



DUNBAR  
COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL

## **Community Council Open Meeting Minutes**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**7 pm Council Chambers, Dunbar Town House**

### **PRESENTATION- “OUR DUNBAR” – DUNBAR TRADES ASSOCIATION (PHILIP MELLOR & JO WADDELL)**

PM gave a background to the development of the new website. The previous site had become difficult to use and it had been felt that it was time for a modern refresh to reflect the ambitions and vitality of the town. DTA and DCC had worked together to create Dunbar High Street and Friends and linked with ELC and the SOLE project. SOLE had been a failure and thus it had been felt important to create a new site to reflect the town- leading to branding as Historic, Independent, Wild. This had been well received by DTA members and to date 70 businesses and organisations had signed up. Others would be welcome to sign up e.g. TRAs. The site has information on businesses but also on local events, news and things to do.

A town map had also been produced which had been delivered to all households in Dunbar. It had been well received. There had been much interest in the new site when a stall had been held at the Civic Week Fun Day. There was discussion on how the site may be further publicised e.g. temporary sleeves on lamp posts.

JW noted that it was hoped to do even more e.g. hold a Health and Wellbeing event.

GW asked about how people without internet access might get information. It was noted that it was hoped to get access to a shop window e.g. the Old Council Office to display a bigger version of the map. AW suggested display space at the Be Green shop. TP noted physical information points that he had seen in Newcastle. It was noted that physical information boards e.g. at Dunbar Town House remained useful. AS noted that it would be useful to give signposting to what is open. He said that some days visitors found that café's were closed on the High Street and they were often shut by mid afternoon. Members said that other places may be open for a coffee etc. There was a suggestion that shops could display a QR Code or staff might tell visitors where else they could go.

DCC members commended JW and PM on the new site. PS said that the Town owed a great deal of gratitude to them for such an excellent new site to promote the town at home and further afield.

JW and PM were told that they, as DTA Officers, had an open invitation to attend DCC meetings. Members looked forward to hearing more about the progress of Our Dunbar.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Ref	Item	
1.00	<b>SEDERUNT</b> – Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell(JB)(Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Kevin Searle (KS), Sanchita Patjoshi (SP), Gill Wilson (GW), Terry Prior (TP), Mark James (MJ), Philip Mellor(PM) (DTA), Jo Waddell(JW) (DTA), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Anouska Woods (AW) (Be Green), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ), Mike Shaw (Member of the Public)	
1.01	<b>Welcome</b> PS welcomed all to the meeting, particularly new ELC Councillor, Lyn Jardine, and Mark James who had applied to join DCC.	
1.02	<b>Apologies</b> – Jone Matteuchi (JM), Lesley Stocks (LS)(Applicant for Membership), Cllr Donna Collins (DC), Rev Keith Mills, Catherine Dunning, Fiona O’Donnell (FO)(VCEL)	
1.03	<p><b>VACANCY</b> - Applications for Membership – Mark James &amp; Lesley Stocks</p> <p>The Vacancy had been created by the death of Herbert Coutts. MJ was present but unfortunately LS was unable to attend due to Covid. It was agreed to proceed with considering the applications.</p> <p>MJ spoke to his application. PS read out the application from LS and JB spoke of what she knew of LS and the skills she might bring to DCC.</p> <p>MJ was then asked to withdraw whilst DCC members considered the applications. GA suggested that a decision should be deferred until LS could also speak to her application. There was discussion about this and a majority decision was taken that a decision should be taken at this meeting. It was agreed that both candidates had skills and knowledge that would be of benefit to DCC.</p> <p>PS proposed that MJ should be approved as a member at the meeting. LS could be co-opted to membership (non voting) with a view to becoming a full member at such time as a further vacancy became available. Members agreed with this approach.</p> <p>MJ returned to the meeting and was advised of the decision. JB would inform ELC of his membership. LS would be invited to attend as a Co-opted member.</p> <p><i>(Post meeting note: Immediately following the meeting, PS received notice that Paul Gillon had resigned as DCC member. Lesley Stocks was therefore invited to join DCC as a full voting member and she accepted this invitation. ELC has been advised.)</i></p>	JB
2.00	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
2.01	<u>Councillors declaring an interest in matters to be discussed:</u> None	
3.00	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – May 16th 2022</b>	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> - None	
3.02	<p><u>Adoption</u> - ADOPTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed - SB</li> <li>• Seconded - GW</li> </ul>	
3.03	<p><u>DCC Action Review</u></p> <p>All action items had been attended to or had been overtaken by events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS had written to Keith Dingwall re Short Term Lets</li> <li>• No comments were received by PS from DCC Councillors in respect of 20mph and no collegiate response had therefore been submitted to ELC</li> <li>• TP had submitted Great Expectations to ELHSCP and Scottish Ministers. Receipt had been acknowledged.</li> </ul>	
3.04	<p><u>Matters arising not covered in agenda –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Platinum Jubilee Events – PS thanked those who had organised events, particularly Dunbar Rotary. SB had written a letter to The Courier, as yet unpublished, thanking those who had contributed.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civic Week Events - PS gave thanks to the Civic Week Committee for their phenomenal work in delivering a successful programme which had been much enjoyed by the community.</li> <li>• DCC Awards Night – Congratulations were given to all winners. PS thanked DCC members for their contributions to the successful evening which had been appreciated by those who attended.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.00</b>	<b>ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
4.01	<p><b><u>Cllr Norman Hampshire</u></b> -</p> <p><b>1)Action Update –</b>  <b>Short Term Lets</b> – NH advised that Keith Dingwall was working on a Report. This was looking at legal and financial issues.  <b>Car Charging Points</b> – NH said that ELC had a duty to provide as many points as possible. There had to be access to a power supply. The priority would be to provide points for people with electric cars near to where they live. The Officer involved was Ryan Robertson. He was aware he should consult with communities about provision. JB noted that she had spoken further with Morag Haddow about the Pine Street facility. The Power box was now in place and 6 non rapid chargers would be installed at some point in the future. No resident had an electric car. There was concern by residents about continued access to their on street parking and it had been confirmed that any cars would be able to park in the bays. Morag had advised that there was no programme for charging point installation at this time.  PS noted concern that there did not seem to be a plan for future installations. Concerns were noted about provision in some points of town e.g. the Hallhill area.</p> <p><b>Hallhill Signage.</b> Keith Scott and Morag Haddow had arranged signs from near Eweford to direct people who had come off the A1 through Yosemite Park and Brodie Road. TP noted concern that people were being directed through the housing estate. JB noted that signs would be beneficial from the A1 but these would need to be provided by Transport Scotland. There were also concerns about those who followed Satnav from Edinburgh Road along Beveridge Row to the concrete road and into the woods. Members felt that Hallhill Centre might still do more to make directions clear to those attending events. PS suggested use of a What3Words address. The situation will need to be monitored.</p> <p><b>2)Report</b>  NH said it was still early days since the Election. Committees had been formed. New Councillors were still bedding in. Council business is back up to speed after the Election purdah period.  ALL ELC communities are seeing growth. This increases service demands. In the meantime, the Scottish Government settlement made will require reductions across services over the next few years. New cross party budgetary Working Groups have been set up to see if compromises can be made.  Information is awaited from the Scottish Government on National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4). Once it is approved ELC can start to work on the new Local Development Plan. As yet it is not known if further housing land will be required.</p>	
4.02	<b><u>Cllr Donna Collins</u></b> – Not Present	
4.03	<p><b><u>Cllr Lyn Jardine</u></b> –</p> <p><b>Report</b>  LS said she was finding her feet as a new Councillor and as SNP Group Leader. She said that it had taken her longer than she had hoped to get to grips with things. She felt that the new Councillors from all parties had energy and a keenness to get stuck</p>	

	<p>in. She had been encouraged by the level of cross party co-operation- a willingness to work together on the tough decisions facing the Council over the next 5 years. LS said she was already getting casework which had not been too different to her work as Head of Office for Paul McLennan MSP.</p>	
4.04	<p><u>Questions/Concerns Raised to ELC Councillors</u></p> <p><i>1)Any further update on the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) programme?</i> (PS) NH confirmed that The Ridge had received some CARS monies for their major projects to regenerate buildings in the Town Centre. He said that there had been a delay in implementation of the Scheme as it had taken time to get the funds and advice on processes to follow from the Scottish Government.PS had spoken to the Scheme Manager, Colin Gilmore. JB noted that a Grants Officer is still to be appointed. It was hoped to open applications in the Autumn. It was noted that a number of local businesses and resident were already asking about how to apply.</p> <p><i>2)What are proposals for restricted parking in Dunbar?</i> (DTA)NH said that there were no current proposals. However, there were issues with parking in the Town Centre – people may be put off coming into town by being unable to park. Thus consideration needed to be given as to how to manage the situation.</p> <p>JB noted the previous Town Centre Strategy. She said that Cabinet had agreed a 90 minute limit for Abbeylands Car Park in May 2020 but the TRO was still to be progressed. The Station car park extension still needed to be progressed by Network Rail although there were issues with drainage etc.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that car parking charges would deter people from shopping in town when out of town retail parks were free. JB noted the previous successful campaign by the DTA against proposals for parking charges. The experience of coastal car parking charges had been displacement of parking in some areas like Belhaven as drivers tried to avoid paying and this could happen if town centre charges were introduced.</p> <p><i>3)Energy Project Matters.</i> PS asked if Councillors were all aware of the Energy Workshop arranged by Paul McLennan on 27<sup>th</sup> June. PS, AS and JB were planning to attend. NH said he had not been invited. LJ said she would be attending in her capacity as a MSP Staff member. PS noted the importance of the discussions given the number of Energy projects planned for the area at the same time – Eastern Link, Berwick Bank, Torness closure. This had major implications for the area – issues of accommodation, road safety, workforce but also the opportunity for Community Benefits funding. She asked if the Scottish Government or ELC would be working to provide solutions. If no,t the community including DCC, needed to start thinking ahead to offset major issues in the future. JB noted that Innerwick had already experienced disruption and faced further construction work in the future- they had formed a campaign group We Are Innerwick to try to have a voice.</p> <p>The number of workers needed for all the projects was considerable and needed clear planning on how to accommodate them. There were already problems at regular outages e.g. at Torness or the Viridor ERF in finding places for people to stay. GA said that when EDF had been working on Hinkley Point they had constructed a 600 bed camp.</p> <p>LJ said that the initial phase was to bring the different Energy companies together along with Council officers and member of the community to start working in Partnership. The meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June would look at different strands – Skills, Supply and Manufacturing, Workforce and Logistics and Community Benefits.</p> <p>PS said that it was important that the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> and subsequent discussions should be meaningful and develop a clear route map on how matters will be progressed.</p>	

