during Covid.
There was a discussion about funding for projects – groups needing to seek funding for core funding that once had come from ELC. The loss of the DELAP Educational Attainment Fund was noted. GW had noted that Dunbar and Lynton Day Centres may need to tender to continue services in the future. The Day Centre now had increased costs with providing community outreach but current funding from ELC was static and fundraising from other sources had been limited by Covid.
Helen now has access to a part time Admin worker, Susan Woods. It was felt that Susan would be a great assistance to DELAP Health and Wellbeing group e.g. to minute meetings.
Next Meeting – 10.30 on June 22nd

EASTSPACE – Relaunch on 3rd June – JB had attended

Eastspace is a one stop online shop for mental health and wellbeing information for residents and professionals in East Lothian. It is run by Health In Mind.
It was first developed in 2013 but following a period of consultation with community stakeholders it has been revamped in 2021. The aim of the revamp has been to make the website easier to navigate and more informative. It is intended for use by individuals but it can also be used by others to share information with people who are not digitally connected.
Online Information Development Worker, Julie Huggan, gave further information on the website which has various sections including a database of services (which can be regularly updated), information and advice, blogs and information on events. The site can be adapted to enable use e.g. font size, colours can be changed. All information pages are printable.
Eastspace will have a Reference Group to monitor the site's effectiveness and use.
The public will be welcome to pass on information on community groups etc.
Cllr Akhtar, who was present as Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, welcomed the initiative. She noted that Covid had added to the pressures on mental health and wellbeing across East Lothian, particularly for those already struggling with finances etc. She mentioned a quote given to the East Lothian Poverty Commission – that East Lothian is a beautiful place to live but a terrible place to be poor.
Parvine Jazayeri of Ageing Well East Lothian gave a presentation on how activities may benefit mental health and spoke of the range of activities promoted for the Over 50s across the county. Going forward, Eastspace hopes to have further engagement events.
Attendees were asked to promote the website and to pass on further information regarding local services and other information on mental health and wellbeing.

ELHSCP Shifting the Balance of Care Workshop – June 17th JB had attended.

This was held by the Shifting the Balance Change Board to update members of the community on their activities. They hope to increase their level of community engagement about their activities. Those present felt it was a useful exercise which should be repeated. It was suggested that the other ELHSCP/IJB Change Boards should have similar events to inform the public of what is happening and to seek public views on services.
There were presentations on some of the new services linked to bringing care closer to the community and to Haddington Hospital. There was also a time for discussion.

Main themes

Haddington Community Hospital Services. Some new services are available which had previously been in Edinburgh/West Lothian. Other services were suggested that would save journeys to the Western General and Royal Infirmary e.g Minor Injuries, mammography, dexa scanning. There were some concerns that there had also been some centralisation of services at Haddington which had previously been in GP surgeries. There were concerns about access to primary care services in more rural areas due to lack of public transport.

Transport – This is a major issue. Public transport is limited. There is no space at the turning area for larger buses. No buses come into the grounds. There are also issues with the distance

