



**Community Council Open Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 17th January 2022
7 pm by Zoom Conference Call**

PRESENTATION- Kate Darrah (KD) – The Ridge – Developments at The Ridge.

KD gave an illustrated talk on various projects by The Ridge in Dunbar town centre. The projects all seek to rejuvenate derelict areas of the townscape whilst giving a range of training opportunities to young people and others in traditional skills like joinery, stonemasonry and horticulture. Regeneration of buildings will also give valuable spaces for community use including by The Ridge’s mental health support staff and others.

Current projects include the Backlands Gardens, Black Bull Close and Empire Close. Funding is from a variety of sources including CARS (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme), Historical Environment Scotland (HES) and private donors.

The Ridge works closely with ELC and others to deliver apprenticeships. It is hoped to develop a training centre at Empire Close.

Future projects include the restoration of the historic Monks Walk and the buildings above the Value Shop which have proved to be of great historic significance.

KD renewed an invitation for DCC members to visit the projects following the cancellation of the November visit due to Storm Arwen.

Members noted the benefits of the work of The Ridge to the town both in restoring buildings at risk but also in teaching skills to young people and others who may be vulnerable.

AS, PS and JB also noted the high quality of work by Ridge workers for households around the town.

PS thanked KD for her presentation and JB for arranging it.

Following the meeting JB shared the presentation with DCC members and others who had been present at the meeting.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Ref	Item	
1.00	<p>SEDERUNT – Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair, Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), Gill Wilson (GW), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Herbert Coutts (HC), Kevin Searle (KS), Paul Gillon (PG), Terry Prior (TP), Cllr Sue Kempson (SK), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Paul McLennan MSP (PMc), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Rev Keith Mills (Member of the Public), Kate Darrah (KD)(The Ridge)</p> <p><i>DCC is currently meeting by video link. This follows a majority vote to continue this mode of meeting for the protection of members and the public from Covid 19. It will be reviewed in due course. Minutes will be made available to the public in the normal way.</i></p>	

1.01	Welcome – PS welcomed all to the meeting- the first of 2022. Special welcome was given to Kate Darrah of The Ridge.	
1.02	Apologies – Romie Blair (RB)(Dunbar Against Litter), Mike Shaw(Member of the Public)	
2.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2.01	<u>Councillors declaring an interest in matters to be discussed:</u> None	
3.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – November 15th 2021	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> - None	
3.02	<u>Adoption</u> - ADOPTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - GA • Seconded - KS 	
3.03	<u>Action Review</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS/JB had made a number of payments • The visit to The Ridge on 27th November had been cancelled due to Storm Arwen • The Christmas Lights public switch on had been cancelled on 28th November due to the storm. They were switched on on 5th December. They were taken down on 5th and 9th January. • JB had represented DCC at Planning Committee on December 7th regarding Hallhill North and the Shore Road Snack Van applications. • PS had written to thank Craig Rapson for his service on DCC. • Community Council Awards and Certificates had been presented to most recipients. Coverage was still to appear in the East Lothian Courier. Engraving of the trophies had been arranged with David Main. 	
3.04	<u>Matters arising not covered in agenda –</u> Queens Green Canopy (QGC) – Vice Lord Lt Patrick Gammell had contacted Lord Lt Roderick Urquhart who had confirmed that he would do what he could to encourage ELC to Plant trees in Queens Road. He had also written to Ken Ross to ask for his participation in QGC. Ken Ross had agreed to do so and had suggested sites at DunBear Park and near Dunbar Primary School, Lochend Campus. After Storm Arwen JB had contacted Mr Gammell to see if QCG monies could be used for replanting at devastated John Muir Country Park. JB had also had contact with Neil Clarke of ELC Landscape and Countryside, Mike Foy,(ELC Tree Officer) and members of John Muir Birthplace Trust. JB will monitor progress of QGC on behalf of DCC. She will continue to promote the initiative to the public. Platinum Jubilee Events – SB will be the DCC link to arrangements DCC Membership Update – JB had sent the annual update of members and office bearers to ELC along with a requested copy of the DCC Constitution. DCC Awards – PS noted that arrangements were still to be made to award a Certificate to Belhaven Community Garden. JB agreed to contact Belhaven Community Garden and ask them to link with GA.	JB SB JB
4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
4.01	<u>Norman Hampshire –</u> PS congratulated NH on his election as Council Leader following the death of Willie Innes. 1. Action Update – <i>Spaces for People Measures Near Fire Station.</i> -GA noted continued issues for Fire Service vehicles related to bollards near the Fire Station. A further delay had taken	

	<p>place to a recent response due to the positioning of bollards. NH said he had thought this had been attended to. He agreed to speak further to ELC Officers.</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p><i>Budget.</i> NH advised that this was being worked on. The Scottish Government settlement for ELC had been less than in 2020-21 despite the growth in population of the county. It would be a challenge to protect services whilst achieving a balanced budget.</p> <p><i>Covid Pressures.</i> NH noted the continued pressures from staff needing to isolate/having Covid. Pressures were particularly felt in Health and Social Care and Education. Staff were being diverted from other buildings to cover school and care home meals and cleaning. 7/11 care homes in the County were currently closed to new admissions. NH hoped that the situation would ease in the near future.</p> <p><i>QMU-</i> As part of the City Deal a new Food and Drink Hub will be developed to create jobs and help to develop new food producers etc in the County.</p> <p><i>Halhill North.</i> As part of the new development there will be a need to create open space and recreational facilities in the woods. This will include changing facilities and expanded pitches which will be developed and maintained by Dunbar Community Development and Heritage Trust (DCDHT). It would be hoped to also have a café facility which may give a social hub for youngsters who, in the past, have been known to hang around the area, as well as other members of the public. There had also been discussions with a community group about siting a skatepark and pump track in the area which ELC Officers were keen to progress. This development would need funding. Designs were being drawn up and a public consultation on the proposals would be held in due course. PS asked if the community group was the same as those who had been considering a skatepark/pump track at Pine Street. NH advised that it was the same group – there had been issues with underground sewers at Pine Street which would make building on that area difficult.</p> <p>SB noted the importance of a crossing of the East Coast Mainline, as proposed as part of Hallhill North, to go ahead to help linkages between the old and new parts of the town.</p>	<p>NH</p>
<p>4.02</p>	<p><u>Sue Kempson</u></p> <p>1. Action Update</p> <p><i>Request to IJB/ELHSCP to make Meetings/Minutes of the Provisioning Change Board and its working group publicly accessible.</i> SK noted that she had been unable to make any headway on this.</p> <p>JB advised that Jamie Forrester and Jane Ogden-Smith of ELHSCP had told her, as Chair of DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group, that this was not possible. The meetings were discussing matters regarding proposals which may not go forward and therefore it was not appropriate for them to be shared with the community as they may cause anxiety.</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p><i>Recycling.</i> SK noted that she had seen refuse spewing out of one of the new lorries as the hatch had not been closed properly and had spoken to Ian Reid of ELC about this. JB noted that she had had extensive contact with members of the public about various teething problems of the new system which she had passed on to the Head of Infrastructure, FCC Contractor staff and others. The information had enabled some changes to be made. However, further monitoring was required.</p> <p><i>Shore Road Snack Van Planning Application.</i> SK had called the application in to the Planning Committee on 7th December. She said she continued to have reservations about the owner of the van and their business acumen as well as about the suitability of the site for such a large vehicle. She felt it would need monitoring. JB advised that the Friends of Belhaven Group continued to have reservations and so it would be</p>	

	possible to monitor progress. The van was not expected to go on site until the Spring. PS thanked SK for calling the application in.	
4.03	<p><u>Paul McLennan</u></p> <p>1. Action Update – No action required from last meeting as not present.</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p><i>Off Shore Windpower</i> – PMc noted that the Scottish Government had awarded a number of new contracts through the Scotwind initiative. They included a floating windfarm in the Firth of Forth. Further information would be available in due course.</p> <p><i>SOLE</i>- PMc noted that he had had a number of concerns raised by the DTA and others about news of funding to enable the expansion of the SOLE project to support the High Street – both to continue the Dunbar project and also to expand to other towns. JB noted the contacts that she had had with a range of groups expressing concern. She had also spoken to the Provost and the initiative was currently on hold for more discussions. PS said that she had been at a meeting with DTA , Council Officers and others in September which had raised concerns and thus she was concerned to hear of the developments. PS asked NH if ELC was putting money into the project. He advised not. He advised that he had not been involved in the Project. JB noted that the Provost had spoken to her of match funding from ELC. NH said that the project was a good idea that had been badly managed by the Company involved. It was agreed that more information was needed.PS agreed to share the DCC experience and information with the ELC elected members.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Station Ticket Office</i>- PMc noted a consultation considering the reduction of opening hours of the ticket office. This had been discussed at a meeting of the East Lothian rail Steering Group earlier in the day. Members were encouraged to respond to the Consultation. JB noted her concerns that the Ticket Office did much more than sell tickets. She had put information about the Consultation on DCC Social Media.</p>	PS
4.04	<p><u>Questions to Councillors</u></p> <p>Public Toilets (JB)- Members of the public had noted concerns that toilet opening at Bayswell Road was again restricted to the disabled cubicle only. NH said that the toilets had been vandalised. JB noted that ELC Officers had advised her that staffing pressures had been the reason. NH said he hoped that the toilets would be back to normal opening soon.</p> <p>Questions from Dunbar Against Litter - Romie Blair. Romie was unable to be present and so her questions were raised by AS.</p> <p><i>Lauderdale Park Opening</i>- The park had been closed over the Festive Period. DAL would have like to be able to litter pick. Romie queried if there may be a way to get access. NH noted that the park opening is managed by the café tenants. He said he would see if arrangements could be made for future holiday periods.</p> <p><i>Fly tipping and Dog Fouling</i>- These are a continuing issue in some places. Romie was concerned about the difficulty in getting action to remove fly tipping and to tackle those who allow their pets to foul. PS noted the small number of fines and prosecutions for those who offend. JB advised that she had spoken to Jimmy Wilson, Community Warden, who had noted the level of evidence needed to take enforcement forward e.g. to take a prosecution to Court. NH said that he would ask for ELC Officers to meet with Romie to discuss her concerns and how DAL and ELC may work together.</p>	NH NH
5.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting (AS) See Community Report 1.00	
5.01	<u>Requests for Support for consideration:</u> <u>Local Priorities Fund –</u>	