	<p>4) <i>Events Organisation – Need for Clarity and Simplification of Licensing Processes</i> (AS)AS noted the complexity and costs of permits for event organisers. GA endorsed his concerns. They gave examples from running the Harbour event and Christmas Lights Switch On. There seemed to be duplication e.g. for the event organiser and stall holders. They were concerned that the situation would be off putting to people wanting to run events which are important to communities. Organisers were usually volunteers. NH said that ELC wanted events to run. In some cases ELC helped pay the costs of the Licenses.</p> <p>It was agreed that the processes could be smoother. LJ agreed to look at the situation further. GA and AS agreed to send information to her on the situations they had encountered.</p>	LJ/GA/AS
<b>5.00</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT – See Community Report 1.00</b>	
5.01	<u>Matters arising/questions</u> - None	
5.02	<p><b><u>Requests for Support for consideration:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b><u>Covid Fund</u></b>- A note of Interest but no formal application had been received from the DGS Intergenerational Group.</li> <li>2) <b><u>Local Priorities Fund</u></b> – No applications</li> </ol>	
<b>6.00</b>	<p><b>COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended (JB)</b></p> <p>The Community Report provides information and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>DCC Finances</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Police</i></li> <li>• <i>Planning</i></li> <li>• <i>DCC Initiatives/Projects</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Projects</i></li> <li>• <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i></li> <li>• <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i></li> <li>• <i>Record of meetings attended</i></li> <li>• <i>Correspondence received</i></li> </ul>	
6.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters:</u></p> <p><b><i>Dunbar Against Litter- Congratulations</i></b> on Being Runners Up to Tranent Wombles in the Environmental Category at the VCEL Awards on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.</p>	
6.02	<p><u>Future of the Heritage Committee</u> - Herbert Coutts had had discussions with proposed members including SB, JB, Will Collin, History Society, British Legion. However, an initial meeting had not taken place prior to his death. Will Collin had been in contact with JB and PS to say that he remained interested in being involved. SB said that he did not feel that a separate sub committee was required. The work of the War Memorial Working Group was largely complete and any further names could be considered if required. He felt that some of Herbert's ideas like restoring the Mercat Cross had not found favour with all in the town. AS endorsed the views of SB. JB advised that she remained interested in being part of a Committee. She spoke of some of the areas of interest e.g. the DGS Roll of Honour.</p> <p>Members agreed not to continue with a Heritage Sub Committee. Any heritage ideas could be brought forward on an ad hoc basis from the community or DCC members.</p>	
6.03	<p><u>ELHSCP Planning for an Ageing Population Newsletter and Survey</u> (JB had circulated information). Members noted concerns about the number of consultations on similar topics in recent weeks. It was felt that information had already been given and that Great Expectations had been a clear expression of community views on the future direction of health and social care for older people. JB noted concerns that the newsletter referred to a report that would go to the Community Hospital and Care Home Provisioning Change Board. She had asked for access to the Report which</p>	

	<p>suggested that East Lothian had enough hospital and care home beds – this seemed contrary to the local experience. TP queried if the beds were in the right places. JB also noted that the Change Board met in private and had no public minutes. The concerns would be raised at the next DELAP Health and Wellbeing group.</p> <p>GW voiced her continued concerns that the major changes proposed by the creation of a National Care Service would take resources away from local authorities and front line local provisions. Local services were needed rather than centralisation in Edinburgh or Haddington.</p>	
<b>7.00</b>	<b>PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)</b>	
7.01	<p><u>Planning Applications for consideration/discussion:</u></p> <p><u>Bayswell Hotel</u> – JB advised that the Planning Application for a large extension had appeared on the Expedited List on 16/6. There had been over 20 applications from the community including DCC with concerns including the design, lack of parking, road safety. JB had e mailed Cllrs Collins and Jardine to note the concerns and that it would be beneficial for the application to come before Planning Committee. Cllr Collins had called the application in. LJ said that the Committee would meet in August. She suggested that the DCC response might concentrate on the areas of difference with the Planner e.g. that guests may park at Lauderdale Park. JB had been liaising with local residents and will keep DCC Members informed on what will be raised at the meeting.</p> <p><u>Berwick Bank</u>- The site is to be reduced in size by 20% following consultations. This is to take into account the ornithology of the Firth of Forth. Leaflets were being circulated to households.</p>	JB
7.02	<u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion</u> NONE	
<b>8.00</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
<b>9.00</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
9.01	July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2022	



## COMMUNITY REPORT June 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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<b>1.00</b>	<b>DCC FINANCE REPORT</b>
1.01	<b><u>DCC and Sub-Committee Accounts</u></b> <b><i>General Account</i></b> The Bank Balance at the end of May was £118,472.86  <b>The Restricted Funds</b> held within the General Account at the end of the month were Community Windpower Fund      £96,656.67 Covid Fund                              £ 7,855.60 Access For All Fund                  £ 759 .00 Local Priorities Fund                £ 11,433.40 <b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS              £116,704.62</b>  <b>The Unrestricted Funds</b> held within the General Fund at the end of the month were Balance in the General Fund              £1,768.24 <b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS            £ 1,768.24</b>  <b>TOTAL FUNDS                                  £118,472.86</b>  <b><i>Civic Week Account</i></b> The bank balance at the month end stood at £8,051.58  Civic Week had taken place The major transactions will appear in the June Accounts  <b><i>Christmas Lights Account</i></b> The bank balance at the month end stood at £14,674.58 There was little movement in the bank account during May  <b><i>Dunbar Against Litter Account</i></b> The bank balance at the month end was £2,990.31 Weekly fundraising is taking place near the swimming pool – Live at the Lavvies

1.02	<p><b><u>Local Priorities Grant Scheme</u></b>  <b><u>Updates</u></b>  The Current Year Fund           £10,200  Brought Forward Fund           £ 3,477  <b>Maximum Budget Total           £13,677</b></p> <p><b>Committed or Under Review           £2,244</b>  Local Priorities Fund Available       £11,433  <b>Maximum Budget Total,           £13,677</b></p> <p><b><u>Applications</u></b> - None</p>
1.03	<p><b><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund</u></b>  <b>Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>Dunbar Music Festival</i> – Reduced sum of £2500 offered and accepted  <i>Rotary</i> – Christmas Angel Tree - £1500 – Approved  <i>DTA</i>- Publicity materials for Our Dunbar website/map and distribution- -£2500- Approved  <i>British Legion</i>- Lighting for Legion Close - £3056.52- Approved subject to 3 competitive quotes and may be reduced if a lower quote.  <i>Individual</i>- Surfing bursary- Declined. Alternative funding sources suggested  <i>Dunbar Craft Studio</i>- Big John puppet. Reduced sum of £200 offered and accepted.</p> <p><b>Meeting June 20<sup>th</sup></b> – No confirmed applications but some initial approaches.</p>
2.00	<p><b>COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT</b></p>
2.01	<p><b><u>Police Report</u></b> - Covering incidents reported between 13<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</p> <p><b><i>Road Safety</i></b>  1 driver reported to the Procurator Fiscal for drink driving.  1 prohibition issued to an unroadworthy vehicle  Motorcyclist reported for a minor road traffic offence following reports of antisocial driving.</p> <p><b><i>Violence and Anti Social Behaviour</i></b>  The ongoing robust strategy regarding Youth ASB/disorder in conjunction with ELC and partner agencies has continued. There has been a decrease in the number of youth related calls as a result. However, there has been a degree of youth ASB in the vicinity of Belhaven Hospital with a number of reported incidents of vandalism. Youths have also been reported for entering unoccupied buildings/sites and causing damage.  Disturbance related to patrons of a licensed premises although no complaints had been made.  Individual charged for uttering threats to staff of off sales premises after being proactively challenged by staff regarding suspected proxy purchasing of alcohol for youths.</p> <p><b><i>Serious and Organised Crime</i></b>  2 reported incidents where fake £20 notes had been presented for payment but without any financial loss to the retailers.</p> <p><b><i>Theft</i></b>  Handbag stolen from an insecure vehicle. Positive line of enquiry.  Report of individuals boarding a boat in the harbour at low tide with intent to steal. Enquiries continue.</p> <p><b><i>Other issues</i></b>  Emergency services attended a fatal low speed collision in a residential street. The driver sadly succumbed to a medical matter.</p>