	<p>from some parts of the car park to the main entrance for those with mobility issues. Options were discussed and were to be explored.</p> <p><i>Hospital to Home/Care at Home.</i> These were thought to be beneficial. However, there were concerns about lack of overnight care and availability in more rural areas when the paid carers do not drive. This can add to delayed discharges if people were unable to access care. It was noted that Ward 2 at Belhaven was being used as a hub for care staff.</p> <p><i>Communications</i> – There were general concerns that information on services could be better communicated to the public by ELHSCP/IJB.</p> <p><i>Joined up thinking</i> – There were concerns that connections between different parts of the ELHSCP/IJB and services could be improved to make patient experience simpler to navigate.</p> <p><i>New dementia beds-</i> It was noted that there were plans to transform a floor of Crookston House in Tranent into a specialist unit for patients with dementia and challenging needs. It was noted that Tranent was not easily accessible from some parts of East Lothian without a car.</p> <p><u>Scottish Government Independent Review of Adult Care Services</u> – Further discussions will be held following the Holyrood elections. Cllr Hoy has been appointed as the Conservative Shadow Spokesperson for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care. COSLA have expressed some concern about the costs of creating a National Care Service.</p> <p><u>Vaccination Programme.</u> JB had continued to assist with the vaccination centre at Haddington community Hospital. The vaccination programme had continued but there was concern that some people from East Lothian were being sent to appointments in Edinburgh, Midlothian and West Lothian. In the meantime, JB had met someone from Linlithgow who had been given both appointments in Haddington. Some people were having issues in booking 2nd vaccines as the computer system wrongly thought they had missed their first vaccination after they had changed venue. Some people had been wrongly informed that there was no hospital in Haddington. JB had fed back issues to those involved in running the programme. There had been concerns in the area due to an increased number of cases in Dunbar and West Barns. JB had sought information from ELHSCP/ELC to enable correct information to be shared with the public on DCC social media. Further concerns had been raised about vaccination appointments for under 40s e.g. locations, tracing the age group who may have moved from last known address etc. JB had sought information and shared. Concerns had been raised that there were no drop in clinics for Over 40s in East Lothian aside from one weekend of 12th/ 13th June at Haddington. The only drop in clinics are Gorebridge, Bathgate, EICC and Ingliston.</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. Some jet patching had taken place on the road and on the road between Eweford and West Barns after many complaints.</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, a large ramp between Yosemite Park and Alexander Gardens 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 by Planning Enforcement 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. Monkscroft, which owns the wall which has caused some issues, alongside the proposed route is now occupied.</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 as per.</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. Still need cleaning off.</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. Graham Brotherstone of ELC will investigate.</p>
8.03	<p>Structures</p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons).</i> Still to be repaired.</p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDC)</i> HC and Kate Darrah of The Ridge had been working on a funding application.</p>

	<p><i>Walls in Hospital Road</i> – Ownership is split between Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey. Planning Enforcement involved. Further work still required by Persimmon. 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>.Belhaven Hill School Wall</i>- Repair by The Ridge was completed on 18th May.</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> <p><i>The Gates at Lauderdale Park</i> have become very rusty and corroded. ELC had been asked to consider repainting. Gordon Whitelaw had advised GR that the main gates seemed beyond repair and would need replacement. He hoped repair of the Jubilee Gate would be possible.</p> <p><i>Wall in North Road</i>- A large coping stone had fallen onto the pavement on 21/6. JB had alerted Building Control and Roads. Buildings Inspector had visited on 21/6. Roads to erect barriers until the property owner can arrange repair as more masonry is loose.</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>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 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. 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. Road safety near the station had been impacted in June. Members of the public were concerned by the small size of the new pipes.</p> <p><i>Fire Hydrant in Lamer Street</i> is damaged and a trip hazard. Reported to Scottish Water. Input from ironworks foundry required.</p> <p><i>Exposed pipe at Lauderdale Park</i>- Repaired</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</p>

	<p>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. Still needed. Due to be attended to when Albany Grange is completed.</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 in the longer term. In the meantime, vegetation had been cleared. 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 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> <p><i>Hedging at Creel Loaders</i> – had become overgrown. ELC asked to trim it. This had been done.</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. Eamonn John is exploring this.</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.</p> <p><i>Bridge to Nowhere-</i> a footway had been installed. There had been many public concerns. The structure and its affect on water/sand movement is being monitored by ELC.</p>
8.07	<p>Lighting/Electrical</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> (Abbeylands) 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</p>