	<p>Application – Additional WW1 Name for Dunbar War Memorial – George Shearer Young. It was agreed to fund the addition of the name at a cost of £134 ex VAT.</p> <p>Community Benefits Fund – AS had submitted the 4th quarterly report to Community Windpower.</p> <p>Applications for January meeting to take place after the main meeting DSAT – Support for the 2022 European Stone Stacking Championships. <i>Belhaven Surf Centre</i></p> <p>Application for February Meeting <i>Petanque Piste</i>- Application form circulated by AS. To be discussed in February</p> <p>Approaches had also been made by Dunbar Harbour Trust regarding Dunbar Castle and by Dunbar Day Centre regarding kitchen upgrade.</p>	
5.02	<u>Matters arising/questions</u> -None	
6.00	<p>COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended (JB) 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> 	
6.01	<u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters:</u> None	
7.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)	
7.01	<p><u>Planning Applications for consideration/discussion:</u></p> <p><u>22/00021/P -Application for Coffee Shop (Class3), Drive Thru and associated works on land east of McDonalds (Starbucks)</u> – JB had circulated information on 14/1. Members had a brief discussion. JB noted that comments to date noted the job opportunities but concerns had also been expressed by some respondents on social media about the pressure on road infrastructure (Spott Road and Spott Road Roundabout) and potential deflection of trade from Dunbar High Street and other café venues in the area. GA said that the job opportunities would be welcome. He thought that the main trade would be from the A1. It was agreed that members would submit views to JB for her to collate and submit to ELC.</p> <p><u>SP Energy Networks Eastern Link.</u> Public consultation events were to have been held regarding the installation of the cables from Thorntonloch to Hawthorn Pit in County Durham. Due to Omicron, events have moved to online/telephone. Staff will attend ASDA on 15th and 23rd February to distribute consultation materials. An exhibition will be on display at McArthur’s Stores from 31st January to 28th February. (See Community Report for details) Richard Hunter and the SP Energy Network Team will give a presentation to DCC on February 21st.</p>	
7.02	<u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion</u> None	

8.00	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.01	<p>DCC Vacancies – There are 2 vacancies. Members were asked to speak to people who may be interested in joining DCC.</p> <p>Christmas Lights - Members, led by PS, commended GA and the Team for another highly successful display. There had been much appreciation from the public and publicity had been given in the national press. GA noted the challenges faced from Storm Arwen and also by some vandalism e.g. to the tree outside the Town House. GA advised that the Team had also helped with debris removal from storm damaged properties.</p> <p>GA noted the challenges of fund raising – bucket shaking at the Turn On event had been about half of previous years. New fund raising initiatives were being developed. JB advised that she shared information from the Team, including fund raising projects on local social media.</p>	ALL
9.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
9.01	February 21 st – Presentation by SP Energy Networks	



COMMUNITY REPORT January 2022

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	<u>DCC and Sub-Committee Accounts</u> JB had circulated the Report by e mail General Account The Bank Balance at the end of December was £124,656.52 The Restricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of the month were Community Windpower Fund £93,572.13 Covid Fund £ 7,855.60 Access For All Fund £ 759 .00 Local Priorities Fund £ 8,926.49 War Memorial Fund £ 000.00 TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS £111,113.22 The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Fund at the end of the month were Balance in the General Fund £1,181.23 TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £1,181.23 TOTAL FUNDS £112,294.45 Civic Week Account The bank balance at the month end stood at £7,397.45 The Committee will be meeting to discuss plans for 2022 Christmas Lights Account The bank balance at the month end stood at £5,535.46 Expenditure in the month was £3,238 Donations in December amounted to £3782 Fundraising initiatives raised £2,436 Despite the challenges of Storm Arwen the Lights had been a great success. They now extend down to the harbour.

	<p><i>Dunbar Against Litter Account</i></p> <p>The bank balance at the month end was £2,428.32 Generous donations were received from the Garden Centre and the Original Factory Shop. £135 was raised at a Co-op Fundraising Day.</p>
1.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Grant Scheme</u></p> <p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>The Current Year Fund £10,200 Brought Forward Fund £ 6677 Maximum Budget Total £16877</p> <p>Committed or under review - £ 9951 Local Priorities Fund Available £6926</p> <p><u>Applications –</u> <i>Heritage Committee/War Memorial Working Group – Additional name from WW1- £134 ex VAT.</i></p>
1.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund</u></p> <p>Meeting on 18th November 3 applications had been approved <i>Dunbar Harbour Murals</i> by Local Primary Schools - £700 <i>Time and Tide Festival</i> - £6500 <i>Dunbar Community Bakery</i> - £2050 for replacement pastry Brake An initial approach had been made by James Craig Paige regarding proposals for the European Stonestacking Championships in 2022. A formal application had been awaited.</p> <p>Meeting on 17th January (to be held after the main DCC meeting DSAT- Application for 2022 European Stone Stacking Championships. Dunbar Surf Centre – Various building maintenance works</p> <p>A note of interest has been received from Dunbar Harbour Trust regarding Dunbar Castle. An approach has also been made to DELAP. Interest has also been shown by Dunbar Day Centre for a kitchen upgrade.</p>
2.00	COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT
2.01	<p><u>Police Report – Circulated by JB</u></p> <p>The Report was based on incidents between 1st December and 17th January</p> <p><i>Road Safety</i></p> <p>1 motorist charged with drink driving and other road traffic offences. Arrested and later released on bail. 1 motorist charged with driving whilst under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and held in custody. 4 motorists charged with driving without insurance and other associated road traffic offences during the period. Vehicles seized on 3 occasions.</p>

	<p>Violence and Antisocial Behaviour Following a significant disturbance within a property in the town in mid December 2 persons charged with behaving in a threatening manner and possession of weapons. Individuals arrested and charged. Reports of graffiti in the Spott Road and Leslie Way areas. Enquiries ongoing. 1 male arrested and charged for behaving in a threatening manner towards a number of people on High Street, Dunbar. Arrested, charged and later bailed to appear at court at a later date. Regular reports of ASB in and around the area of Dunbar Garden centre, ASDA and McDonalds during the evening. Regular patrols have been conducted and a number of Parent Advisory letters have been issued in partnership with ELC ASB Team. 1 male charged with assault in connection with these enquiries. Further enquiries ongoing with stores. 3 further vandalisms to private properties reported. Minor assaults also recorded.</p> <p>Serious and Organised Crime 1 individual charged with possession of Class A drug- Cocaine 3 individuals charged with possession of Class B drugs – Cannabis</p> <p>Theft 2 high value bicycles stolen from DGS on 15th December. Follow up work being conducted by the Safer Communities Officer in relation to bike security at the school.</p> <p>Other Officers assisted in the rescue of an individual alongside Coastguard, RNLI and Ambulance Service on 7th January following an incident on the coastal path to the rear of Winterfield Park.</p> <p>Deployment of 3rd Police Officer to Dunbar (PC Graham Whitelaw) had been postponed. PC Hutchison had noted that with his being regularly abstracted to response duties that the extra manpower would enable the Police Team to follow up community tasks e.g. CAPP Priorities.</p>
2.02	<p>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) – Priorities from November 30th Meeting. <i>Speeding-</i> various problem areas were noted including Belhaven High Street and Queens Road.. <i>Youth Anti Social Behaviour-</i> problem areas were identified including Hallhill Steading and Ashfield</p> <p>Date of Next meeting – 25th January 2022 (To be Confirmed)</p>
3.00	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p>
3.01	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u> Expedited List – A cover sheet of applications is now circulated. Further information can be requested from Planning Officers on applications of interest. JB had used the system to ask for call in of the Shore Road Snack Van.</p> <p>Berwick Bank Windfarm Project Exhibition at Innerwick Village Hall 9th December– JB had attended and discussed the project with staff. The proposed windfarm forms a merged site of Marr Bank and Berwick Bank windfarms with a smaller footprint following consultation with RSPB. JB had discussed potential Community Benefits for the Dunbar community with Gary Donlin the Communities Manager. This could be discussed further in the future although the main impact of construction will be felt in the East Lammerrmuir CC area.</p> <p>Socio Economic and Tourism Stakeholder Consultation Meeting 21st December- JB had met on line with Joshua Harding-Jones of the Consultancy Firm Hardisty Jones Associates. They had discussed the potential impacts (positive and negative) of the Construction and</p>

	<p>Ongoing maintenance phases of the windfarm project. These included on tourism, harbour activities, watersports, housing availability for workers, educational and health infrastructure for workers. Similar discussions will be held with other coastal communities for a report to be drawn up as part of the application process. Joshua advised that major construction works will be undertaken from large ports e.g. Dundee or Leith. However, ongoing maintenance boats may use smaller harbours which are still to be selected. JB had suggested other groups to confer with including Dunbar Harbour Trust and the DTA.</p> <p>Planning Process – SSE intend to submit an application in Spring 2022.</p> <p>SP Energy Network – Eastern Link Project A pre application public consultation will be held regarding the installation of cables from Thorntonloch to Hawthorn Pit in County Durham. Various events were to have been held locally. However, due to Omicron they will now be online or by telephone. 3rd February (10-2), 10th February (10-1, 2-5), 15th February (3-7), 17th February (4-9) 24th February (4-9). Arrangements for making appointments will be available at a later date. Staff will attend Dunbar ASDA to distribute consultation materials on 15th and 23rd February between 10 and 4. Exhibition material will be on display from 31st January to 28th February at Innerwick Village Hall and McArthur’s Stores in Dunbar. Richard Hunter and the Team will give a presentation to DCC on 21st February.</p> <p>Planning Democracy – Annual Gathering 7th December. JB had attended and circulated presentations from the evening. The main area of discussion had been National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4).</p> <p>Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland – Workshop on NPF4 20th January. JB will attend.</p>
3.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 20/00110/PM Halhill North – Approved on 7th December by a Majority Vote. Cllr Findlay, who voted against, had proposed a delay in approval to clarify the funding of any crossing of the railway line but this was rejected due to concerns that the developer may appeal any delay on the grounds of non determination. Various S75 agreements need to be signed off. 2. Castle Bay (Cala) – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. ELC have had the funding for this since 2017 . Alan Stubbs had advised that it was hoped to complete the work in the current financial year (21/22) but there was a backlog of work. However, at a meeting on 13/12 Mr Stubbs advised that following the Hallhill North decision, completion of the footpath would be delayed as Taylor Wimpey were to fund alterations to the Edinburgh Road/Beveridge Row junction – it was not worth building the pavement until the junction was altered. Road markings and signage are still outstanding at the access of Bayview Circus into Beveridge Row. ELC advise that the responsibility is with Cala as the road is not adopted. Planning Enforcement involved. Cala have been asked for a timescale 3. 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. Some trees had been planted but they have since died as they were not watered post planting. Walker homes residents are also unhappy about weeds encroaching on their properties. There are many issues regarding the end of works on site with incomplete landscaping e.g. dead or missing trees and shrubs, holes from removed flagpoles a deep hole with exposed metal piping from an advertising hoarding. Fencing between the path to the estate and railway has fallen down. Lighting at the path under the railway is outstanding. Planning Enforcement involved. JB keeping local residents informed.