	<p>Emergency services attended a reported large scale disturbance during a youth football tournament sparked by an on field injury. Enquiries continue but to date no crimes had been identified.</p> <p>2 reports of suspicious vehicles following females. Crime recorded for 1 incident. Enquiries exhausted.</p> <p>Extensive emergency services response to a call for concerns regarding an individual seen climbing the Castle ruins but failing to return. Colleagues from HM Coastguard including the Prestwick helicopter, RNLI, Fire Service and Civil Nuclear Constabulary conducted a coastline search but they were stood down with no trace of the individual. False alarm with good intent. PC Tait has joined the Dunbar Community Policing Team.</p> <p>The Public are reminded that posts on social media are not a crime reporting mechanism. Matters should be reported either via 999/101 or the local Community Police e mail address. (DunbarEastLintonCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)</p>
2.02	<p><b><u>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) –</u></b> No Meeting since February 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<b>3.00</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
3.01	<u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u> - None
3.02	<p><b><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Castle Bay (Cala)</b> – Pavement still outstanding between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane. Delayed by outcome of Hallhill North which indicates provision of a crossing at the bottom of Beveridge Row. Signage still needed at the top of Beveridge Row. Signage still needed to indicate playpark. 20mph roundels needed. A footpath between Bayview Circus and Beveridge Row is overgrown. Planning Enforcement involved. Cala have been asked for a timescale. JB had spoken to Morag Haddow on 17/6 who will follow up signage issues.</li> <li>2. <b>15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site.</b> A planning condition of the approval had been planting to screen the Avant Homes from the lower level Walker homes. Previous planting had died and it is being renewed. 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. Lighting at the path under the railway is outstanding. There are major issues with drainage and sewage. New pumps have been fitted at the SUDS pond. Their functionality will be monitored. There are also safety issues at the Dempster Place Playpark. Planning Enforcement involved. Other departments aware of the sewage issues. JB keeping local residents informed. JB had seen Morag Haddow on 17/6. Lighting at the path under the line is Network Rail. Lack of fencing between footpath and railway is Network Rail. Street name signs is Robertsons..</li> <li>6 <b>14/00358/AM – Open space and playpark at Yosemite Park.</b> Maintenance responsibility now lies with a Factor. Issues have continued e. broken swing. TP/Hallhill TRA is in contact with the Factor.</li> <li>7 <b>Access routes from Albany Grange.</b> Fencing at the chicane barriers had been removed in March 2022 but the area is overgrown in the gap between the path end and Hospital Road. Land between the houses and the wall remains very overgrown. Planning Enforcement involved.</li> <li>8 <b>08/00369/FUL- Request by applicant to extend Condition 1 by 1 year.</b> 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</li> </ol>

work commencing) or Condition 5 (to submit a scheme of landscaping). JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.

- 9 **21/00676/P- Broxmouth Estate.** Erection of 9 holiday lodges. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.
- 10 **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. New diagrams had been submitted to ELC in January 2022. To be determined.
- 11 **21/00946/P = Alternative application to 10** . Only one house created in the Gardeners Cottage. Restoration to a dwelling had already been agreed (application 16/00408/P). JB had submitted views. New diagrams had been submitted to ELC in January 2022. To be determined.
- 12 **21/00895/P** – Footpath and cycleway at Tarmac Works.. To be determined. Preliminary information about a stopping up order had been circulated by Keith Scott of ELC.
- 13 **21/00997/PM** -Golf Club 78 houses, golf club house, short course and other golf infrastructure.. To be determined.
- 14 **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.
- 15 **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.
- 16 **21/01289/P** - DunBear Park – 2 Retail Units. JB had circulated information and submitted a response. To be determined.
- 17 **21/01392/P** – Broxmouth Park – S42 request to remove condition 2 of Application 20/00554/P which had been consented on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. This relates to the operation of the wedding accommodation. JB had responded. To be determined.
- 18 **22/00021/P** – Coffee Shop Class 3 (Starbucks) , Drive Thru and associated works at land East of McDonalds. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.
- 19 **22/00259/P-** Erection of house in garden ground of Manor House, Belhaven. This is an updated application. There Is an updated tree report. The location of the house had been moved to protect tree root systems. JB had submitted DCC views. Approved 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- 20 **22/00277/P** – Dunbar Tennis Club. Section 42 request to vary Condition 1 of 19/00141/P. This will increase the level of floodlighting. Views submitted to ELC. Nearby residents and Friends of Winterfield concerned and objections have been submitted. To be determined.
- 21 **22/00279/P** – Broxmouth House, South Lodge- Formation of decked area and erection of gates. JB had submitted DCC Views.
- 22 **22/00278/LBC Broxmouth House, South Lodge-** Alteration to building and erection of gates. (Related to 28.). JB had submitted DCC views.
- 23 **21/00286/P** – Development at Empire Close – former wasteland at the rear of 44 High Street (Part Retrospective) – JB had circulated information and submitted intimation of support by DCC to ELC. Approved 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- 24 **22/00292/P-** Old Assembly Rooms and 13 Church Street- Alteration of building. JB had circulated information and submitted intimation of DCC support to ELC. Approved 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- 25 **22/00293/LBC** – Old Assembly Rooms and 13 Church Street- Alteration of building and erection of external staircase and balustrade. JB had circulated information and submitted intimation of DCC support to ELC. Approved 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- 26 **22/00426/LBC-Value Shop-**Alterations to Building and erection of Signage. JB had submitted views to ELC. Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

	<p>27 <b>22/00362/P</b>- Value Shop -Alterations to building and change of use from Shop (Class 1) to Office (Class 2) for a temporary period of 2 years. JB had submitted views to ELC. Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> June</p> <p>28 <b>22/00361/ADV</b>- Value Shop- Signage. JB had submitted views to ELC. Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> June.</p> <p>29 <b>22/00357/P</b> – Skateraw- Change of use of agricultural buildings to units for storage and distribution. Views submitted to ELC. All Skateraw residents had concerns. East Lammermuir CC (ELCC) had concerns. Planner had recommended approval and ELC Councillors had been approached to call it in to Committee. This had been done by Cllr Collins. Approved on 7<sup>th</sup> June despite concerns about historical use of the site (Planning Enforcement involved), environmental health issues e.g dust, and road safety, particularly at the A1 junction. Conditions JB had suggested on wheel washing and dust suppression had not been added. Skateraw residents remain concerned.</p> <p>30 <b>SP Energy Networks</b>- Branxton substation. Scottish Minister level application. ELCC and Innerwick residents have concerns e.g. cumulative impact of multiple substations in the area, road safety, loss of amenity for residents. Deemed approved unless objections raised.</p> <p>31 <b>22/00143/P</b> Station Yard—Beer Garden Extension (Retrospective) Local residents have concerns regarding, noise, loss of amenity, litter and inadequate toilet provision at the venue which were raised at the Licensing Board. Recommended for Approval on Expedited List of June 9th with Condition that the Beer Garden extension will be approved for one year during which its operation will be monitored. Approved on June 17<sup>th</sup> as not called in by an ELC Councillor to Planning Committee.</p> <p>32 <b>22/00393/P</b> – Bayswell Hotel – Extension. JB had circulated information and submitted objection from DCC. There is much public concern about the extension. In addition, the wooden structure erected in the garden in 2020 will need retrospective planning permission if it is intended to keep it in place beyond September 2022. On Expedited list 15<sup>th</sup> June with a recommendation for approval. Considerable concerns from the community with 20 objections. Request made for call in by Cllr Collins.</p>
3.03	<p><b><u>Licensing Matters to Note</u></b>  <i>British Legion</i> – Request to Extend Hours of Operation. PS had circulated information. JB advised Licensing that DCC had no concerns as the proposed changes are within Licensing Board policy. The Licensing Board is due to meet on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p>
4.00	<p><b><u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u></b></p>
4.01	<p><b><u>Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup></u></b> – JB,SB and GW had attended  <i>John Muir Country Park</i>- JB fed back on the JMCP Advisory group meeting and updated on responses to the previous concerns of DELAP members about Storm Arwen damage at Hedderwick and motocross at Tynninghame.  <i>Queens Green Canopy</i> – JB updated on planting around the Ward. Further planting can take place from October 22 to March 23. SB had noted that Belhaven Hill School are planning to plant trees in the grounds.  <i>Covid Memorial</i>- JB had fed back on meetings of the Committee which had appointed Barbara Gardner Rowell for Stage One of the Project.  <i>Scrutiny</i>- There was a discussion about future scrutiny of applications. It was agreed that a working group will be set up to progress this. It was noted that DELAP finances are part of the audit of ELC.  <i>Health and Social Care</i>- An update was given. There was discussion about children’s health and consideration of creation of a Children and Families Sub Group.  <i>Youth Workers</i>- Stevie McKinlay had noted that there had been increased funding for youth workers. Recruitment was ongoing. It was hoped this may address some of the issues in the town.</p>

	<p><i>Budgets-</i> Ideas were requested for the Roads Budget. JB noted that some remedial works may be needed to the DELAP funded path at Back Road which is causing flooding at Winterfield Golf Course.</p> <p><i>Applications</i> were discussed from The Ridge, Dunbar Christian Youth Project, Innerwick Village Hall, Dunbar Harbour Trust and Dunbar Day Centre. Voting took place by e mail and all were approved.</p>
4.02	<p><b><u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u></b> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</p>
4.03	<p><b><u>Connected Communities Manager</u></b> – Stevie McKinlay’s hours had been extended.</p> <p><b><u>Scrutiny Committee Working Group-</u></b> This will be meeting over the summer with a view to presenting proposals for managing funding applications in the Autumn. As a consequence, although applications may still be submitted, no funding decisions will be made until procedures are formalised. The initial meeting will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting Format – June/August</u></b> – Meetings will be used for updates from partner organisations and ELC Departments.</p>
5.00	<p><b><u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u></b></p> <p><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></p> <p>Maintenance work continues.</p>
5.02	<p><u>Dunbar Civic Week</u></p> <p>There had been a variety of events throughout the week.</p> <p>The Parade and Fun Day had gone well.</p>
5.03	<p><u>Dunbar Against Litter</u> –</p> <p><b>Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup></b> – JB had attended.</p> <p>Romie Blair had updated on a number of issues.</p> <p><i>Bins at Shore Road</i> – Request to be made for one to be moved to near the chalets.</p> <p><i>Flytipping-</i> remains an issue. Considerable rubbish has built up at the ASDA Recycling Point. This is the responsibility of ASDA. (DAL had subsequently removed the ASDA rubbish on 3<sup>rd</sup> June)</p> <p><i>Further</i> bins are needed and fund raising continues. The Live at the Lavvies with music and table top sales would restart in June.</p> <p><b>VCEL Volunteering Awards</b> – DAL had been nominated in the Environment Category and had attended the Awards Night on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They had been runners up to Tranent Wombles. JB had attended the evening at the invitation of Romie.</p>
5.04	<p><b><u>Heritage Committee</u></b> – Continuation to be considered following the death of its Chair, Herbert Coutts. JB and SB had been involved. Will Collin had advised that he was happy to remain involved. Will is particularly interested in the war memorial, the War Memorial at DGS and memorials in the Parish Church yard. Herbert had recruited other interested groups including Dunbar History Society and the Legion. However, his death had come before a meeting could be fixed. Herbert had also arranged for an additional name, George Shearlaw Young, to be added to the War Memorial. This work is still to be completed. Will Collin has advised that Robertson Memorials hope to get the name added before the anniversary of the dedication of the War Memorial on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p>
5.05	<p><b><u>Twenty Miles Per Hour</u></b> – TRO had been advertised for introduction of speed limit changes including 20 mph zones on 14<sup>th</sup> April. A number of members of the public had objected to the continuation of 20 mph on sections of the arterial road from Belhaven to Queens Road</p>