	<p>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>Skatepark Lights</i> – remain broken. JB had again chased ELC on 13/5.</p> <p><i>Traffic Lights near the Medical Centre</i> had been hit by a lorry on June 16th. ELC advised.</p>
8.08	<p>Litter.</p> <p><i>Graffiti</i> -on Bridge Near Beltonford, Signage to Belhaven from Eweford Road and other locations. Still to be cleaned off.</p> <p><i>Litter bin on Kellie Road</i> – has been uprooted again. ELC advised.</p> <p>DAL bin at DunBear park had had to be removed – much being dumped in it and too heavy to move. Volunteers being abused by lorry drivers.</p>
8.09	<p>Transport</p> <p>Buses</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 had been replaced by a temporary flag in May. ELC have been asked why the temporary flag is in use. Morag Haddow did not know why. JB is waiting on a response from Keith Scott.</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> <p>Trains</p> <p><i>LNER</i> had circulated a proposed new timetable from May 2022 for consultation. This includes removal of the 17.30 train to Dunbar from Edinburgh. As yet it is not known if the Scotrail replacement will take on this well used departure.</p> <p><i>Trans Pennine</i> had circulated a draft timetable from May 2022 for consultation. They are proposing to cease all departures to Dunbar.</p> <p><i>Cross Country</i> had circulated a draft time table for May 2022. Again indicates cuts to departures from Dunbar.</p> <p>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership and RAGES had been advised. East Lothian MSPs had been contacted. Paul McLennan had arranged a meeting for relevant parties at 4 pm on June 25th.</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>ELC Cabinet in May 2021 had agreed to a consultation on a 90 minute limit at Abbeylands. There will be a public consultation on the proposal.</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	Bayswell Road Phone Box. Jo McNamara of Sustaining Dunbar is to meet with local residents who are considering conversion to a mini museum.
8.12	Other
	<p>Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections – Ongoing. The family have had contact with Robertsons for quotes. These will be shared with the wider interest group. 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>Speeding at Brodie Road near John Muir Gardens. Actions still needed</p> <p>Kings Meadow playparks and Open Spaces – 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 residents.</p> <p>Issues at New Robertson site – 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>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.</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>Scottish Water Public Top Up Tap facilities. (See Agenda 8.03). Following On line requests for a water bottle filling point in Dunbar, JB had had contact with Natalie Walker in the Scottish Water Corporate Affairs team. She lives in Dunbar. Scottish Water have a "Your Water Your Life" campaign to install taps around Scotland. There is currently one in North Berwick which is well used. Dunbar is being considered. The Scottish Water team assess potential sites in terms of health and safety of the location, water pressure, footfall etc. If a site is suitable Scottish Water apply for any planning permission required. There is no cost to communities as Scottish Water attend to all ongoing maintenance. JB had suggested some locations.</p> <p>Access to Dunbar Council Chamber- JB had asked Jo Moulin about the potential for physical meetings. As yet this is not physically feasible. 16 people could only be catered for without tables. Jo will advise as the situation changes.</p> <p>Parsonspool bench- Had been vandalised. Barry Craighead of DELAP had repaired it on 15/6.</p> <p>Built environment at Castle Rock Properties in Brodie Road. Many issues for tenants. JB following up after concerns raised by Romie Blair of DAL.</p>

	<p>Fallen telephone lines at Bayswell Road and Lauderdale Park 21/6 – ELC Amenities and Openreach advised. Residents had lost connection and the lines lying in the flowerbeds near the Phone Box. Openreach engineer was to attend.</p>
9.00	<p>MEETINGS ATTENDED</p>
9.01	<p><u>Sustaining Dunbar</u> - The Community Development Trust is linked to a number of projects.</p> <p><i>What If?/What Next Network – May 18th</i>. JB had attended. Yvonne Wemyss had given feedback on her work to pull together the threads from the different conversations regarding What If? That had been taking place during Covid. A variety of collaborations had taken place including the John Muir Exhibition at the Battery, bringing together those involved with community halls, local creatives and health and wellbeing. It would be important to continue post Covid with collaborations to make Dunbar and East Linton a better place to live and work. Yvonne will be pulling her findings together into a What Next Action Plan. This will be shared with community stakeholders and ELC. The aim is for this to be completed at the end of June.</p> <p><i>What If?/What Next Network – June 15th JB had attended</i> Yvonne Wemyss had shared her draft document. This will be shared with What If partners. There will be a community session to discuss the proposals at 7 pm on June 24th. There was a discussion about how proposals might be taken forward – the need for ongoing funding, goal setting, the future role of Sustaining Dunbar and how the group may link to other community bodies e.g ELC. DTA, DCC, DELAP, DCDC. Elements of the report will be shared with DELAP for possible inclusion in the Area Plan.</p> <p><i>Sustaining Dunbar Board – June 2nd</i> – JB had attended There was an update on a number of projects <i>What If?</i> Yvonne Wemyss had given feedback on her work. <i>Belhaven Community Garden/Community Gardener</i> – Naomi Barnes had given an update. Volunteer sessions are happening on a regular basis. More local people are getting involved. Anna Davis has been holding sessions on herbology and hopes to run some art sessions. Covid permitting it is hoped to hold events e.g. Apple Day. There are also plans for public engagement to use the apple press. The press will be available for community groups to hire. Community Gardener, Caroline has been linking with various groups eg the GP Link Workers will have dedicated sessions to refer people to, sessions will be held for people with learning disabilities through links with ELHSCP, young people have been coming from The Ridge to learn rural skills. Caroline is also linking with the Primary School and developing the garden ground at Belhaven Brewery. JB noted that Oliver Langton at Belhaven Hill School is also keen to make his grounds more available to the community and for the pupils to engage in community activities. JB and Naomi had met with reps from the Mushroom Trust (who give funding support to community gardens) on May 21st. to discuss funding for the Garden. The Community Garden is now an established green space both for local residents and Belhaven Hospital patients. There was concern about its long term future which is linked to the future plans for the Hospital site. JB noted that, as yet , there are no clear plans. Those present did express concern that the site might be sold at some point for housing like other NHS Lothian sites. It was queried if, the community should look to purchase the site for the continuation of the community facility should the NHS seek to sell at some point in the future. <i>Local Good Food Alliance</i> – Naomi gave an update. <i>Climate Action East Linton</i> – have set up a tool library for people to borrow tools. <i>Bayswell Road telephone box</i> = Jo McNamara (Chair) is still to meet with local residents about their ideas.</p>