- 6 **14/00358/AM – Open space and playpark at Yosemite Park.** This was a planning condition of the Persimmon housing development. Planning Enforcement are involved. Some work done but issues remain. JB is keeping local residents informed.
- 7 **Access routes from Albany Grange.** Chicane barriers had been installed in early 2021. However, the exit onto Hospital Road remains fenced off. The area is overgrown on the Hospital Road side. Land between the houses and the wall remains very overgrown. There are maintenance issues with many of the paths linking the scheme to the School etc. Planning Enforcement involved.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **21/00627/P – Erection of House in Garden Ground of Manor House, Belhaven.** The application had been resubmitted with further information. JB had submitted DCC views.
- 11 **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). JB had submitted DCC views.
- 12 **21/00676/P- Broxmouth Estate.** Erection of 9 holiday lodges. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.
- 13 **21/00862/P – Alteration and Part Change of Use to form 2 houses 130-134 High Street (former Smiths Building) High Street.** JB had circulated information and submitted DCC views. There had been much community concern about loss of a chestnut tree in the garden ground of the property. To be determined.
- 14 **21/00946/P = Alternative application to 18 .** Only one house created in the Gardeners Cottage. Restoration to a dwelling had already been agreed (application 16/00408/P). JB had submitted views. To be determined.
- 15 **21/00895/P – Footpath and cycleway at Tarmac Works.** JB had circulated information. DCC expression of support submitted to ELC. This route has been considered for some time to make access around the cement plant safer. On 15/9 ELC Cabinet had approved a Stopping Up Order of a road near the Quarry to enable the work to go ahead. To be determined.
- 16 **21/00997/PM -Golf Club 78 houses, golf club house, short course and other golf infrastructure.** JB had circulated information. To be determined. JB had submitted Objections to the application. West Barns CC had also submitted an objection. Agent Tony Thomas had supplied further information on November 3rd as a follow up to the DCC September meeting. To be determined.
- 17 **21/00949/LBC -86-88 High Street (Value Shop) Alterations, extensions to building, erection of outbuildings, forming of hardstanding areas and demolition of external staircase.** JB had circulated information. DCC support submitted. To be determined.
- 18 **21/00947/P 86-88 High Street (Value Shop) Alterations to shop (Class 1), alterations and extension to part of shop and derelict buildings to form 3 houses, 4 flats and associated works.** JB had circulated information. DCC support submitted. To be determined.
- 19 **21/01195/P Snack Van (Converted horsebox) at Shore Road Car Park, Belhaven.** JB had circulated information and submitted views to ELC. Approved on 7th December by a majority vote despite community concerns about road safety and litter management. Cllr Kempson had called the application in and voted against.
- 20 **21/01239/P – Broxmouth Park – Widening of Access, Formation of hard standing, Erection of Gate Pillars** JB had circulated information and submitted views to DCC to

	<p>support the individual application but again asking for a masterplan by the property owner to pull together the many small applications. Planner Stephanie McQuen had advised that ELC were aware of the number of applications from the Broxmouth Estate and that the Agent for the applicant has been asked for a Masterplan to be provided. This application was withdrawn on 10th December.</p> <p>21 21/01289/P - DunBear Park – 2 Retail Units. JB had circulated information and submitted a response. To be determined.</p> <p>22 21/01392/P – Broxmouth Park – S42 request to remove condition 2 of Application 20/00554/P which had been consented on July 28th 2021. This relates to the operation of the wedding accommodation. JB had responded. To be determined.</p> <p>23 22/00021 – Coffee Shop Class 3 (Starbucks) , Drive Thru and associated works at land East of McDonalds. JB had circulated information. To be determined.</p>
3.03	<p><u>Licensing Matters to Note</u> <u>Licensing Board – 25th November</u> – JB had attended. The provisional licence for The Typsy Truffle and the premises licence for Hallhill Sports Centre had been approved.</p>
4.00	<p><u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u> Gordon Horsburgh had retired in November. His replacement, Stevie McKinlay had commenced on 11th January. JB had been involved in his induction. He will work Tuesday-Thursday at the Bleachingfield Centre. On Mondays and Fridays he will continue to work as a Community Development Officer in Fa’side Ward (Tranent).</p>
4.01	<p><u>Meeting on November 24th</u> – JB (Chair), SB, GW and PG had attended <u>Queens Green Canopy</u> – Vice Lord Lt Patrick Gammell had given a presentation <u>Belhaven Hospital</u> – TP had given a presentation on the Great Expectations – An Agenda for Change document which had been drawn up by members of the Health and Wellbeing Sub Group and submitted to IJB/ELHSCP. <u>Scottish Covid Memorial Programme “Remembering Together”</u> Caitlin McCorry had advised that the Scottish Government are proposing allocation of £100,000 per local authority for Covid memorials. There was much discussion about this. Some felt that the Pandemic was still ongoing. A suggestion was that a memorial woodland might be considered rather than a statue. <u>VCEL- Request for Full Membership</u>- Heather Young of VCEL made a verbal request. This was followed by a discussion. An e mail vote was to follow the meeting. <u>Funding request</u> for £4999.95 by Sustaining Dunbar on behalf of Climate Action East Linton-East Linton Community Garden. This was discussed. An e mail vote was to follow. <u>Budgets</u>- There were still some funds in the General and Roads Budgets. A request for funds to resurface Lauderdale Park Car Park had been proposed. However, it did not qualify for spending from the Roads budget as the area is not adopted by ELC Roads.</p>
4.02	<p><u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u> – 24th January 2022.</p>
4.03	<p><u>Meeting on Roads Budget- 13th December</u> – JB had met with Caitlin McCorry, Alan Stubbs and Calum Redpath. Mr Stubbs had noted the continued impact of Covid on Roads Work with delays on projects across the County. The West Barns Village Hall Car Park had been completed and a Speed Reactive Sign purchased for East Linton. Some works had been completed that had been requested by DELAP in Autumn 2020 e.g. upgraded paving near Cherry Trees Nursery, improved drop kerbs near Dunbar Medical Centre and at Summerfield Road. Other drop kerbs where improvement had been requested e.g. at Pine Street will need greater expenditure to resolve flooding. These areas are also of</p>

	<p>lower priority than others where flooding threatens property e.g. at Belhaven Road and North Road. The costs of the works recently completed was about £10,000.</p> <p>JB had noted a request from Hallhill TRA regarding traffic calming measures at Yosemite Park/Brodie Road. Mr Stubbs had advised that this road was not yet adopted. Traffic calming measures had not been discussed with the developer as a condition. They may not be needed once 20 mph limits confirmed but they could be considered in the future once the road was adopted if there were issues.</p> <p>Other options were considered that had been outstanding for some time on the list of DCC roads concerns e.g. the uneven pavement near Dunbar Day Centre and an uneven area of hard standing at Shore Road. Costings will be worked up for consideration. Mr Stubbs also agreed that smaller communities out with Dunbar and East Linton should consider requests.</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> <i>Display</i> Switch On had been deferred from November 28th to December 5th due to Storm Arwen. The lights had been damaged by the storm and the Team had worked hard to make repairs and make the streets safe. Further repairs were needed after Storm Barra passed through. Damage had also been caused to the tree outside the Town House by individuals attempting to climb it.</p> <p>The lights had been taken down on 5th, 6th and 9th January. There was much appreciation from the public and the display had featured in the I newspaper alongside a number of displays elsewhere including Nice and Rio.</p> <p>JB had been approached by Bryan McCraw, Engineering Manager of Belhaven Brewery, who was interested in the brewery sponsoring a display. Contact details had been shared with members of the Christmas Lights Team and GA will make contact with him. There is a waiting list for displays.</p> <p><i>Fundraising</i> The Auction had been a success and made a profit.</p> <p>The Team are now staging a virtual steps challenge from Lapland – a total of 5 million steps. The challenge began on 8th January and will end on 27th February. Members of the public have been asked to sign up to join the challenge for a donation.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights will be the Garden Centre Charity for 2022- collection buckets are near the tills.</p>
5.02	<p><u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> The Committee will be meeting over the coming month to discuss plans for 2022. An appeal had been made on social media and the press for volunteers to help with various aspects of the event.</p>
5.03	<p><u>Dunbar Against Litter</u> – The Team had continued to work hard. Romie Blair had noted various issues.</p> <p><i>Fly tipping at the recycling sites</i>, particularly at ASDA. JB had passed on this issue to ELC and had raised problems at the CAPP meeting. Community Warden, Jimmy Wilson, had confirmed that responsibility for the area lay with ASDA. There were similar issues at the recycling point near Zero Waste. Both areas were cleared by ELC waste Services Team on 15th December. Romie remains concerned about the level of fly tipping around the town and would like to meet with the ASB team.</p> <p><i>Dog Fouling</i> – Also a major concern that Romie would like to meet with the ASB team about.</p> <p><i>Littering in laybys</i>. Romie would like a meeting with the relevant ELC Officials regarding regular litter removal.</p> <p><i>Lauderdale Park</i>- had been closed during the Festive period. It is usually opened by café staff. DAL would like to do daily litter clearing and would like to arrange access.</p>