	<p>despite the previous consultation and intended TRO to revert it to 30 which had been overtaken by Covid. Concerns had been raised by some residents about the consultation and implementation process in Dunbar by ELC Officers/Cabinet.</p> <p>Ian Lennox had circulated a statement noting that ELC was progressing the legislative process to make permanent the 20 mph limits introduced under emergency legislation. This was a resource intensive statutory process involving consultation and the consideration of objections and it must be completed before the expiry of the emergency legislation in September 2022. He noted that once the TRO is made there would be a monitoring period of no less than 12 months. Following that, where communities make representations an assessment and evidence gathering process will be undertaken to inform a view as to whether any additional measures may be needed. Until that has taken place any suggested changes to speed limits will be deferred unless there are compelling reasons to consider them at an earlier stage.</p> <p><b><u>Spaces For People- Permanent Closure of Countess Crescent</u></b> .Report had gone to Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> June. The permanent closure had been approved by Cabinet and the proposal will be advertised in due course for public comment prior implementation of the TRO.</p> <p><b><u>Remembering Together</u></b> – East Lothian Covid Memorial. Barbara Gardner Rowell had been appointed for Phase 1 of the Project.</p> <p>JB had attended a meeting of the Reference Group on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This was led by Lesley Smith of ELC Arts Service and included Reps from other Area Partnerships. Stevie McKinlay had also attended. The purpose was to meet with Barbara and hear more about her proposals for Phase 1 of the Project which will run from June until September.</p> <p>She intends to run a variety of public engagement. Some will be online or by post. There will also be 3 practical workshops held in each ward. Each workshop will cater for up to 12 people aged 16 plus. The aim will be to pull together ideas from communities on how they would like to remember and whether this should be one memorial for the county or different memorials for each area. JB had noted the previous discussion at DELAP regarding the continuing experience of Covid and suggestion of a memorial wood cf Binning Wood.</p> <p>Barbara will be attending the Area Partnership meetings including DELAP on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Barbara agreed to share more information on her ideas for circulation.</p>
5.06	<p><b><u>Platinum Jubilee</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Queens Green Canopy</u></b> - Planting is on hold until October. JB had updated the Lord Lieutenancy on proposals.</p> <p><b><u>Activities</u></b> – Various activities had taken place at Jubilee long weekend. Dunbar Rotary Club, supported by DCC, had led both the Beacon Lighting at The Battery and the Jubilee Picnic and Lauderdale Park and have been thanked for this.</p>
<b>6.00</b>	<b>DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES</b>
6.01	<p><b><u>Dunbar High Street</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Dunbar High Street and Friends</i></b> – JB continues to post on the Facebook page</p> <p><b><u>SOLE</u></b>- Although the Provost and Jamie Baker of Economic Development had seemed to have accepted that DTA/DCC/DELAP did not wish to be involved on March 1<sup>st</sup> DTA had since had a further meeting with Michaela Sullivan and Jamie Baker of ELC at which it was advised that Dunbar would be included on the SOLE website and app. JB saw by chance an ELC Facebook posting on 26<sup>th</sup> May noting the launch of SOLE on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Dunbar and East Linton Ward had been included. Concerns had been raised about the content and that Businesses had been included without their knowledge. Dunbar information from the link was removed on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Other communities also concerned to only hear of the launch from JB.</p> <p>Philip Mellor of DTA had been informed of the launch by SOLE on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Events had taken place except in Dunbar at the Jubilee holiday.</p>

	<p>Margo Appleby was appointed by SOLE as the Dunbar and East Linton Community Engagement Officer in June. JB and Stevie McKinlay had met with her and Alistair Forbes of SOLE on June 6<sup>th</sup>. They had updated on the Project launch. Margo and her colleagues in the 5 other wards will be in post until August to promote SOLE and encourage sign up locally. JB and Stevie McKinlay had noted some of the concerns gleaned from local businesses/DTA and other groups. Margo and Kirsty McIntosh of SOLE will attend DELAP on June 27<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>JB had spoken to Craig Hoy MSP and Cllr Collins on 17/6. Mr Hoy has reservations about SOLE. He had raised these but it is not certain whether Audit Scotland has any locus to monitor levelling Up spending in Scotland.</p> <p>Paul McLennan MSP had discussed with Monica Patterson Chief Exec of ELC who did not think there were any issues. Concerns have been raised about plagiarism of other sites by SOLE.</p> <p><b>Marketing-</b> DTA had circulated maps and flyers about Our Dunbar to all households. A stall had been held at Civic Week Fun day.</p> <p>A member of the public had suggested banners at the station and leaflets to promote Dunbar. JB had advised them of the Community Rail partnership Work with Cross Country and DTA which could consider the ideas. She had noted the ideas to Jo Waddell of DTA.</p> <p><b>CARS-</b> A Grants Officer has been appointed. The scheme will run from Autumn 2022. The process and criteria are to be finalised.</p> <p><b>Hanging Baskets</b> – Had been erected. Dunbar in Bloom will be watering them.</p> <p><b>Scotland’s Towns Partnership (STP) AGM and East Lothian Roadshow – June 8<sup>th</sup></b> – JB had attended. (Slides from presentations to be circulated).</p> <p>Professor Leigh Speirs of Stirling University had spoken of TCAP2 (Updated Town Centre Action Plan) which is a Scottish Government Vision document to enable the wellbeing of Town Centres and High Streets – their culture, economy, place and people. The Pandemic had been a challenge and it would be important to work together in the light of national policies and locally tailored solutions.</p> <p>Phil Prentice of STP had described how the Pandemic had seen the development of digital solutions to enable local economies to be maintained e.g. Online Sales, local wifi initiatives. There had been a number of presentations from East Lothian organisations and initiatives including SOLE, Sustaining Dunbar and the East Lothian Food and Drink BID.</p> <p>.</p>
6.02	<p><b>A1 Upgrade</b> – No further information. The meeting to look at junctions etc proposed at the Autumn A1 Action Group meeting had not been arranged prior to Council Election purdah. JB is seeking further information on a potential roundabout at the Cement Works area which Cllr Hampshire had mooted at the Viridor and Tarmac Liaison meetings. JB has asked when an A1 Action Group meeting may be held.</p> <p><b>Litter</b> – Continues to be an eyesore . JB continues to chase Phil Hinchliff at Transport Scotland.</p> <p><b>Roadworks-</b> There had been significant roadworks between Thistley Cross and the Border with large diversions. These were to replace lining and studs.</p> <p>There had been further roadworks with diversions through Dunbar from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May. Some signage had been confusing and vehicles had mistakenly entered the wrong carriageway at the Cement Works diversion. JB had contacted Bear who had arranged extra signage.</p> <p><b>Accident-</b> There had been a further accident at the Cement Works junction on May 16<sup>th</sup> related to the misleading signage at the diversion. There had been an accident at the Torness Junction on June 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Skateraw Junction-</b> This is an accident blackspot. Safety in the area was one of the reasons for objection to the planning proposal for change of use of sheds at Skateraw Farm to allow</p>