	<p><i>Assembly Rooms</i> – Philip Revell had queried if this might be considered for a community asset transfer to allow the building to be put to community use. JB noted that the owner of most of the building was appealing the refusal of Planning Permission for 4 flats. The situation was complicated by split ownership of the rest of the building and the garden ground.</p> <p><i>Tourism Infrastructure</i> – Sustaining Dunbar had used Naturescot funding to engage Philip Immirzzi to do a study. He had produced a report on Green and Blue Spaces.</p> <p><i>AGM</i> – Provisional Date 11th August. New trustees would be welcome.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Board meeting</i> – 14th July</p>
9.02	<p><u>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership (CRP) – Meeting with of Denise Havard of Community Rail Network (CRN) May 20th .</u> JB had attended .</p> <p>Denise has recently been appointed to a post at Community Rail Network which has been funded by Paths for All to promote sustainable travel. She would be seeking ideas to encourage people to use the rail network and stations.</p> <p>CRP Chair Harry Barker had noted the different status of CRPs in England to Scotland. In England, CRPs have funded staff. In Scotland, they are run by volunteers. Scotrail funding and support has been limited. In recent times Cross Country have given more financial support and also interest in CRP work. He was not certain as to how things may change with the change in the Scotrail franchise. Denise noted that Scotrail no longer funded CRN.</p> <p>There was a discussion as to how Denise may be able to help East Lothian CRP in promoting rail travel in East Lothian. Mention had been made of Fringe by the Sea. JB had mentioned events like the Stonestacking Championships. She had also noted the proposed new access to the south platform which would likely benefit from signage and promotion to encourage people to use it by foot or bike rather than take their car to the main car park.</p> <p>Denise will draw up a questionnaire for all Scottish CRPs on how her role may be used to support them in promoting sustainable travel.</p> <p>A meeting is to be held for all Scottish CRPs on 8th July to share ideas.</p> <p>JB will attend a meeting to further discuss promotion of East Lothian by rail on 28th June.</p>
9.03	<p><u>Viridor Liaison Meeting – May 26th- JB and SB had attended</u></p> <p><u>Staffing</u> - Scott Reynolds, the Operations Manager at the ERF, is moving to Australia. He is being replaced by Mike Carr.</p> <p>A number of apprentices have been taken on. Further apprentice posts will be coming up at Dunbar.</p> <p><u>Landfill</u> – The Landfill had taken in more waste during April as the ERF had been closed for maintenance. Some waste had been taken from Midlothian and Edinburgh as the Millerhill ERF had also been closed.</p> <p>It is still expected that landfill use will be banned by 2024. Oxwellmains will be expected to remain open until then.</p> <p><u>ERF</u> – Had had a planned outage from 5th-29th April. Thus tonnage was lower in the last quarter period.</p> <p><u>Complaints</u> -There had been an issue with Sulphur Dioxide levels on 13/2 and 26/3. This was related to some of the waste coming in e.g. containing builders materials like gypsum. This had been fed back to the local authorities feeling the ERF (South Lanarkshire and Clyde Valley) to ensure that these were sorted out prior to arriving at the ERF. SEPA are aware of the issue.</p> <p>There had been an unsubstantiated complaint about odour like burning tyres on 13/5. This was not linked to Viridor. SEPA aware.</p> <p><u>NHS Waste</u> is no longer being taken.</p> <p><u>SEPA</u>- Staff have been working from home. The Agency is still recovering systems from a major cyber attack. Thus, there have been no onsite inspections for some time but it is hoped they can start again in due course. There had been monitoring by telephone. They have followed up the complaints regarding the Sulphur Dioxide which had been traced back to the incoming waste stream. The smell complaint was not linked to Viridor.</p> <p><u>Plastic Recycling Facility</u> - This option for use of the Heat from the plant is not going forward at this time.</p>