	<p><i>Planning</i> DAL had been concerned about the Shore Road Snack Van proposal and remain unhappy about the decision. The applicant had offered to work with local litter volunteers.</p>
5.04	<p><u>Heritage Committee –</u> <i>War Memorial Extra name</i>– a further WW1 nomination for George Shearer Young had been received and felt to be appropriate for adding to the Memorial. HC had received a costing of £134 ex VAT from Robertsons Memorials for the additional name. ELC Chief Executive had written a letter of support and thanked the War Memorial Working Group for their work. Provost McMillan had also expressed his support.</p>
5.03	<p><u>Community Resilience</u> <i>Storms</i> <i>Storm Arwen</i> had caused disruption in the area with power cuts, fallen trees and property damage. JB had liaised with affected residents, ELC, Police, Network Rail, bus operators and other community councils. <i>Storm Barra</i> had caused further issues as had other episodes of high winds. JB had continued to liaise with ELC and others regarding dangerous buildings, trees etc.</p> <p><u>Twenty Miles Per Hour</u> Public Consultation closed on November 24th. CCTV Traffic monitoring had been taking place in various locations e.g. North Road. Alan Stubbs had advised on 13/12 that a Report would be drawn up and presented to Council in early 2022. In the meantime, concerns continue about the lack of enforcement of 20 mph in some areas e.g. Belhaven village, Queens Road, Brodie Road.</p>
6.00	DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
6.01	<p><u>Dunbar High Street</u> <i>Dunbar High Street and Friends</i> – JB continues to post on the Facebook page SOLE- ELC had continued the funding. However, a number of Traders and other groups had found the website limited in its usefulness. On 5th January JB had heard via Sustaining Dunbar that SOLE/Scottish Tech Army had received £475K from the UK Covid Recovery Fund to extend SOLE to another 4 towns in East Lothian in addition to the Dunbar pilot. The roll out was expected to be over the next 6 months. It was intended to recruit 13 people on full time 6 month contracts to enable this. Sustaining Dunbar had been asked to advertise the posts which had been done in their Newsletter. When JB checked out information concerns were raised by DTA who noted issues with the Pilot. Haddington Community Council were surprised to be included in the roll out and North Berwick Community Council and Area Partnership knew nothing of SOLE. Concerns had been passed on by various community groups to ELC Provost, Chief Executive and Economic Development. JB had circulated a review produced by the Scottish Tech Army and a letter from the Provost. JB had spoken to the Provost on 10th January who agreed that there were issues. He was to raise with Council Officers and the Scottish Tech Army. Promotion of SOLE currently on hold. Marketing- DTA through PG had had placed some Facebook Ads featuring local traders on local pages and groups. JB had shared these to other groups. Some members of DTA had been considering rebranding as the Discover Dunbar strapline and materials were felt to be dated. JB had met with Jo Waddell to discuss how DELAP and the Community Rail Partnership may assist in promoting the town and Traders. Jo was to feed back to Philip Mellor, DTA Chair. DTA will have further discussions with DTA Members and others in 2022. CARS- There had been no information on how grants would be dispersed. Various groups in the town had been seeking information e.g DTA and JMBT. JB had e mailed Jamie Baker of ELC Economic Development without response.</p>
6.02	<p><u>Dunbar East Beach/Promenade Project</u> Much Kelp had been washed up onto the beach during the storm. This had been cleared by contractors.</p>

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Belhaven Bay/Belhaven Village issues

Access for All-There had been no further development on the DELAP/DCC initiative. Disability access to Belhaven Bay had been discussed as part of the meeting of Belhaven residents with ELC Officers, JB and PS on 30th November.

Belhaven Bay Bridge – Concerns continue about the extension. It is being monitored by ELC.

Pumping Station Residents had noted on 15/11 sewage overflow issues at the pumping station near Seafield Pond with distribution on the surrounding area of sanitary products etc. Reported to Scottish Water/SEPA/ELC. A SEPA inspector, Pamela Mackay, had visited on 18/11. She had found no evidence of effluent in the Biel Burn. However, the alarm had been sounding and she had reported this too to Scottish Water. Ms Mackay had made further inspection visits to the site and found no evidence of sewage in the water. Scottish Water staff had also visited. It had transpired that power outages cause the pump to stop. This allows waste water to gather in a holding tank. When this is full the alarm sounds. Scottish water are expected to attend. The situation will continue to be monitored by SEPA/Scottish Water. Any further concerns can be passed to Pamela Mackay.

Removal of Self Sown Pines at Spike Island. JB had contacted ELC after members of the public had expressed concern. Neil Clark of Landscape and Countryside had advised that the management of Spike Island was agreed with Naturescot. The area is an area of attrition and an important nesting site for birds. The main management is by removal of invasive species. These include sea buckthorn, rosa rugosa, gorse and self sown pine and sycamores. JB had fed back to the public.

Belhaven Residents Group - Meeting on 30th November PS (DCC), JB (DCC/DELAP) had met with Reps of the Group (John Lawson and Nick Woodhall -Mason), Alan Stubbs of ELC Roads and Neil Clark of Landscape and Countryside. Discussion had focussed on a number of areas. Following the main meeting PS and JB had had a further discussion with the residents.

Representation. There had been discussion about the residents wish to be better consulted with by ELC on matters affecting the village e.g. planning and roads. JB had already invited John Lawson to attend CAPP and DELAP meetings. Attention was drawn to the current vacancies on DCC.

Roads and Parking – There was a long discussion about the impact of visitors to Belhaven Bay, particularly the displacement of parking around the narrow streets.

There was also discussion about longstanding needs to consider junction safety and traffic management, particularly on Back Road. Reference was made to past consultations by Peter Brett (now Stantec) which had not seen recommendations progressed. It was agreed that this needed further consideration. PS later circulated past paperwork.

Coastal Maintenance – Concerns were raised about the condition of metal gabions and walls at JMCP. Neil Clark had advised that work was to be done on these. He agreed to meet on site with John Lawson to discuss further.

Beach Accessibility – There was discussion about the need to improve this. PS had referred to past proposals. Neil Clark had noted the use of beach wheelchairs at North Berwick. However, it was felt that wider accessibility was required. Further steps to the beach would also be beneficial. Neil Clark agreed to meet onsite with John Lawson.

Bridge to Nowhere extension – Concerns were raised about the construction. Neil Clark advised that it was being monitored.

Snack Van application – Concerns were raised about the suitability of the large horsebox for the muddy car park, road safety and the potential for litter.

John Lawson had subsequently met on site with Neil Clark on December 22nd.

Next Meeting of the Belhaven Residents Group will be on 19th January.

	<p>Planning Committee Meeting – 7th December JB had circulated the recording of the meeting.</p> <p>Snack Van Application – Residents and JB had spoken against the application, It had been approved, initially for 1 year. It was noted that the applicant was still to buy a vehicle for the enterprise.</p> <p>Hallhill North – JB and Cllr Findlay had spoken against this application for 245 Taylor Wimpey homes. The development will add to pressure on Hospital Road/Beveridge Row and the junctions of Beveridge Row/Edinburgh Road and Shore Road along with the A1 junction. There are concerns about the funding and feasibility of a crossing of the East Coast main Line. A motion from Cllr Findlay to defer a decision had been defeated as Planning Committee members had been concerned that Taylor Wimpey would appeal on grounds of non determination if there was a significant delay whilst updated financial information was gleaned.</p>
6.04	<p>Changing Places Changing Room – Dunbar Leisure Pool No further information</p>
6.07	<p>A1</p> <p>Hallhill North – The approval for 245 homes will add to pressure on Hospital Road and the junction to the A1. Taylor Wimpey had not been asked for a developer contribution to improve the road or the junction. Contributions were to be made to junctions near Musselburgh and Old Craighall.</p> <p>Litter- Litter has built up and JB had raised with Phil Hinchliff at Transport Scotland and BEAR for clear up to be arranged.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting – December 6th JB had attended and had circulated minutes.</p> <p>Older People’s Services</p> <p>Belhaven- JB had fed back on the meeting with PMc and TPs presentation to DELAP regarding Great Expectations.</p> <p>JB had fed back on her discussion with Jamie Forrester of ELHSCP and requests to meet with Laura Kerr and Bruce Dickie about Great Expectations. He had advised that the minutes of the Change Board and Working Groups were not made public as ideas on future service delivery were being discussed which may not progress.</p> <p>JB had noted concerns by Belhaven Community Garden regarding the future of the project and a wish to be included in discussions. This had previously been promised by NHS Managers.</p> <p>Edington Closure – There had been discussion about the continued closure following the transfer of staff to cover East Lothian Community Hospital. It was noted that recruitment issues continued across NHS Lothian. JB had had contact with those involved in the high profile campaign for its reopening.</p> <p>Care Home Placements – NH had noted that East Lothian care homes had vacancies and negotiations were taking place with Edinburgh to place people from the city.</p> <p>Care Packages – There was a discussion about the difficulties in sourcing new care packages and maintaining existing ones for all client groups due to both recruitment/retention matters and staff needing to self isolate due to Covid. NH had noted that ELC were trying to cover all in substantial or critical need.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – 2 pm on 24th January</p> <p>Reprovision of Belhaven Hospital –</p> <p>Meeting With Paul McLennan MSP November 19th – TP and JB had met with PMc and his office manager Lyn Jardine to discuss “Great Expectations” and future community engagement with IJB/ELHSCP Officers as part of the Provisioning Project.</p>

P Mc and Lyn noted that the document was a positive example of community co-production and it would be important for it to be recognised by those involved in the future planning. TP noted that East Lammermuir and North Berwick CCs were interested in doing similar work. It was agreed that consultation on ideas agreed by one body was very different to co-production to develop proposals/outcomes to benefit communities. TP noted the slowness of the process and the need for actions to be identified.

PMc was to be holding a meeting with Alison MacDonald of ELHSCP later in the day. He agreed to try to arrange a meeting for TP/B with Alison MacDonald, Peter Murray and Bruce Dickie who is leading on the planning for the NHS.

TP advised of a series of cross Lothian discussions he had attended arranged by NHS Lothian on the shape of future services. Some of the issues raised across the NHS Board area were very similar to those being voiced in East Lothian. TP agreed to share the slides.

On 21/11 PMc had advised of the outcome of his meeting with Alison MacDonald. A response would be given to Great Expectations by the Change Board. This would outline the role of the Paper and the Dunbar group in the process.

At the DELAP H&WB Meeting JB had again asked for a meeting to be arranged with Laura Kerr and Bruce Dickie. Laura Kerr had responded on 13th December that she would prefer a meeting with all H&WB Chairs to discuss common issues regarding the future of older people's services. JB had noted the continued wish for a local discussion based on ideas stemming from Great Expectations.