	<p>storage and distribution. However, despite the objections, planning approval had been granted on June 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>A1 Action Group</b> – Has not met since October 2021. JB chasing a meeting. The Transportation Spokesperson at ELC is now Cllr McMillan.</p> <p><b>Spott to Dunbar Paths Project</b> – Although the route from Spott to the A1 has proved unfeasible further discussions are to take place regarding a route from the A1 into Dunbar. Sustaining Dunbar will consider further with Crispin Hayes and Philip Immirzzi the Consultants. JB will remain involved as link to DCC/DELAP and as a Director of Sustaining Dunbar. JB had spoken to Morag Haddow of ELC about this on 17/6.</p>
7.00	<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE</b>
7.01	<p><b>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> – JB and GW had attended</p> <p>Main Points</p> <p><b>Belhaven Hospital-</b> No further discussion had taken place due to the election which would change membership of the IJB, Change Board and Working Groups.</p> <p>JB and Jo McNamara of Sustaining Dunbar had noted the interest by Sustaining Dunbar in community engagement regarding the Belhaven site including the use of Belhaven Community Garden for therapeutic services. This was felt to be a valuable idea.</p> <p><b>Great Expectations 2-</b> JB and GW had given update</p> <p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p><i>ELHSCP Consultation on Older Peoples Services.</i> Martin Hensman of Hub South East had noted that the Engage consultation on how people may wish to be consulted with had closed. Results were being analysed. The next phase of consultation on the services people wish for would take place over the summer. A report would go to the IJB later in the year.</p> <p><i>ELC Joint Consultation on Health/Housing and Planning.</i> JB and GW noted the discussion at DCC on May 16<sup>th</sup> and the agreement by DCC to submit Great Expectations to the consultation. It was also noted that DCC had agreed to also send Great Expectations to the Health Minister with a request to meet and that it had been suggested that the Group may wish to countersign the letter. Resistance to this was met from some present and without sufficient voices in favour of such action it was decided not to do so. However, it was noted that a meeting had been suggested when Great Expectations had first been written.</p> <p><i>Scottish Government Consultation on Older People's Health Strategy-</i> A workshop was to be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Gullane.</p> <p><b>Meeting Centres-</b> JB and GW had fed back on the Dunbar meetings.</p> <p><b>Intergenerational Working</b> – JB had fed back on the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting</p> <p><b>Dunbar Patient Participation Group-</b> Catherine Dunning is now Chair</p> <p><b>GP Link Workers-</b> Louisa Richardson is leaving. Her post had been advertised.</p> <p><b>Next meeting</b> – July 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Meeting Centres-</b></p> <p>Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>- JB and GW had attended. The couples who had attended with a partner with dementia had decided not to attend the weekly Friday discussions. It was agreed to reconsider how to take the project forward. A meeting will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> for professionals and community service providers/voluntary groups and interested individuals.</p> <p><b>Intergenerational Working</b></p> <p><b>Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup></b> - JB and GW had attended</p> <p>Funding is in place to extend Intergenerational Working across East Lothian. Work is to be completed between June and October 2022. An initial step will be to map existing groups. The meetings will be an opportunity to share good practice. There was a discussion about new local groups e.g. in West Barns. Intergenerational working was felt to be useful to encourage different age groups to mix and share social and other experiences. It was a way to overcome isolation. It was suggested that rather than having young people's and older people's champions ELC should consider a champion for all ages to foster intergenerational working.</p>

*Dunbar Grammar School Intergenerational Group* – Kirsty McLuckie had given a presentation on the different projects covered by the Group e.g. Wednesday meals at DGS, Digital Buddies. A new project being set up in co-operation with Belhaven Community Garden, Sustaining Dunbar and Belhaven Hospital will be a linkage between DGS pupils and Belhaven Hospital patients.

*Old's Cool- Project at Citadel Centre, Leith.* Ryan McKay gave a presentation on the project which had run from 2015 until May 2022 when 2 tranches of funding had come to an end. This had covered a variety of work themes with people of different ages using different media to work together and create a variety of material including film, street murals and a set of Historical Top Trump Playing Cards. From the experiences they had pulled together an Intergenerational Practice Toolkit. It was agreed that this would be shared with other groups post meeting.

*Next Meeting* – 2 pm on July 14th

**Analytical Exchange/Great Expectations 2.** Drafting Work has begun. TP had been seeking to gather data with the assistance of the Analyst. Information from GP Practices was due by May 31<sup>st</sup> and is now being chased.

**Scottish Government Consultation on Older People's Health Services Strategy** – JB,TP and GW had attended a workshop in Gullane on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

This had been led by Louise Scott, Team Leader on Older People's Health and Social Care at Scottish Government. Slides were circulated after the meeting.

The Consultation on the Strategy is online but Louise is also visiting communities for face to face discussion.

The Online Consultation will close in Mid June. The Strategy will be pulled together by the end of 2022. There is also a renewal ongoing of the Dementia Strategy.

There was discussion on a range of areas including – carer support, care package availability and quality, rural services, pharmacy issues, GP access, post dementia diagnosis support, ongoing case management, access to minor injuries/A and E services ,the need to retain local NHS beds, access to therapy services, short term funding of 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations. GW and JB noted concerns about the proposed National Care Service e.g. its scope and the risk that the costs of setting it up would take funds from front line services. Louise had said that information on this should be available before the Holyrood Summer recess. She suggested that any changes would take time to implement.

### **Joint Health and Wellbeing Group Chairs**

**Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June** – JB had attended

Shine- Martin Hayman had given a presentation on this IT innovation to encourage physical activity which is in development. It is hoped that it may be used to enable social prescribing of activities like walking rather than medication. Physical activity may boost mental as well as physical health and can thus be a measure to prevent illness. There was a discussion about mapping physical activities around the county. The Walking Festival was seen as a way to trial the platform. (Following the meeting materials on Shine were circulated).

Great Expectations – Hilary Smith of North Berwick Coastal and JB had given an update.

Consultations- There was discussion about the number of current consultations – and the seemingly low responses from communities.

Walking Festival. Hilary Smith is leading on this event in August. It follows an event in North Berwick in 2021. Hilary updated on progress. She had hoped that all 6 Area partnerships would contribute to the costs (approx. £560 per area). However, as yet the forms had not been received. Hilary was to chase this up. JB had noted that DELAP would not be making any further grants until the Autumn.

### **Dunbar Day Centre**

Various activities had taken place for the Platinum Jubilee. Lord Lt Roderick Urquhart had visited on May 31<sup>st</sup> and Deputy Lt Pauline Jaffray on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



	<p>It is hoped to start increasing the numbers of those able to attend. AGM will be at the Day Centre. 7pm on June 21<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>DTA Health Promotion Initiative</u></b>-Jo Waddell of DTA is considering a leaflet/event to promote physical and mental wellbeing – perhaps in the Autumn. She had had an initial chat with JB on 7/6 and the idea will be further discussed with DELAP/DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group.</p> <p><b><u>Older People’s Services</u></b> – JB had circulated Community Update No 3 on the Provisioning Project and a survey on services from ELHSCP.</p> <p><b><u>East Lothian Joint Integration Board/ELHSCP</u></b> Alison McDonald has left the post of Chief Officer to be Chief Officer of NHS Lothian. The new Chief Officer for East Lothian is Fiona Wilson. Following the Election the new IJB members appointed by ELC are Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Cllr Lachlan Bruce, Cllr Lyn Jardine and Cllr Carol Mcfarlane.</p>
<b>8.00</b>	<b>ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE</b>
8.01	<p><b>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</b></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</i> 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.</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. Work on pavements underway in October. However, tree planting still to be completed and other works still to be finished. Planning Enforcement involved.</p> <p><i>Condition of Belhaven Road/Belhaven High Street</i> – Still needs resurfacing. In the meantime, periodic jet patching has continued when potholes have been reported by JB. Some residents of Belhaven High Street note issues of vibration created by passing vehicles bumping through potholes.</p> <p><i>Condition of West Port.</i> Residents of Friarsbank terrace report continued issues of vibration due to the condition of the road surface/passing vehicles. JB had passed to ELC.</p> <p><i>Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line.</i> Still required. JB had spoken to Morag Haddow on 17/6. To be considered as part of the Masterplan. May need CRP funding for some aspects.</p> <p><i>Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane</i> – Still needed. Delayed due to the need for junction changes as part of the consent for Hallhill North.</p> <p><i>Routeways from Albany Grange to Hospital Road.</i> These are part of planning conditions. Planning Enforcement are involved. Herres fencing removed from by the chicane barrier at Brand Court but the pavement is still to be completed. Residents also wish a street light as the area is dark as at another exit. Planning Enforcement involved. JB had spoken to Morag Haddow on 17/6 who will see if Taylor Wimpey will complete the works.</p> <p><i>Lack of dropped kerbs</i> between Robertson/Avant Homes and the new SUSTRANS funded path at Deerpark. Crossing the road is difficult for pushchairs/wheelchairs etc.</p>

	<p>Passed to ELC. There is also a shortage of dropped kerbs at other new estates e.g. Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey where the roads and pavements are still to be adopted by ELC. 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. In addition, a resident had requested provision of a crossing between The Glebe and Lauderdale Park. JB had contacted ELC.</p> <p><i>Beveridge Row/Hospital Road/Bayview Circus pavements and Access.</i> Signage to designate the Give Way and change of road priority still to be put into place by Cala. Planning Enforcement involved. JB had spoken to Morag Haddow on 17/6.</p> <p><i>Potholes</i> – Many potholes have been reported and need repair.</p> <p><i>High Street Setts</i> – Many remain missing. ELC have advised that replacement setts are difficult to source from Europe.</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 Pedestrian Crossing</i> – Now in place near the business centre. The lights are still to be made functional. JB chasing ELC Roads.</p> <p><i>Pavement in Poplar Street-</i> Being damaged by vehicles mounting the pavement on the narrow street. The vehicles are also a pedestrian hazard. Passed to ELC May 2022.</p>
8.02	<p><b>Signage</b></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 Persimmon and Robertson.</p> <p><i>Vandalised signs (graffiti at junction to Belhaven on Eweford Road, Beltonford Roundabout and elsewhere)-</i> Reported 17/4/21 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. Being chased.</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>Sign at One Way system</i> – The base is badly corroded, exposing the wiring. Reported to ELC 14/10. Partially repaired May.</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 still awaited.</p> <p><i>Damaged sign at one way system-</i> has a significant lean. Reported 28/1.</p> <p><i>Signage to Hallhill Centre-</i> Stevie McKinlay had had contact with ELC Roads. Indication of signage points required had been identified by Stevie and JB and passed to ELC. It was proposed that the best route would be to advise staying on the A1 until Spott roundabout and down Kellie Road and signs on Hospital Road to say no route to Hallhill. However, signs had appeared on 7/6 at other points to use a route off the old A1 via Yosemite Park and Brodie Road. Hallhill TRA had not been consulted on this.</p>