	<p><i>Heat Plan</i> – There is still no long term option for the use of the Heat. Alternatives to the plastics recycling facility are being considered. There are still 5 further years to find a use to meet the 2010 Planning condition set by the Scottish Government Reporter in 2010.</p> <p><u>Community</u> – Schools in the Clyde Valley and South Lanarkshire take part in an Award scheme in co-operation with the Engineering Development Trust which is a STEM charity.. This has been held on line during Covid. Pupils study a number of modules to gain bronze, silver and gold awards. DGS have been unable to take part so far.</p> <p>Sue Anderson has been linking with DPS as part of their John Muir Award work. Further work will be done with the schools. JB noted that the new Head at Belhaven Hill was keen to encourage his school to be zero waste.</p> <p>Equipment had been given to Dunbar Against Litter and a donation had been made to RNLI.</p> <p>There had been a number of virtual visits to the site. On site visits will commence once the site is Covid secure.</p> <p><u>Next Meeting</u> – 25th August. Prior to that a virtual visit for Liaison Group members will be organised.</p>
9.04	<p><u>East Lothian Educational Trust 10th June</u> – JB had attended</p> <p>Joan Ramsey had stood down as Chair. Cllr Goodfellow (Vice Chair) will act as Chair until the AGM on September 9th. There was a discussion about recruiting further Trustees as some had stood down.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the future support to ELET by ELC. Sarah Fortune, Head of Finance advised of current staffing pressures. However, it was hoped to continue a regular staff member to support the Trust.</p> <p>There was a further discussion of the historical exclusion of Wallyford and Whitecraig from the Trust remit. This was because they were historically in Midlothian. They also do not qualify for Musselburgh Common Good grants. It was agreed that legal advice on this could be taken.</p> <p>A number of grants were given. JB had noted that a number of the applications that were granted would previously have been appropriate for the Area Partnership Educational Attainment funds. ELC Councillors were clear that those funds would not be reinstated.</p>
9.05	<p><u>Dunbar Community Bakery AGM – 12th June.</u> JB had attended</p> <p>The Bakery had survived the challenges of Covid which had had impacts on wholesale and on site sales.</p> <p>Brexit had brought challenges of increased ingredients costs.</p> <p>New lines, including Vegan lines, had proved popular.</p> <p>The Committee are considering options for taking on apprentices.</p> <p>The AGM agreed that the Management Committee could consider use of the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the premises.</p> <p>New volunteer drivers and Committee members are welcome.</p>
9.06	<p><u>Dunbar Community Woodland Group AGM – 13th June</u> JB had attended</p> <p>Eva Hurley continues as Chair. JB has an active link to the group.</p> <p>The Group had had an active year. There had been an ongoing need for maintenance. This had led to costs e.g for Tree Surgeon support. Covid had seen extra use of the path network and floods had also taken their toll. Community Payback workers had been of some help but most work had fallen on the volunteers.</p> <p>Ash Die Back is a potential issue to be monitored and professional advice will be sought.</p> <p>Youth Disorder had been an issue. It had reduced but still needed monitoring. JB had been thanked for her input to the Problem Solving Partnership.</p> <p>DCC were thanked for their funding for the Muck truck. This had been of great benefit. Further applications may be made to DCC/DELAP in the future.</p> <p>A solar drying kiln had been built at the former school chicken coop. This will enable felled timber to be dried for sale.</p> <p>There was discussion about the Old Laundry building. DCWG had had no contact from DCDC for a long time. JB noted suggestions of it being converted for DCWG use. Members had previously been told that the best option was to reduce it in height for security – that their were</p>