Sustaining Dunbar – had held a meeting on 10th January attended by JB. There had been discussion of the past history of deliberations on the future of the site.. It was agreed that a plan was needed not just for future buildings development but for the grounds where Belhaven Community Garden offers vital therapeutic opportunities as well as a safe place to sit for patients. Ideas were to be brought forward for future community discussion.

Carers of East Lothian AGM – November 29th JB had attended

Jim Conway was now Chair.

GW had stood down from the Board and was thanked for her many years of service.

There had been presentations on a number of projects run by COEL.

JB had noted funding options for local projects.

Joint Meeting of Health and Wellbeing Group Chairs – 14th December – JB had attended

Edington Closure – There was a long discussion. Steering Group meetings were held regularly. ELHSCP/IJB/NHS Lothian had now agreed to review the situation on a monthly basis. However, staffing issues continue across NHS Lothian. Campaign organisers were seeking a meeting with the Health Minister. As well as in patient beds the Minor Injury Service is also suspended.

Provisioning of Older People's Services- The Edington situation has wider implications. JB had noted continued discussions regarding Belhaven and efforts to engage with ELHSCP/IJB staff. She noted the request from Laura Kerr to have a county wide discussion with H &WB Chairs. Suggested dates were agreed. North Berwick were to draft a letter to be agreed to Laura Kerr and Bruce Dickie to set up a meeting with relevant parties.

Meeting Centres for People with Dementia – Funding had been agreed for the Musselburgh Project by IJB/ELHSCP. A service provider was being sought. JB had updated on progress in Dunbar.

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. This had opened with administration by VCEL. There was no information available on how widely it was being taken up by local groups. VCEL were to be asked for information.

Date of Next Meeting – 2 pm on February 15th.

Post meeting a meeting was agreed with ELHSCP/IJB for 3 pm on January 20th.

Dunbar Day Centre

Trustees Meeting – January 12th – JB had attended.

The Mixed service continues. Registration has been approved by the Care Inspectorate.

	<p>The costs of transport remain high – the daily taxi bill is £175 despite the smaller numbers attending. The high costs impact on finances. It was agreed that other options should be considered. A new volunteer, Steve, will be looking at this.</p> <p>Further information is awaited by all day centres on the ELC tendering process for older people’s day care. Trustees will require training on the process.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing about a kitchen upgrade and sources of funding. Better kitchen facilities would enable meals to be produced for wider community benefit.</p> <p>Signage to the centre had been damaged by the wind and become confusing. ELC had been asked to redirect them.</p> <p>JB had noted her discussion with Alan Stubbs and Calum Redpath about repairs to the pavement beside the Centre which is a significant hazard for service users.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – 2nd March</p> <p><u>Vaccination Programme</u> – The Vaccination Centre closed at East Lothian Community Hospital after New Year. All vaccination had been transferred to Haddington Corn Exchange. JB had continued as a volunteer. However, NHS Lothian are conducting a review of the vaccination programme including deployment of volunteers and VCEL volunteers had been stood town until further notice on 13th January.</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. Complaints continue. Situation will be impacted by further vehicular accesses onto the road from Hallhill North.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs prone to flooding due to subsidence at Summerfield Road and near the Medical Centre</i> had been repaired using DELAP Roads funding in December. Other areas at Pine Street, Shore Road and elsewhere will require more significant work. Shore Road work also depends on any future changes to the junction area.</p> <p><i>Uneven pavement in Westgate</i> –a trip hazard for day Centre users. Repair still to be programmed by ELC. Costing to be drawn up for consideration for DELAP funding.</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 and other issues. Many complaints from residents. A timetable is being sought by Planning Enforcement for the areas to be brought up to standard for adoption. ELC and Halhill Developments are in discussion with Taylor Wimpey but Persimmon have not responded to communications. Work on pavements underway in October.</p> <p><i>Condition of Belhaven Road/Belhaven High Street</i> -will be reassessed in December for consideration for the 22/23 programme. In the meantime, JB had requested jetpatching of deep pot holes in the road on 13/12.</p> <p><i>Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line.</i> Still required</p> <p><i>Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane</i> – Still needed. Alan Stubbs had advised that this was in the 2021-22 programme but Covid had created delays. He had since advised that work will not go ahead as the approval of Hallhill North will result in changes to the junction of Beveridge Row and Edinburgh Road.</p> <p><i>Routeways from Albany Grange to Hospital Road.</i> These are part of planning conditions. Chicane barriers had been installed in Spring 2021 but the route remains closed off. JB had chased this up with Taylor Wimpey. Planning Enforcement are 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.</p>

	<p>Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey where the roads and pavements are still to be adopted by ELC. JB had passed to ELC and Mike Naysmith.</p> <p><i>Pedestrian safety in Bayswell Road</i>- A member of the public had 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> <p><i>Beveridge Row/Hospital Road/Bayview Circus pavements and Access</i>. The access point onto Beveridge Row had continued to be of concern due to the lack of road markings. ELC say this is the responsibility of Cala. Planning Enforcement involved. Cala have been asked for a timescale.</p> <p><i>Potholes at Goldenstones Ave, Castle Street and elsewhere</i> – passed to ELC</p> <p><i>High Street Setts</i> – many of these are missing. Temporary tarmac infill repairs had been made in April and these are now breaking up. ELC have advised that setts are sourced from Spain and Portugal and are proving difficult to obtain.</p> <p><i>Planters Blocking the Pavement in Lamer Street</i> – A member of the public had noted concerns. Roads had advised that permits are needed for any infrastructure placed on public pavement. JB following up. Planters still block the footway.</p> <p><i>Spott Road Crossing</i> – still needed near the Business Centre. Alan Stubbs has advised that it is hoped to complete this by the Spring. There is a wait for parts from Siemens.</p> <p><i>Car Park Surface at Lauderdale Park</i> – is very uneven with many potholes. Not eligible for DELAP Roads budget. Roads to discuss some repairs with Amenities. Cost of resurfacing would be in excess of £400,000 and drainage work would also be needed.</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>Vandalised signs (graffiti at junction to Belhaven on Eweford Road, Beltonford Roundabout and elsewhere)</i>- Reported 17/4. Still need cleaning off. Keith Scott is aware.</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> – Fingers moved to the correct positions November 2021.</p> <p><i>Signage to ASDA from Spott Roundabout</i> – A member of the public had raised concerns. JB had passed to ELC/Transport Scotland</p> <p><i>Station Signage</i>. A resident of Salisbury Walk had raised road safety concerns about numbers of cars and pedestrians getting lost on the road seeking the station. JB had passed to ELC.</p> <p><i>Hedgehog signage</i>- A member of the public had asked about signs. JB had raised with Keith Scott of ELC.</p> <p><i>Children Playing Sign for Kings Court</i>- JB had passed a public request to ELC. As the road is not adopted a private contractor would need to arrange this.</p> <p><i>Sign at One Way system</i> – Th base is badly corroded, exposing the wiring. Reported to ELC 14/10. Still to be repaired/replaced.</p> <p><i>Sign at High Street at one way system</i>. This was falling apart and held together with tape. It was at risk of falling. Reported to ELC 14/10. The sign had been removed and a replacement is awaited.</p>

	<p><i>Traffic Lights by Medical Centre Damaged by Borders bus on 13/10. JB had shared dashcam footage to ELC. Alan Stubbs was not aware of the incident. ELC officers following up with Borders Buses.</i></p> <p><i>Street Name Signs – various damaged signs reported to Graham Brotherston who had arranged repair in January 2022.</i></p> <p><i>Signage to Day Centre – pointing in the wrong direction. Keith Scott at ELC to sort.</i></p>
8.03	<p>Structures</p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons). Still to be repaired.</i></p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDHT). Work still needed to make it safe.</i></p> <p><i>Walls in Hospital Road – 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.</i></p> <p><i>Gate post decoration at Winterfield Park. Replacement ball still required.</i></p> <p><i>Persimmon Estates- Many concerns including unsafe wall, building debris, unfinished roads and paths. Passed to Persimmon/ELC Planning Enforcement in December 2020. Action still needed by Persimmon.</i></p> <p><i>Damaged wall in Spott Road- The wall that separates grass around council flats at Goldenstones Avenue from Spott Road was demolished by a caravan that left the road on 26th August. Police had the details of the driver. ELC Head of Infrastructure had asked staff in Housing and Roads to follow up the repair and make the structure safe. Repairs underway January 2022.</i></p> <p><i>Vandalised Wall Belhaven Road. 2 youths were seen on 14th January dislodging coping stones from the wall by the steps and throwing them into the grounds of the Masonic Lodge. JB had reported to Police and ASB team. Community Warden to check and if need be refer to Building Control.</i></p>
8.04	<p>Drainage</p> <p><i>A drain near 105 Summerfield Road is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing trip hazards for pedestrians. Passed back to ELC 1/1/20 ,4/1/21. And 5/2. They are still to follow up.</i></p> <p><i>Flooding at Alexander Gardens. Problems continue in rain. The Albany Grange compound had been removed. However, the kickabout pitch under construction and the footpath are both regularly flooded. A permanent drainage solution is still required. Planning Enforcement involved.</i></p> <p><i>Flooding near Lethendry, North Road. Issues have exacerbated in recent heavy rains. JB had had further contact with ELC and the resident. Alan Stubbs had advised on 13/12 that significant work will be needed to rectify the problem but it is on a list of areas where property is at risk from flooding.</i></p> <p><i>Drainage for Robertson Joyness Estate. Major roadworks had taken place. There are continuing issues of sewage odour at the point where the new piping linked to the old system at Countess Road near the station since the work was completed. Scottish water are still to install new manhole covers. JB chasing and liaising with resident</i></p> <p><i>Water Main Bursts in Belhaven Road near Old Library and Police Station. These are frequent and needing attendance by Scottish Water. There were 2 incidents in 3 weeks in August September leading to loss of supply for as long as 6 hours. JB has asked Scottish water if they have plans for a long term solution.</i></p> <p><i>Flooding at Old Eden Hotel – Water is flowing from the street drain, down the drive and into the stair well during heavy rain. It is related to a sunken drop kerb. Passed to ELC 13/9. Alan Stubbs had advised on 13/12 that the area is on a list of works where</i></p>