8.03	<p><b>Structures</b></p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons).</i> Still to be repaired. Safety barriers were erected along stretches of the wall by ELC on 14/3. Building Control are chasing repair. The Ridge have offered to do the work which now needs renewal of about 70% of the frontage. Sandbags holding up the barriers have needed renewal several times.</p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDHT).</i> Work still needed to make it safe.</p> <p><i>Persimmon Estates-</i> Many concerns including unsafe wall, building debris, unfinished roads, and paths, SUDS issues, missing signs, dead planting. Passed to Persimmon/ELC Planning Enforcement in December 2020.Action still needed by Persimmon. JB chasing.</p> <p><i>Unsafe wall alongside path between Home Avenue and A1-</i> Passed to ELC 17/3. Frank Fairgrieve of Building Control involved. He is trying to determine ownership although it is thought to be Persimmon or Hallhill Developments.</p> <p><i>Storm Damaged Council House/damaged pavement in Parsonspool.</i> JB had referred to ELC. Some work had been done on the tree roots during May. The fence, house roof and pavement still to be repaired.</p>
8.04	<p><b>Drainage</b></p> <p><i>A drain near 105 Summerfield Road</i> is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing trip hazards for pedestrians. Passed back to ELC 1/1/20 ,4/1/21. And 5/2/22.They are still to follow up.</p> <p><i>Flooding near Lethendry, North Road.</i> Issues have exacerbated in recent heavy rains. On a list of ELC works. JB liaising with resident. It seems that the drain is only a soakaway and thus not sufficient to cope in heavy rain.</p> <p><i>Drainage/Sewage for Robertson Joyness Estate.</i> Issues continue between Newtonlees Steading and the Station/Kings Court. JB still chasing. The stench is getting worse.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Old Eden Hotel –</i> Issues continue. On a list of ELC works. JB liaising with resident.</p> <p><i>Drainage issues from new DELAP path beside Winterfield Golf Course –</i> There had been further flooding on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Stevie McKinlay had met with Calum Redpath of Roads who will discuss further with the Golf Club and Amenities.</p> <p><i>Gulley grid at Castle Place-</i> Reported missing 10/6. Repaired 13/6.</p>
8.05	<p><b>Vegetation</b></p> <p><i>Condition of Woodland between James Court and Spott Road Wall.</i> JB had chased Mike Foy, Tree Officer on 1<sup>st</sup> April. He had advised that he hoped that intern tree Inspectors would be able to do this work.</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 –</i> now impassable and undermining the structure of a nearby wall. Passed to Amenities September 2021.</p> <p><i>Overgrown path between Countess Road and The Retreat-</i> passed to ELC</p> <p><i>Trees at Winterfield Park-</i> Residents remain concerned about the row of trees planted behind their homes and that ELC have decided against moving them as had been agreed with Mike Foy, JB and FOW on April 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><i>Overgrown Tree</i> in Council Property at 83 Summerfield Road- Felled by ELC 30/5.</p> <p><i>Overgrown hedge at Lammermuir Crescent.</i> This was making the pavement impassable for pedestrians. Passed to ELC 12/5. Cut back 26/5.</p>

	<p><i>Abandoned/overgrown allotments at Elm Street.</i> Passed to ELC (Jennifer Lothian).Stuart Pryde had been working on an audit of allotments before he retired some years ago.</p> <p><i>Removal of Old Ivy near Hallhill Steading.</i> Linked to Hallhill North application. A member of the public had noted damage to habitat including bird nesting sites and bat habitat. .Passed to ELC 16/5.</p> <p><i>Overgrown gardens</i> in Pine Street (also full of junk) and Seafield Crescent. Passed to ELC.</p> <p><i>Overgrown vegetation at Hospital Road</i> is obscuring the traffic lights heading South and the 20 mph sign heading North. Passed to ELC 6/6. Chased 20/6.</p> <p><i>Overgrown vegetation at Knockenhair Road</i> is blocking the narrow pavement. Passed to ELC 19/6.</p>
8.06	<p><b>Coastal</b></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>Loose handrail on cliff top trail steps at Winterfield Golf Course-</i> passed to ELC Repaired May.</p> <p><i>Erosion of Cliff Top Trail at Winterfield Golf Course-</i> Further information on costings awaited from Nick Morgan (Access Officer).DELAP funding may be needed.</p> <p><i>Dead seabirds –</i> Being found at various locations. The public are advised to contact DEFRA and not to touch them as they likely have Avian flu. Sick birds to be reported to SSPCA. ELC also has a Contact Number for reports.</p>
8.07	<p><b>Lighting/Electrical</b></p> <p><i>Lighting within the Pool area –</i>Specially designed fittings to operate within a pool environment are with the contractor. Arrangements are being made with Enjoy Leisure to install them in August. Work is likely to be overnight to avoid disruption to the availability of the Pool.</p> <p><i>High Street Lighting</i> A number of retrofit units from the original supplier had been ordered in March with a delivery timescale of 10 weeks. Officers are preparing a business case for a longer term solution.</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>Lighting failure at Spott Road-</i> lights are out on both sides of the road. JB had passed to ELC 15/3</p> <p><i>Storm Damaged substation at Countess Crescent-</i> The Roof was blown off by Storm Arwen. Repair still needed. The Scottish Power Contractor Energetics have said that the housing is to be replaced but there has been a delay. The area should have been fenced off for safety but despite promises to ELC Officers the area is still open. Youngsters have been seen climbing on it. JB chased further on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Paul lanetta herd on 13/6 that the matter had ben escalated to senior management at Energetics..</p> <p><i>Damaged lamppost at Spott Road (casing missing)-</i> Reported and repaired May.</p> <p><i>Car Charging Points.</i> Morag Haddow had advised that 6 non journey chargeable charging points are to be installed at Pine Street. It was not known when this might be. Further charging points will be installed in due course but as yet locations were</p>

	not known. Members of the public had raised concerns about a charging point in Gardener Road which had narrowed the pavement for passing buggies etc.
8.08	<p><b>Litter/Graffiti/Vandalism/Abandoned vehicles</b></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>Building site debris</i>- There are major issues of debris blowing off sites. Environmental Health have been involved at Newtonlees regarding debris from the Joyness development.</p> <p><i>Abandoned Vehicles</i>- Campervan in unroadworthy condition parked for some years in the residents parking at Seafield Crescent. Owner unknown. Reported 19/5. Removed 13/5.</p> <p>A motor scooter has been parked near the High Street vets for a number of months. It has a number of parking tickets. Reported to ELC 13/6.</p>
8.09	<p><b><u>Transport</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Buses</u></b></p> <p><i>Bus Stops</i>-. Perspex has been replaced in a number of stops. Other still need replacement and JB is liaising with Keith Scott at ELC who now has a supply. Bus operators have been asked to provide fresh timetables.</p> <p>Bus shelters in Belhaven and Ash Grove had been vandalised in late April. JB had reported to ELC. Repaired 15/6.</p> <p>A bus stop flag in Spott Road near Newhouse Avenue had been damaged and buses were not stopping. Replaced 18/5.</p> <p>A bus stop at Park Avenue was damaged in Storm Arwen and removed. It still needs replacement and a temporary flag put into place. Morag Hadow was not certain if replacement was in the current programme. Information awaited from Keith Scott.</p> <p>New bus stops are to be installed at Dunbar High Street as part of an ELC renewal programme through the new Contractor.</p> <p><b><u>Trains</u></b></p> <p><b><i>East Lothian Rail Steering Group Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May</i></b> – JB had attended this meeting arranged by Paul McLennan MSP. The meeting was for rail operators, rail organisations, community groups, MSPs and Councillors.</p> <p><i>May 2023 Timetable</i>. There was discussion about the timetable which is currently in preparation. Operators did not feel they had enough clarity to share at this time.</p> <p><i>Scotrail Temporary Timetable</i>. This had just been announced with a vast reduction in services including the cut of all Dunbar Scotrail services. There was discussion about this. Scott Prentice of Scotrail highlighted the background- a longstanding issue about driver numbers which had been exacerbated by Covid as all driver training had been suspended. Training had restarted but in the intervening period drivers had retired or moved to other operators. Thus the shortfall was around 130 staff. Drivers had been covering by working on rest days but they were no longer willing to do this. It was not known how long the situation might continue. Other operators did not feel able to assist due to their own staffing issues.</p> <p>JB had noted that Scotrail was the only direct public transport link to Musselburgh and Queen Margaret University. Concern was also noted about overcrowding on remaining commuter trains and the lack of late evening services to either Dunbar or North Berwick.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> – July 4<sup>th</sup></p>

**Community Rail Partnership - Meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> at Mercat Gate Centre,**

**Prestonpans.** JB had attended.

This was the first meeting since Scotrail had been taken over by the Scottish Government. The meeting was attended by James Ledgerwood, Head of Economic Development and Communities at Scotrail and Caroline Thomson who has replaced Denise Harvard as the Paths for All Funded staff member at the Community Rail Network.

*Funding* – The Scotrail Funding for CRP Administration costs has been cut by 25%. James Ledgerwood suggesting reducing some costs e.g on Insurance and Accountancy fees.

*Projects* – There was an update on current projects- particularly the new murals for Prestonpans station.

A new Line Guide is in development. Philip Immirzzi is working on this as part of his funded work for the CRP. It was proving hard to get information. It was hoped to get advertising from Trades etc to help fund the production.

JB noted possible Dunbar projects e.g. an Intergenerational activity through DGS/Rotary, Promotion by DTA of travel to Dunbar by train and onward activities, promotion of active travel routes to the station. She noted the new Our Dunbar website and maps. She noted contact by local residents about promotional materials and banners at Dunbar and Waverley stations. Banners are not easy to provide as permissions are needed from Scotrail who have regulations on what will be allowed.

*Bus Connectivity*- This remains an issue at East Lothian stations including Dunbar. The bus stops at the High Street are too far from the station for DDA compliant connections to be put into place.

*East Linton Station*- Work is progressing.

*North Berwick Station*- There was discussion about changing the old newsagent cabin into a toilet. Concerns were raised that Scotrail had removed a community bookshelf as a “fire hazard” without consultation. It was noted that other stations had similar bookshelves without issue.