	<p>constraints on conversion for any other use e.g. due to disability legislation, lack of parking. This will be followed up.</p> <p>DCWG would be happy to have a rep on DCDC again should the opportunity be offered. Dr Philip Revell and Dr Simon Bell had both previously been DCDC Trustees. DCDC remains involved with the linkage of the woods from Hallhill Developments. DCWG maintain the woods on behalf of DCDC. An option remains on further woodland but DCWG would wish various comforts from Hallhill Developments as there are outstanding maintenance issues.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the Pump Track. Dunbar Cycling Group, who had been behind the facility, had wound down and a new Cycling Club had been set up. The future of the Pump track was to be considered. It is used by younger children. Discussions about a new pump track are underway but the users would be likely to be from an older age group than those using the existing one</p> <p>The woods are used by a range of groups. Muddy Buddies are back and the Park Run Group will be starting again. JB noted various groups that might wish to be active in the woods and the Living Well website.</p> <p>JB had noted the employment of Mike Naysmith as an ELC officer for active travel networks which might include the woodland paths. She had updated on the Spott to Dunbar routes project which could link in to the woodland routes.</p>
9.07	<p><u>John Muir Birthplace Trust – June 15th JB had attended</u></p> <p>The Birthplace had reopened although restrictions were in place.</p> <p>Funding options were discussed. Footfall had been lost by the closure. Suggestions were made of funding sources. Cllr Hampshire and Provost McMillan had discussed possible opportunities for corporate sponsorship. JB had noted funding options from DCC/DELAP.</p> <p>Ideas for community engagement/publicity were discussed including on line opportunities.</p> <p>Provost McMillan noted the number of Chinese students coming to QMU. This was a potential visitor source to be tapped.</p> <p>JB had noted suggestions from DTA for publicity.</p> <p>Links to the Sustaining Dunbar What Next conversations were ongoing.</p> <p>Future exhibitions were discussed.</p> <p>Seasonal staff had been recruited.</p> <p>A Pilgrimage along the Dunbar way to be linked to Copp 26 in Glasgow is being considered.</p>
9.08	<p><u>Local Good Food Alliance- 16th June-</u> JB had attended.</p> <p>Yvonne Wemyss had given feedback on the What Next? Report</p> <p>LGFA Co-ordinator Naomi Barnes is working on an action plan for the group.</p> <p>There was a discussion about Community Assisted Agriculture which is one of the action areas.</p> <p>There is a need for an interlinking between producers and customers. Local growers need to grow what people want. There is a need to co-ordinate small scale production and retailers e.g. the Community Carrot. The set up of a small working group was discussed.</p> <p>JB had noted issues of food poverty. The option of people who have paying extra to fund those less well off was discussed. JB also raised nutritional poverty – Covid had shown the need for provision of nutritious meals for more vulnerable people e.g. older people and those with disabilities who may not be able to cook for themselves.</p> <p>There was a discussion about skills education on using produce e.g. redcurrants. JB had noted the more prevalent experience in countries like the Baltics of preserving, juicing etc. Equipment was easily available and cheap to buy. Skills had continued to produce at home rather than buy read made. Foraging was widespread. There was a discussion as to how skills like jam and juice making may be shared and produce passed on to the Foodbank etc. Sustaining Dunbar had purchased an apple press and pasteuriser. It may be possible to share community produced juice more widely. There was a discussion about using community kitchens for teaching skills and larger scale production.</p>
10.00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
10.01	<p>Via Facebook- Glynda Jones – Seeking update on affordable housing to buy- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- various- concerns about increase in beach parking charges. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about new recycling arrangements. JB had responded.</p>

Via Facebook – various – Concerns about new structure at Belhaven Bay.

Scottish Communities Alliance – Local People Leading newsletters

Via Facebook – Lisa Bryson – proposals for use of Backlands. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- George Brading- Further concerns about tree cutting at DGS. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Marita Brown – Concerns about pool disabled parking bays being blocked by Covid testing vans. JB had responded and contacted ELC.

Mick Slatter and others- Bayswell Road Planning application. JB had responded.