	properties are at risk of flooding. However, significant funding will be needed to rectify the problems. JB had fed back to the resident.
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. Some work has been done.</p> <p><i>Planting at Alexander Gardens – Responsibility of Taylor Wimpey.</i> Planning Enforcement involved. The planted area had been reduced in size and turfed in November 2021.</p> <p><i>Overgrown trees en route from Torry Wynd to DPS.</i> Responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. Passed to them.</p> <p><i>Overgrown path between Cala and Beveridge Row.</i> Responsibility of Cala. Passed to them and Planning.</p> <p><i>Overgrown path at South Street – now impassable and undermining the structure of a nearby wall.</i> Passed to Amenities September 2021.</p> <p><i>Overhanging tree branches in Belhaven High Street-</i> cut back by Amenities January 6th. Further maintenance work was undertaken by the occupant.</p>
8.06	<p>Coastal</p> <p><i>Wire meshing over the stones at Bridge to Nowhere</i> is breaking up and becoming dangerous. Neil Clark hopes repairs will be made by AG Thomson before March 2022..</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>Bridge to Nowhere-</i> Public concerns about the new walkway continue. The structure and its affect on water/sand movement is being monitored by ELC. There is evidence of erosion.</p> <p><i>Information Boards at The Glebe-</i> have been removed. JB chaisng with ELC..</p> <p><i>Tourism Management Plan –</i> Consultants Planning Solutions Ltd have been engaged by ELC to work on this. JB had spoken to Kevin Brown and passed on information and other materials/useful links.</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. Paul lanetta advised that they were still outstanding on 10/9.</p> <p><i>Pool Car Park Lights</i> are out of order. Paul lanetta to investigate September 2020.</p> <p><i>High Street Lighting</i> Issues continue. Complaints from the public about the lack of lighting continue. The Heritage lamps need replacement as parts can no longer be sourced.</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>Lights in the Co-op Grounds.</i> All the lights along the path between West Port and the shop had been out of order. Responsibility of the Co-op. Found to be a problem with a trip switch in the shop which had shorted. Repaired on 26/11.</p> <p><i>Spotlights at DunBear park –</i> Out of Order. Passed to Ken Ross and Team 21/11. Repaired.</p>

	<p><i>Telegraph Pole at Knockenhair Road</i> – had been damaged when trees were brought down in the grounds of Knockenhair House. BT engineer had visited on 5/11 but could not manage by himself. Job raised for further work to erect the pole back into place.</p>
8.08	<p>Litter/Graffiti/Vandalism.</p> <p><i>Graffiti</i> -on Bridge Near Beltonford, Signage to Belhaven from Eweford Road and other locations. Still to be cleaned off. Keith Scott aware</p> <p><i>Fly tipping near ASDA Recycling</i> – Passed to ELC 24/11. Cleared December 2021. Fly tipping continues to be an issue around the town.</p> <p><i>Dog Fouling</i>- Continues to be a problem</p> <p><i>Vandalism</i> – various incidents around the town reported to Police, Community warden and ASB Team. Patrols are taking place. A number of Parent Advisory letters had been issued.</p>
8.09	<p>Transport</p> <p>Buses</p> <p><i>Bus Stops</i>–. Perspex is still to be replaced by ELC at a number of stops around the town. JB will advise Keith Scott of locations and he will replace them..</p> <p>A new bus shelter is still needed at Lochend Road to replace the one that was vandalised. Eleni Gourgataki of ELC had advised that a replacement would be arranged as part of the new contract – hopefully within the financial year.</p> <p>The Bus stop at Boroughdales was damaged by the Storm. Passed to ELC 28/11.</p> <p>Services – The X7 and 253 did not serve West Barns and Belhaven during the High Street closure. This had caused issues as information on the company apps indicated that services were running. JB had liaised with ELC and operators.</p> <p>Trains</p> <p><i>Services</i> – Trains had been cancelled from 26/11-19/11 due to the Storm. There had been much debris on the line. JB had liaised with ELC ,Police and Network Rail</p> <p>TransPennine Express had commenced services between Newcastle and Edinburgh in December with stops at Dunbar. They will also stop at Reston when the new station opens.</p> <p>Due to Pandemic related staffing issues Scotrail had announced a reduced timetable for January 2022.</p> <p><i>Ticket Office</i> hours at Dunbar are proposed for reduction. A consultation is ongoing.</p> <p>Community Rail Partnership</p> <p><i>Meeting with Alex Bray of Cross Country- 29/11.</i> JB had attended.</p> <p>Alex had advised that further monies will be made available in 2022.</p> <p>Updates had been given on projects. Work is ongoing to replace murals at Prestonpans Station. Monies had been given to upgrade paths at the Flag Heritage Trust site at Athelstaneford. Discussions were ongoing with Scotrail regarding placing historic posters at stations. Hard copy rail timetables were to be drawn up. They were still thought to be useful for travellers, especially those without access to Smartphones. Rail operators had been withdrawing them. It had been advised that money from TransPennine Express was being used to pay Philip Immirzi on a sessional basis to take projects forward. It was hoped further projects would be developed now that dedicated time was available.</p> <p><i>Meeting with Jo Waddell of DTA-</i> December 21st. JB had met to discuss offers of funding to market travel to Dunbar by Rail Operators. Jo had spoken with Philip</p>

Mellor, DTA Chair. It had been agreed that Philip Immerzi should contact Jo to discuss further.

Annual Report produced by CRP Chair, Harry Barker – had been circulated by JB
Meeting with Alex Bray and Denise Havard of Community Rail Network on January 13th – JB had attended.

Funding- Alex confirmed the seed funding for East Lothian CRP from Cross Country which will be payable in April. Denise was not sure if her post, funded by Paths for All, to promote active travel links to the rail network will be continued into the new financial year. The situation of funding for Scottish CRPs by the Scotrail replacement service is not clear.

There was a discussion about ongoing and future projects. It was agreed that JB and Philip Immerzi (who was present) would meet with Jo Waddell and Philip Mellor of Dunbar DTA to discuss ideas.

Services – The Scotrail reduced timetable for January due to Omicron related staff sickness was discussed.

There was discussion about the ongoing downturn in rail passengers since the start of the Pandemic.

There was discussion about proposals to cut ticket office hours at stations including Dunbar. There were concerns that the ticket office did more than sell tickets. Information was important for passengers, especially with the unavailability of paper timetables on display or to take away.

Next Meeting – 24th February

East Lothian Rail Steering Group – 17th January – JB had attended. Also present MSPs, Rail operators, Transport Scotland, RAGES and other community rail activists.

Timetable Developments – There was further discussion about proposal developments following the 2021 consultation on the May 2022 timetable. There is still no confirmed date for changes although the current aim is May 2023. It was agreed that further discussion could take place with the Steering Group once things are clearer. It was expected that this would be in Spring.

TransPennine and Cross Country intend to stop at Reston once open as well as Dunbar. It would also be intended to serve East Linton when ready (possibly in 2023.) Scotrail reps suggested that East Linton and Reston would benefit from the Cross Border trains that already serve Dunbar.

Ticket Office Reductions. A consultation is ongoing by Scotrail. They had been looking at ticket sales across the Scotrail station network. It was suggested that ticket office hours at Dunbar may be reduced to allow for staff to be moved to other duties e.g. Customer Service work. JB had noticed the importance of ticket office staff being available at stations for other tasks as well as selling tickets e.g. tourist information, helping passengers on the platform, train journey information.

Haddington Station Proposals. There was discussion about this. Harry Barker of CRP had noted a past Stantec study of the old Haddington to Longniddry Branch line. There were issues with reopening of this route e.g. construction of the new Hospital and A1. An alternative may be a rerouting of the East Coast Main line which could serve Dunbar, Haddington, Tranent, Blindwells etc. This would need significant investment. JB had noted the Strategic information given by Peter Forsyth of ELC at the Rail Forum.

Next Meeting – TBA

	<p>Parking <i>Abbeylands Car Park</i> ELC Cabinet in May 2021 had agreed to a consultation on a 90 minute limit. This is still to be progressed by Keith Scott.</p>
8.10	<p>Postal Services Box Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail. Installation being chased by JB.</p>
8.11	<p>Other</p> <p><i>Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections</i> – The family have progressed the headstone design proposals with Robertson Memorials and obtained a costing. JB had updated Peter Bance, Gordon Whitelaw and others.</p> <p><i>Kings Meadow playparks and Open Spaces</i> – Local residents have made some progress. They have formed Kings Meadow Development Association. JB continues to support them. She had attended the AGM on November 17th. (See 9.01)</p> <p><i>Issues at New Robertson site</i> – Issues of dust, drainage etc continue and Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Issues at the SUDS had continued.</p> <p>Dust and noise issues are being raised as the new Joyness development commences. The construction works are only a few feet from the front doors of the steading. This will be monitored by residents who have already raised concerns about air quality matters with ELC. Concerns about the level of dust have been passed to ELC Planning Enforcement and Environmental Health.</p> <p>Storm Arwen had blown considerable builder waste around the area and onto the railway line. This had been passed to ELC and Network Rail.</p> <p>There have been many complaints about mud on Queens Road connected to the site. In addition, the Dunbar name board has been moved away from the road by the developer. Concerns have been passed to Planning Enforcement.</p> <p>JB continues to support Newtonlees residents.</p> <p><i>Parking in Yosemite Park.</i> Safety measures still required. Responsibility of Persimmon. Enforcement of parking safety is dependent on roads adoption.</p> <p><i>Built Environment at Yosemite Park-</i> Various issues being taken up by ELC Housing Officer/Taylor Wimpey. JB to meet with ELC Housing Officer when conditions allow.</p> <p><i>Built environment at Castle Rock Properties in Brodie Road.</i> Many issues for tenants. Housing Officer, Nikki Hogg, still to contact JB.</p> <p><i>Issues at One Way System.</i> The developer of Kings Court has now erected a turn left sign at the junction with Countess Road. The illuminated turn left sign beside Abbey manse is corroded and needs replacement by ELC.</p> <p><i>25 Pounder Gun</i> – Condition remains of concern. SB has been asked to check ownership with the Army and availability of paint. It seems J and A Coachworks no longer do bodywork and so, if funding is available, another workshop would be required to do the work. Caitlin McCorrie had advised that DELAP funds may be an option to fund the work.</p> <p><i>Playpark at Muirfield Road</i> – This is in poor condition. Residents are in discussion with the factor Hacking and Paterson about upgrade/removal. JB had given advice to residents and advised they make contact with Kingsmeadow residents.</p> <p><i>Lauderdale Park</i> – Amenities are arranging restoration of the gates. DELAP have given a £5000 donation.</p> <p>Amenities are to construct a petanque piste at the instigation of a local resident who had been in contact with the Twinning Association, PS , JB and Gordon Whitelaw of</p>