*Scotrail Temporary timetable.* There was discussion about the continued disruption including the suspension of all Scotrail services to Dunbar since May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Date of Next Meeting* – To Be Arranged

**Services**- Industrial Action by various unions will see disruption across the network on 21,23 and 25 June. JB keeping the community informed on social media.

**Parking**

*Abbeylands Car Park* ELC Cabinet in May 2021 had agreed to a TRO consultation on a 90 minute limit. This is still to be progressed by Keith Scott. In the meantime, it has been noted that a nearby garage is parking cars in the car park.

*Parking at Castle Street Sheltered Housing*- Day Centre Manager had noted that 2 cars belonging to a non resident were being constantly parked at the block. This was causing issues for the day centre bus and for health professionals visiting the residents.

*Coach parking for Surf Centre*- Andrew Ashton, Chair of West Barns CC had noted concerns that coaches bringing people to the Surf Centre were parking for long periods on Edinburgh Road as they could not access Shore Road/Shore Road car park. He was concerned that they posed a hazard in the busy area near the Shore Road/Beveridge Row junction. He had queried if they could park elsewhere e.g. West Barns Bowling Club and return for pick up time.

8.10	<p><b>Postal Services</b> Box Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail. Installation being chased by JB.</p>
8.11	<p><b>Other</b></p>
	<p><b>Maharajah Duleep Singh – Dunbar connections</b> – The headstone was erected by Robertson Memorials on 16/5. A flower vase is still to be delivered. Arrangements will be made for family and interested organisations to attend a dedication event in due course.</p> <p><b>Issues at New Robertson site</b> – Issues of dust, drainage etc continue and Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Broxburn residents have also raised concerns. 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. Complaints have also been made about the level of debris e.g. plastic sheeting which blows across the area of windy days. 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. A new site entrance has been created with no warning signage. Occupation of houses at Joyness has led to increased sewage/stench issues between Newtonlees and the town centre. JB continues to support residents.</p> <p><b>Lauderdale Park</b> Further information awaited from ELC regarding Field in Trust status. A member of the public had noted disability access issues- no disability parking and the paths are rough for those with poor mobility. JB to raise with Amenities/Stevie McKinlay. The petanque pistes had been officially opened on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The opening had been followed by a rournament hosted by Dunbar and District Twinning Association.</p> <p><b>The Space Multi Use /Skatepark/Pump Track facilities/Youth Hub.</b> Further information awaited. The Space proposals are for Phase 2 at DunBear Park. There was no further information on the Hallhill North Youth Hub. DCDHT are currently negotiating land transfer.</p> <p><b>Travellers at Whitesands-</b> an encampment had been reported on 29/5. ELC had attended. The encampment was on Tarmac land and Tarmac had been advised. Tarmac and ELC (the ownership of the road sides is divided) are planning the use of large stones to deter parking on the roadside.</p> <p><b>Recycling</b> – There are still some issues with access to bags and boxes., JB passing them to ELC and the Contractor.</p>
9.00	<p><b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b></p>
9.01	<p><b>Food Matters</b> <b>Friendly Food Network – Meeting June 14<sup>th</sup></b> – JB had attended. Minutes will be circulated. <b>Good Food Charter</b> – The Charter drawn up by the Friendly Food Network had been adopted by ELC on 24<sup>th</sup> May. A launch event will be arranged. It is hoped that community groups will sign up to the Charter. <b>Presentation</b> – Simon Kenton-Law of Nourish Scotland gave a presentation on Sustainable Food Places (sustainablefoodplaces.org). This is a network of food partnerships across the UK. Nourish is the Scottish partner to support the development of food networks across Scotland. There are a number of such networks in Scotland at various stages of development. ELFFN is one of them. Member networks must have the support of their local</p>

	<p>authority which is the case for ELFFN in East Lothian. The role of food networks is encompassed in the Scottish Government Good Food Nation Bill which is currently before Holyrood. Some funding is available to develop network co-ordination where there is written support from the relevant local authority. It was agreed to progress an application to Maintain the Co-ordinator role for ELFFN (Ruth Davie).</p> <p><i>East Lothian Poverty Working Group.</i> Next meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>. They are seeking lived experiences from local residents to give support for the ELC Poverty Strategy.. A lead role in developing the ongoing strategy is that of Lucy Higginson – ELC Poverty and Inequalities Officer.</p> <p>ELC are considering a top up debit card for those in food and fuel poverty. This is likely to be linked to residents granted crisis loans. JB queried about access to this across the Ward. VCEL will be holding a Poverty Conference in September.</p> <p>JB noted that Paul McLennan MSP is setting up a Dunbar and East Linton Poverty Group. It was noted that consideration will need to be given as to how that group feeds into the wider work on poverty in East Lothian and the ELC Poverty Strategy.</p> <p><i>Breakfast and Other Food Groups</i> – mapping continues. JB noted groups in Dunbar and East Linton Ward e.g. the DGS Dinners and the Bite and Blether in West Barns.</p> <p><i>Food Waste</i> – Concern was noted about the level of food waste going to landfill from school meals.</p> <p><i>Partner Updates-</i> All food banks and pantries are experiencing increased demand. However, donations are static or decreasing as donors face their own increasing living costs. JB noted increased costs of ingredients and thus prices at the Community Bakery. She noted the continued work of The Ridge and initiatives like Sunny Soups and Sunny Meals as well as the work at Belhaven Community Garden.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> – August 23rd</p> <p><b><i>Dunbar Community Bakery – Meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>.</i></b> JB had attended</p> <p><i>Wholesale-</i> Some new opportunities coming up. Prices have had to be increased slightly to allow for increased price of production (ingredients/energy etc)</p> <p><i>Shop prices</i> – Small increases to be introduced. However, significant increases in the costs of ingredients and energy will require further increases in the future.</p> <p><i>Staffing</i> – a school leaver has had some time in the bakehouse. He would be a valuable addition if funding can be secured.</p> <p><i>Single use plastics</i> – new legislation introduced a ban on some items e.g. spoons, Styrofoam food containers on June 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><i>Shop Buy Out-</i> There was further discussion on proposals for a bid to the Scottish Land Fund.</p> <p><i>Shop Renovation-</i> There was discussion about CARS funding. JB had noted that the Scheme was not yet operational. JB noted that DELAP would not be considering applications until the Autumn.</p> <p><i>Marketing-</i> There was a discussion about SOLE (Concerns were noted) and the rebranding of the DTA.</p>
9.02	<p><b><i>Sustaining Dunbar- May 24<sup>th</sup> – JB had attended</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Belhaven Community Garden.</i></b> Naomi Barnes had updated. The 2 new Community Gardeners were now in post. Carey Douglas Carnegie is working at the Hospital and with the schools. She has many ideas for developing the work e.g. intergenerational projects with the schools. She has had initial discussions with Caroline Johnston (NHS Unit Manager) regarding enabling patients to make more use of the garden. Students from Edinburgh College of Art Health and Wellbeing Masters Programme had been in contact regarding linking with the garden and its therapeutic uses for social prescribing etc.</p> <p>2 pupils from DGS (Luca and Arlo) had won £3000 in a Young Philanthropist Initiative competition which they had donated for work at the Garden on mental health projects.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding community engagement to consider the future of the site including the Community Garden. Sue Guy had offered to help facilitate this. It was agreed to</p>



	<p>set up a Working Group. Jo McNamara would seek funding options to enable the community engagement process.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Una Paterson will be working with Belhaven Brewery to enhance the garden there.</p> <p><b>Spott to Dunbar Paths Project.</b> Crispin Hayes had been in contact with Simon Wasser and Mark James about this. JB noted her involvement with the Project over the last 3 years. It was unfortunate that after Sustrans investment in the project that the Spott section of the route had proved unfeasible due to costs, terrain and land owner issues. There is potential to improve routes from the A1 into Dunbar although there are considerations to be taken into account e.g. the Eweford tunnel, condition of the U194, crossing of the east Coast main line and connectivity issues between new housing estates. JB noted that Mike Naysmith was working on a masterplan but there had been no update from him since a meeting in June 2021. It was agreed to have further discussion on the project with Crispin Hayes. Mark James noted that Ian Reid, ELC Sustainable travel Officer had retired.</p> <p><b>Scotland Loves Local-</b> Jo McNamara was to give a presentation to the Scotlands Town Partnership AGM on June 8<sup>th</sup> which was to feature East Lothian initiatives to promote local economies.</p> <p><b>Insulate Innerwick</b> – There was discussion about this suggestion from Elisabeth Wilson. Further discussion with her on her ideas would take place. She had also approached DELAP for a meeting.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting</b> - TBA</p>
9.03	<p><b>Viridor Liaison Meeting- May 25<sup>th</sup></b> – JB and SB had attended</p> <p><b>Landfill</b> – The Viridor Landfill business including the landfill site at Oxwellmains had been sold on 1<sup>st</sup> April to Valencia. Barry Falgate, the long serving Manager, had retired. The sale would have implications for the procedures for the Tax Credits funding. It was hoped that Valencia staff would still attend the Liaison meetings rather than set up others.</p> <p><b>ERF.</b> There had been some issues with a boiler that had affected capacity. 82,343 tonne of waste had been processed in the last quarter. 15965 tonnes of Incinerated Bottom Ash had been produced and transported by road to Fife.</p> <p>There is still no confirmed Heat Plan in place for use of the heat. A solution needs to be found within the next 4 years to be compliant with the Planning Condition set by the Reporter in 2010. Paul McLennan MSP is assisting in trying to find options. The main issue continues to be the distance from any potential use – it is too far from any housing or DunBear Park. The cost of piping alone to transport the heat is around £1 million per kilometre and the heat is lost over long distances.</p> <p><b>SEPA-</b> There had been 2 breaches of SO2 in March. These were being followed up and were both related to Line 1. An improvement plan is being developed in conjunction with SEPA. There had been a burning smell reported on 16<sup>th</sup> May. This had not been linked to Viridor. Reports of a similar smell had been reported from a wide geographical area including Fife and the source was not known.</p> <p>SEPA will do an onsite inspection in June. They had not been able to do this since before Covid.</p> <p><b>Community Links</b> – Sue Anderson reported on a number of Community Initiatives, particularly related to the promotion of STEM subjects in schools and colleges. She was to attend the Tide and Time festival at Dunbar Harbour in June with a range of activities.</p> <p>A large donation had been sent for disaster relief in Ukraine.</p> <p><b>Queens Green Canopy-</b> It had been hoped to plant some trees at the site. However, there were soil quality issues which had made the proposed site too expensive to plant due to the need for considerable use of fertilizers.. They were rethinking their ideas. JB had suggested contact with Mike Foy, ELC tree Officer for advice.</p> <p><b>Energy Development Impacts-</b> There was discussion about the impact on the local area of the various Energy proposals e.g accommodation, road safety. It was noted that hotel beds were already difficult to source at the times of the Plant Outage. Viridor Reps intended to attend the Energy Meeting being planned by Paul McLennan on June 27<sup>th</sup>.</p>