Will Collin- Memorials to Sister Violet Fraser and at Parish Kirkyard. PS and JB had responded

Romie Blair- Change of e mail address. JB had responded

Jane Ogden-Smith – ELHSCP Shifting the Balance of Care Change Board Workshop on 17th June. JB and GR had responded.

Rob McDougall – Seeking update on Spaces for People Projects. JB had responded

Janice Hanvidge – Query about Covid vaccination appointments. JB had responded

Evelyn Hutchison – Thanks to JB for help in getting trees planted between Avant and Walker Homes (Planning Condition).Still seeking planting between the affordable homes and Walker Homes.

Via Facebook- Wendy Logan- Concerns about lack of maintenance of Playpark and Amenity Space at Yosemite park- JB had responded

Via Facebook- various – Proposals to limit parking at Abbeylands car park. JB had responded

Malcom Payton – Update on Kings Meadow Playparks – JB had responded

AELCC – Concerns about frequency of brown bin collections. JB had responded

East Lothian Community Councils – Consultation on Miners’ Strike Pardons

Alastair Colley- Condition of Eweford Back Road = JB had responded

Sue Anderson – Seeking update on Campervan proposals at Winterfield Park – JB had responded

Area Partnership – Presentation by Keith Dingwall of ELC Planning on National Plans to Upgrade the Mobile Phone Network in Rural Areas.

Ian Hamilton- Concerns about Spaces for People 20 mph zone. JB had responded

Cath McGill, Gorebridge Community Council – Planning issues – PS and JB had responded.

Denise Gavan- Community Rail Network – Summer Days Out Campaign

Lachlan Irvine-Hand – Query about student finance – PS and JB had responded. Passed to East Lothian Educational Trust and Amos Trust.

Via Facebook- Sally Blyth – Query about CCTV cameras in private gardens. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Catherine Dunning – Vegetation obscuring plaque at creel loader statue. JB had responded.

Terry Prior, Hallhill TRA – various maintenance concerns at Hallhill estates. JB had responded

Will Collin- Concerns about rusty condition of the Lauderdale Park gates. JB had responded.

Pamela Huntley- Query about vaccination programme/missing appointments. JB had responded and contacted ELHSCP Vaccination Team who had sorted the situation.

Area Partnerships- Public Consultation on Library Services

Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell via Caitlin McCrory (Connected Communities) – Consultation on use of body cameras by Police officers.

Christiane Muelian (France) – Thanks to JB for helping her to contact old friends in Dunbar

Via Facebook- Donna Brunton – Query re Housing development. JB had responded.

Morag Haddow – Query re future plans for the Pop Up Park.

Via Facebook- Dunbar Online Admin – Seeking official Information on current covid position in Dunbar as various people trying to post on their site. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Finlay Cook- idling taxi issues. JB had responded.

Ageing Well – New activity list

Philip Mellor, DTA – Invitation to itourist Staycation Awards on 17th June. Dunbar had been nominated in the seaside town category.

Bear – Recruitment drive on 9th and 10th June

Via Facebook – John Eunson – Concerns about lack of road markings/parking problems at Brodie Road/Yosemite Park. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Various- requests for Scottish Water Your Water Your Life water tap facilities. JB had responded and had contact with Natalie Walker at Scottish Water.

Harry Barker- East Lothian CRP – consultations on new LNER, Cross Country and Trans Pennine timetables for May 2022.

Via Facebook, Gillian Gibson – Exposed piping at Lauderdale Park. JB had responded

Paul Gillon -DTA Funding – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about proposed reduced train services from May 2022.

Bear – Overnight closure of A1 for resurfacing work at Thorntonloch from July 5th -13th

Area Partnerships – Online Consultation on Common Good Assets

Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about A1 safety following accident with serious injuries at Innerwick junction on 16/6.

Area Partnership – Funding for e bikes from the Energy Saving Trust

Area Partnership – Consultation on the Edinburgh City Region deal

Via Facebook- Romie Blair – Concerns about littering at the Bear. Had had to remove the DAL bin due to problems. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Romie Blair – Concerns about maintenance at Castle Rock Housing properties at Hallhill estate . JB had responded

Via Facebook- Dayton Dove – Telephone lines down around Bayswell Road/Lauderdale Park. JB had responded.

Via Facebook – Marian Lloyd – Dangerous wall in North Road. JB had responded.