	<p>ELC Amenities. Details of site and design had been agreed and costings drawn up to be considered by DCC and DELAP.</p> <p>The car park is in poor condition. Alan Stubbs had advised that it did not qualify for funding from the DELAP Roads budget as it is not on the adopted roads network and is under Amenities. He was to discuss possible repairs with Eamon John. Andrew Hogarth had advised that it would cost over £400,000 to tarmac plus costs for drainage. This would likely be too high for landfill funding and ELC does not have funds.</p> <p>Recycling – New recycling arrangements had been introduced on November 15th. There had been many teething issues e.g. missed collections, white bags blowing away, the lorry being too large to access some streets. JB had had considerable contact with residents, FCC the new contractor and Tom Reid of ELC.</p> <p>Skatepark/Pump Track facilities. The Space had launched an online public consultation regarding a multi use facility at DunBear park. This had followed extensive discussions with Ken Ross and Team. It would include an indoor track, café etc.</p> <p>In addition, a replacement site for a skatepark/pump track facility was being considered for the Jampot Area of Lochend Woods. This was a change from the previous proposal to upgrade the Pine Street facility. The change seemed to follow on from discussions by the Steering Group with Cllr Hampshire and Ken Ross.</p> <p>The Groups intend to have further public consultation on the proposals in 2022. Some reservations had been raised by members of the community, particularly Dunbar Community Woodland Group, regarding the Jampot proposals e.g. the site is prone to flooding, the site has a history of youth anti social behaviour, the inaccessibility to the site for emergency services, the need to remove trees, damage to wetland habitat, feasibility for construction.</p> <p>Toilets – Opening at Bayswell Road had been limited since 11th January to the disabled toilet only due to staffing issues related to Covid. A member of the public had reported that taps were not working at Deer park cemetery and that hand sanitizer had run out. JB had passed to ELC. Amenities were to fill up the sanitiser and a plumber had been requested. However, it was noted by Tom Reid Head of Infrastructure on 11/1 that the toilet facility was mothballed. It was agreed later in the day that Amenities would keep the toilets clean to enable them to stay open.</p>
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p>Kings Meadow Development Association AGM November 17th – JB had attended.</p> <p>The Association has been set up in October 2020 as a community benefit association to benefit the communities of Wilson Road and Wilson Place. The Chair is Malcolm Payton. Much work had been done over the year.</p> <p>Playparks- The owner of 2 Playparks is willing to sell, having bought them in error through Future Property Auctions. An application has been made for a 60% loan through ELC. The owner of the Playpark near 37 Wilson Place is still to be traced. It remains in a poor condition. It is hoped that ELC will help to pursue this. A Compulsory Purchase Order may be required by ELC.</p> <p>2 plots at Middlemass Road. These remain in private ownership although they are maintained by the longstanding gardener. They have been marketed for a number of years by Future Property Auctions. The starting price is now £8000. They cannot be developed and ASA/trading Standards have both been involved.</p> <p>Other Greenbelt Maintained Land- This had now been transferred to KMDAD for £1.</p> <p>Factoring- All areas now under KMDAD are now factored by Trinity Factors. They collect the management fees, pay the gardener etc.</p>

9.02	<p>AELCC Meeting with Tyne Esk Leader November 23rd JB had attended. She had shared a recording of the meeting.</p> <p>Scottish Rural Parliament –(SRP) – Information was given on the operation of the body which seeks to consider issues that affect rural communities. There was a discussion about groups which may be adversely affected, particularly since the pandemic e.g. young people, older people, those with no access to public transport, the digitally excluded. There was discussion as to how to engage such groups in Midlothian and East Lothian in the SRP and its work.</p> <p>Funding – Tyne Esk Leader had previously administered EU funding for projects in Midlothian and East Lothian. With Brexit this funding had ceased. It was noted that the Scottish Government were considering an alternative. Further information will be shared with Community Councils in Midlothian and East Lothian when available.</p> <p>SRP- Midterm Event for Midlothian and East Lothian – will be held Online on 2nd February. Attendance is open to all interested and JB had circulated information. JB will attend.</p>
9.03	<p>Viridor Liaison Committee – November 24th JB had attended</p> <p>Landfill – Tonnage is down. This is mainly due to site resources and the availability of temporary workers. The site had vacancies for a site foreman and an operative. There have been difficulties in recruiting staff with the right skills.</p> <p>ERF – Manager Mike Carr noted that the site was operating as normal despite Covid.</p> <p>Plastics Recycling Plant – This has not progressed further due to the delay in the Scottish Government introduction of a bottle deposit system.</p> <p>Scottish Power Energy Network Conversion Station. JB noted that this proposal linked to a proposal to lay underwater cables from Scotland to County Durham was for the same footprint as the Plastics Recycling Plant. Mike Carr had noted that the land belongs to Viridor. National Managers had been in discussions with Scottish Power who would need to purchase the land. However, ground investigations work had been taking place.</p> <p>Clinical Waste – Continues to be handled at the site whilst the Bellshill facility remains out of action.</p> <p>Incinerated Bottom Ash (IBA)- Since 6th September is being transferred by lorry (8-10 25 tonne loads per day to Fife .</p> <p>SEPA- A site inspection had taken place on 30th September. This had been the first site visit since the Pandemic began. Some minor matters had been noted for attention. Sarah Mietzitis of SEPA had given a detailed presentation on microparticulates within the ERF process. The Oxwellmains site is well within WHO and Scottish safety limits.</p> <p>Heat Plan- An updated Heat Plan will be due in 2022. There is still no confirmed use for the Heat. It is a condition of the SEPA licence that there should be a use within 7 years of commissioning of the ERF. SEPA are aware of the need to find partners. There has not been an interest from housebuilders or the landowner at DunBear Park. SEPA will require Viridor to increase proactivity in finding an end use. Viridor staff have joined the ELC Energy Transformation Board</p> <p>Community Benefits</p> <p>Apprentices – The Clyde Valley Contract requires a minimum of 2 apprentices to be employed between Bargeddie and Dunbar. There are currently 3 apprentices at Dunbar and 1 at Bargeddie.</p> <p>Site Visits – Had begun again post Covid. There had been a virtual Doors Open day visit in September which can be viewed on the Cockburn Trust website.</p> <p>Health and Safety Grant Awards – A donation for the site’s excellent record had been given to Dunbar Community Woodland Group.</p> <p>A1 Safety – JB had noted the ongoing concerns about the Cement Works junction and the recent discussions at both the Tarmac Liaison Group and A1 Action Group. She noted that Cllr Hampshire had mentioned possible consideration of a roundabout to replace the suicide junction. Viridor staff would be keen to join further discussions.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – February 23rd 2022</p>

9.04	<p>Sustaining Dunbar - JB had attended various meetings in November, December and January.</p> <p><i>Membership</i>- New Trustees are sought.</p> <p>SOLE- Trustee, Duncan Smeed ,had attended the Steering Group meeting. Those present had expressed concerns about the usefulness of the Scheme and the accompanying website.</p> <p><i>Funding- Scotland Loves Local (Scottish Towns Partnership)</i>- A successful bid had been made to further the work of the Local Good Food Alliance and Belhaven Community Garden (BCG). This will aim to develop local food growing , link growers to food enterprises and enable education and training opportunities in horticulture.</p> <p>Further funding will be needed to maintain the work of Belhaven Community Garden. However, some longer term funding is rendered more difficult to access due to the long term uncertainties about the Hospital site. JB had raised the concerns at the DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group. She had noted the past promises of NHS staff to include Sustaining Dunbar in discussions on the future of Belhaven Hospital. To date they had not been included and all information had been via JB. JB had passed information on the BCG agreement with NHS Lothian Estates to Jamie Forrester at ELHSCP.</p>
9.05	<p>John Muir Birthplace Trust</p> <p>AGM and Meeting – December 1st – JB had attended</p> <p><i>Office Bearers</i> – Duncan Smeed and Liz McLean will continue as Joint Chair and Joint Treasurer.</p> <p><i>Visitor Numbers</i> – had been impacted by Covid restrictions. However, those visitors who did come continued to give positive reviews. Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence Status has been maintained. The reduction in visitors has led to a reduction in income from shop sales etc.</p> <p><i>Exhibitions</i> – Ideas were discussed for future exhibitions. It was agreed to advertise nationally for potential exhibitors.</p> <p>Museums Galleries Scotland had made a successful bid to the Year of Stories 2022. The Birthplace will be taking part.</p> <p><i>Maintenance</i>. There had been issues with lift break downs, flooding and heating. Windows need replacement but information is still needed on whether this might be funded from the CARS Scheme. Some of the interactive displays need updating.</p> <p><i>Marketing</i>. Duncan Smeed had attended the SOLE Steering Group meeting. The Scheme was felt to have little benefit for the Birthplace. The website was limited and the Birthplace is unable to offer on line sales due to ELC IT restrictions. Jo Moulin had not heard from DTA about inclusion in videos. JB had discussed further how East Lothian CRP may be able to access funds from rail operators and have some inclusion of Birthplace information at Dunbar Station.</p> <p><i>Fundraising</i> – It was agreed to have a discrete fundraising meeting on December 8th</p> <p>Fundraising Meeting – December 8th JB had attended</p> <p><i>Fundraising</i> – Various ideas were discussed. There were needs for both specific projects e.g. upgrade of interactive displays but also longer term funding. Corporate sponsorship was considered. It was thought that this should be by ethical companies/organisations. JB had noted the number of forthcoming windfarm projects. (JB had subsequently spoken to Gary Donlin of SSE(Berwick Bank) who had said there may be possibilities but they would depend on Planning approval of the Scheme).</p> <p><i>Marketing</i> – Jo Moulin had shared DTA information received via Jo Waddell on a Rebranding Exercise which was based on a survey early in 2021. All present, including the Provost and Council Leader, had concerns about the material which seemed to ignore the history of the town centre, harbour, Muir Connection etc. Jo agreed to feed back to the DTA which she did.</p>
9.06	<p>Food Matters</p> <p>Dunbar Foodshare and Social Café – 3rd December – JB had attended the relaunch of Dunbar Basics Foodbank. This had been an opportunity to see the work of the Charity. Use of the service has been increasing. It is intended to supplement provision of food and other necessities with vouchers to given service users more choice. Some food items are passed on to other local groups e.g. Sunny Soups.</p>

	<p>JB had spoken to organisers, Kilvert and Margaret Croft about local options for funding for equipment etc.</p> <p>East Lothian Friendly Food Network – 8th December – JB had attended <i>Festive Foodbank Arrangements</i> – had been discussed and later shared for community information .</p> <p><i>ELC Strategies and Planning</i> – JB had updated on the Snack Van application approved at Belhaven Bay despite mismatch with the Good Food Charter. Also, the Hallhill North application which despite community requests for inclusion of communal growing/allotment space on the large greenfield site had not done so. This was felt to be a missed opportunity. Good Food Charter- There had been further discussions. It was felt Important for the charter to reflect other ELC Strategies. It was also felt important that the Charter should be supported by ELC Senior Officers and elected members.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Foodshare</i>- JB had updated on the relaunch.</p> <p><i>Scotland Loves Local/Sustaining Dunbar Project</i>- JB had outlined the proposals.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting</i> – January 13th</p> <p>East Lothian Friendly Food Network January 13th- JB had attended <i>Healthy Weight in Children</i> – Karen Ormiston from NHS Lothian had given a presentation. There was discussion as to how healthy eating and education of parents and youngsters might be included in the Healthy Food Charter. JB had raised linked issues about healthy eating and juvenile dental health. There had been a discussion about healthy packed lunches for pupils and the high level of fizzy drinks provided by parents.</p> <p><i>Good Food Charter</i>- There had been further discussion about amendments. There was a need for the document to have a fit across the County – much of the content mirrored experience in the West. There had been further discussion about the need for ELC Officers and elected members to endorse the Charter. There was a need for the Charter to positively link to other strategies e.g. Growing Strategy, Climate Change. Paolo Vestri would be contacted regarding the procedure for adoption of the Charter. JB had noted the May elections and that adoption may be best waiting for the incoming Council to ensure that incoming Councillors were happy to endorse it.</p> <p><i>Foodbanks & Larders</i>. There had been discussion about the Festive arrangements.</p> <p><i>New Developments</i> – JB had noted the appointment of Stevie McKinlay as Connected Communities Manager. She had further noted the Scotland Loves Local Funding awarded to Sustaining Dunbar for Local Good Food Alliance activities. Hannah Ewen of the Community Carrot had outlined some of their projects.</p> <p><i>Funding</i> – There was discussion about a shared electric van for the Network. Hannah had noted issues that the Community Carrot had experienced with their van e.g. insurance cover for shared use by different groups.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> – 9th February</p>
	<p>East Lothian Educational Trust – AGM and Meeting December 8th JB had attended Cllr Jim Goodfellow, who had been Acting Chair was appointed at Chair. JB was appointed as Vice Chair.</p> <p>This was the first meeting since June 2021. Sarah Fortune, Head of ELC Finance, which has historically administered the Trust noted staffing constraints at ELC. Thus, alternative arrangements for ongoing administrative support will need to be considered. ELC will continue in the meantime.</p> <p>A number of applications from individuals and organisations were discussed and awards made. The number of applications received has declined in recent years. There was discussion as to how publicity may be made.</p>
10.00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
10.01	<p>Various – Concerns about DunBear Park application. JB had responded.</p> <p>Agnes Kay – Lights out of order in Co-op grounds. JB had responded</p> <p>William Barnott- Berwick Bank proposals- JB had responded</p> <p>Patrick Gammell Vice Lord Lt- Follow up on QGC tree planting suggestions</p> <p>Sharon Saunders – Community Councils Induction training on 7th December</p>

Via Facebook -Various- Concerns about Openreach roadworks at Queens Road area. JB had responded.

DTA/Scottish Golf- Golf Course development. JB had responded.

Wingate Flats TRA- JB had made contact

Via Facebook -Romie Blair- DAL- Concerns about fly tipping near ASDA and Zero Waste recycling point JB had responded

Community Councils – Pre Consultation Consultation on East Lothian Learning estate.

Via Facebook- Peter Fletcher – DunBear Spotlights out of order. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- John Paxton – Housing issue. JB had responded

Sandy Baptie, ELC, Storm Arwen updates. Storm barra updates.

ELC Planning – Newsletter on Local Planning Development

Via Facebook- Various – storm damage to trees, property, power supply, hazards on railway line- JB had responded and passed to ELC, Network Rail, Police, bus operators etc.

Jon Fleetwood, ELC Emergency Planning and Community Resilience Officer – Seeking update on Power issues and other problems raised by Storm Arwen. JB had responded.

Owen Campbell- Network Rail- Update on East Linton Station.

Stephanie Middleton, save Edington Hospital Steering Group – seeking information on Belhaven Hospital campaign. JB had responded

Via Facebook- John Robinson – Robertson Homes site debris issues/including debris blown onto railway. JB had responded. Passed to ELC and Network Rail.

Via Facebook – various – Recycling issues. JB had responded and passed to ELC and FCC (Contractor)

Via Facebook- Chris Kmita – drainage issues in Belhaven Road – JB had responded.

Via Facebook- East Lothian Horizons – seeking refugee accommodation in East Lothian. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Mellie Mair – Tree safety issues – JB had responded

VCEL, Heather Young- Wishing to attend DCC Meetings – JB had responded

Via Facebook and e mail- Various -Concerns about Planning Committee decision on Hallhill North. JB had responded.

Via Facebook and e mail – Various – concerns about Planning Committee decision on Shore Road snack van. JB had responded.

Jo Gibb- Dolphin/DTA – Marketing ideas for Dunbar. JB had responded

Kevin Brown – Tourism management and Infrastructure issues – JB had responded.

Scottish Community Councils – Newsletter

Scottish Communities Alliance – Newsletters

Community Councils – DCC 2021 membership pro forma- JB had completed and returned

Caitlin McCorry, ELC – Closure of some ELC facilities due to Covid pressures including Bleachingfield Centre, Library and some local toilets.

Planning Democracy – Invitation to Annual Gathering on December 7th. JB had attended and circulated presentation materials.

ELC- Information on Scottish Government Consultation on Free Period Products

Jill Thomson – Albany Grange path network issues. PS and JB had responded.

RAGES- Newsletter

Bear SE Network- Newsletter

Various- Skatepark Proposals at the Jampot, Lochend Woods – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Glynda Jones – Housing query- JB had responded

East Lothian Community Rail Partnership – Newsletter

Via Facebook- Zoe Miller- Youth Anti social behaviour/Glass littering in James Court area. JB had responded.

Alan Stubbs – Constraints of Omicron variant on Roads Team works.

Via Facebook- Bryan McCraw, Engineering Manager, Belhaven Brewery – Interest in sponsoring a Belhaven Christmas Lights display- JB had responded.

East Coast Buses – Night buses cancelled on Hogmanay

Tyne Esk Leader/ Scottish Rural Parliament – Invitation to event on 2nd February

Via Facebook- Findlay Cook- Vandalised bollard at Retreat Crescent JB had responded

ELC Roads- TROs for High Street closures for Christmas Lights Take Down (9th January) and Utility Works

PC Hutchison – Further Police Officer, PC Graham Whitelaw, for Dunbar area/ Confirmation of DCC meeting dates for 2022. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Gordon Maitland – Sewage stench concerns near station. JB had responded

Jen Walker- Hedgehogs and Planning matters – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Lisa Gilmour – refuse collection issues. JB had responded

Via Facebook -Louise Bowman- Youth Anti Social Behaviour in Brunt Court/James Court area. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Dave Harry – Storm damaged telegraph post at Knockenhair Road. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Various- Lack of lighting in High Street. JB had responded.

Sustaining Dunbar – Newsletter including information on SOLE

Via Facebook- DAL- Flytipping issues- JB had responded

Kirsty McIntosh, Scottish Tech Army – information on SOLE expansion and job opportunities.

Various – Concerns about SOLE expansion.

Via Facebook- Pamela Marshall- Query about coverage of Bowe Cup presentation in Media. JB had responded.

DTA- Parking Matters – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various – Use of Council Facilities

Via Facebook- Various – Access to public toilet facilities

Via Facebook- Andrew Morris – query about harbour statue proposals- JB had responded

ELC- Various TROs

Gavin Wilson- Toilet maintenance issues at Deer Park cemetery. JB had responded

Maria Burton, Dunbar Day Centre, Signage issues- JB had responded

Community Councils- Induction information for community councillors

Richard Hunter, SP Energy Networks – Request to attend DCC re Eastern Link – PS and JB had responded

Alyson Clark – Concerns regarding infrastructure for planning and development. PS and JB responded.

Elisabeth Wilson- IPWS- Query re Berwick Bank Infrastructure – JB had responded.

Community Councils – Query about meeting dates- PS had responded

John Mayhew, Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland- Planning matters. JB had responded.

Community Councils- Fundraising training at Port Seton Community Centre on 20th January

Bear – Carriageway Investigation Work/Road Closure at Abbotsview Junction-Overnight on 20th January

Anouska Woods – Return to post at Be Green

Via Facebook- Various – Youth ASB/vandalism issues at Bear, Ashfield area and Halhill estates. JB had responded.

Elisabeth Wilson- Innerwick Parish Welfare Association – Concerns about Berwick Bank and other electricity infrastructure developments. JB had responded,

Via Facebook- Various- Comments on Starbucks application

Via Facebook- Keith McShane – Seeking Update on Cinema/Community Facility- JB had responded

Yvonne Wemyss- Seeking information on Fire alarm provision to meet new regulations- JB had responded

VCEL- Newsletters

Via Facebook- Kate Higgins- Procedure for reporting fly tipping. JB had responded.

John Williams – Query re funding for Condition survey of Dunbar Castle. AS and JB had responded

Via Facebook- Agnes Kay- Vandalism by youths to wall at Masonic Lodge. JB had responded.

Pauline Jaffray DL- QGC – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Rae Muir- Vaccination arrangements – JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various - Changes to ticket office hours at Dunbar Station