	<p>Upgrade of Cement Works A1 Junction- Nothing further had been heard about any proposals e.g. for a roundabout since mention by Cllr Hampshire at the February meeting. JB said she had contacted ELC/Transport Scotland without reply.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> – August 10th</p>
9.04	<p><b>Association of East Lothian Community Councils (AELCC) meeting – May 30<sup>th</sup>.</b> JB and PS had attended</p> <p>This was the first physical meeting since 2019.</p> <p><b>Office Bearers</b>-Dawn Alexander of Haddington CC had agreed to give secretarial support to the Association. ELC had agreed to give £500 per annum funding for this.</p> <p>The proposal for a rolling chair had been agreed. Ralph Averbuch of Pencaitland will hand over to Chris McEwan of Haddington in November.</p> <p><b>Constitution</b>- Updates were agreed (Circulated post meeting)</p> <p>Connected communities Update- Stuart Baxter (CCM Musselburgh) advised of the various materials available online from the recent Community Council training sessions. PS had noted that they were helpful.</p> <p><b>Financial Scams</b> – Chris Bruce of East Lammermuir CC had highlighted a major fraud that they had experienced. There was discussion about the various scams on the internet and the need to be vigilant. It was agreed that members would share any they came across.</p> <p><b>Newlands Windfarm.</b> Chris Bruce spoke of this developing proposal for the Lammermuirs. There was a general discussion about the differing windfarms both on and off shore that had been built/were proposed. CCs had variable experiences of Community Benefit monies e.g. East Lammermuir receive substantial sums from Fred Olsen who own Crystal Rigg. It was agreed to set up a sub group to look at the common issues.</p> <p>PS also noted the various issues created by the number of proposals e.g. accommodation for construction workers, impact on small communities. She advised of the forthcoming Energy meeting being arranged by Paul McLennan MSP for June 27<sup>th</sup>. A number of those present were interested in attending.</p> <p><b>Scotrail Temporary Timetable</b> – There was a discussion about this. JB noted the background as given by Scot Prentice of Scotrail at the meeting she had attended on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that Judy Lockhart- Hunter of North Berwick would write to Scotrail on behalf of AELCC.</p> <p><b>Shared Costings</b>- Chris McEwan of Haddington had suggested that CCs may work together to share costings e.g. for cherry pickers to erect Christmas Lights.</p> <p><b>Planning Matters</b>- Longniddry CC noted issues where a path had been a planning condition with a S75 developer contribution but had not been built. This had safety issues for residents who had moved into the estate and had no easy access from it. Examples were given from other areas of housing built without required infrastructure e.g. the footpath between Beveridge Row and Brewery lane and the major concern of the costs of a crossing between Hallhill North and the Tree Scheme in Dunbar. Suggestion was made of the Organisation Planning Aid for support (0131 220 9370)</p> <p><b>Next Meeting</b> – 7 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Post meeting JB had circulated the draft minutes</p>
9,05	<p><b>Friends of Winterfield ( FOW) AGM – June 14<sup>th</sup></b> – JB had attended</p> <p>This was the first AGM since 2019 due to Covid. Members of the Committee had maintained contact with each other and with ELC officers, particularly Amenities. The park had been very busy during lockdown for exercise etc and it continues to be popular. A variety of sports and other activities take place.</p> <p>Sue Anderson and Esther Hughes had given a history of the Group which had been formed in 2011. A number of improvements had been made to the park during that time and it was hoped that further improvements may be made in the future, subject to funding. The Park has Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Trust status which gives it some protection from development e.g. in 2021 ELC had suggested use for motor homes. However, this change of use would have required approval by the national Trustees and ELC did not proceed with the idea.</p>

	<p>FOW are advised on use of the Park for events e.g. Circus, Shows, pigeon racing. Advance information in 2022 has so far been better than in 2021 when a fun fair was set up before local residents and FOW knew it was coming.</p> <p>The Group now has around 150 members. Membership is free and can be arranged Online. The Group is planning to update its social media platform and website.</p> <p>FOW are to be members of John Muir Country Park Advisory Group as the Park lies within the Country Park.</p> <p><i>Office Bearers 2022-23</i> :- Chair – Sue Anderson, Secretary- Esther Hughes, Treasurer- Denise Wilson, Membership Secretary – Judy Miller.</p>
9.06	<p><b><u>Dunbar Community Woodland Group AGM June 19<sup>th</sup></u></b> JB had attended</p> <p><b><i>Importance of the Woods-</i></b> Convenor, Eva Hurley, had noted the importance of the woods to the community. Use had increased during Covid and has continued as people enjoy the opportunity to be in quiet, green spaces. Some groups use the woods regularly e.g. Muddy Buddies. Events are regularly held and there will be activity as part of the Stone Stacking championships.</p> <p><b><i>Maintenance</i></b> - Use puts pressure on the woods, particularly the paths. The help of the Community Payback team is a welcome addition to what DCWG members can do. Eva noted that many people think the woods are owned and managed by ELC when they belong to DCDHT and are managed on their behalf by DCWG. There is a limit to the capacity for volunteers and more would be welcome. JB had suggested contact with Fiona O’Donnell at VCEL.</p> <p>Storm Arwen had caused damage although. Luckily it was not so bad as in some other local woodlands. Tree Surgeon works had been considerable and thus left less money for other necessary works.</p> <p>The Group hope to commission a full professional tree survey.</p> <p>Isobel Knox had been conducting tree planting sessions with school children.</p> <p>The muck truck bought with monies from DCC had been put to much use.</p> <p>Maintenance of the Pump track funded by Viridor some years ago had been of concern. DCWG are in contact with users. A group of parents had been fundraising and they will be responsible for the facility.</p> <p><b><i>Funding</i></b></p> <p>The Group have valued monies from DCC, VCEL Community Lottery and Others.</p> <p>The Group wish to apply to the WIAT Woodland Improvement Grant Scheme for capital items and works. A Draft Operational Plan had been submitted. However, the Groups’ Forestry officer had recommended that a new 10 year Management Plan should be drawn up. This need to be agreed with DCDHT. However, despite requests, a meeting with the Trustees is outstanding.</p> <p>Some monies had been coming in from the sale of planks dried in the solar kiln.</p> <p>The Group had been pleased to receive monies from Dunbar Harbour Trust raised by the auction of a coracle built with timber from the woods.</p> <p><b><i>Moving Forward</i></b></p> <p>DCWG are keen to meet with Trustees of DCDHT as their parent body on a regular basis. They had met with Cllr Hampshire in January who had agreed to facilitate a meeting. They had also written to all Trustees and had been saddened by the death of Herbert Coutts.</p> <p>They are keen to meet to discuss various matters including updating of the Management Plan in order to facilitate funding applications, any proposals for expansion of the Woodland and management responsibilities as part of ongoing land transfer discussions with the current landowner, proposals for recreational facilities in the woodland. At the time of the AGM a meeting with the Trustees was still to be arranged. Trustees had been invited to the AGM.</p> <p><b><i>Office Bearers for 2022-23</i></b></p> <p>Convenor- Eva Hurley, Secretary- Fiona MacDonald, Treasurer- Isobel Knox, Membership Secretary- Craig Stebbing, Maintenance Lead- Colin McGinty</p>

10,00	<b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b>
	<p><b>Via Facebook- June Douglas</b> .Sunken manhole near Randolph Crescent – JB had responded</p> <p><b>Various-</b> Concerns about poor signage for A1 Roadworks Closure on May 16<sup>th</sup> leading to confusion and an accident. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Various-</b> Seeking information on Jubilee events. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Crispin Hayes-</b> Update on Spott to Dunbar Route</p> <p><b>Via Facebook-</b> Craig Rapson- Confusing markings for disability/EV parking at Bleachingfield. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook</b> – Various- Communication signage for playparks. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Marita Brown-</b> Road safety concerns in Countess Road near the widened pavement. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Mr and Mrs Spinner-</b> Query about office space. PS had responded</p> <p><b>Fiona Elliot, ELC-</b> Seeking information on DCC meetings for Cllr Jardine- JB had responded</p> <p><b>ELC-</b> Information on ELC Councillors – 2022-27</p> <p><b>ELC-</b> Confirmation of DCC grant 2022-23</p> <p><b>Community Carrot-</b> Newsletters</p> <p><b>Various- Overgrown garden</b> at Seafeld Crescent. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Various-</b> Abandoned vehicle at Seafeld Crescent. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Daniel Parkin-</b> Query re grants- JB and AS had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook-</b> Marita Brown. Faulty traffic signal at Belhaven Road. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Various-</b> EV charger provision- JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook-</b> Overgrown hedge at Lammermuir Crescent. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Various-</b> Further concerns about Queens Road wall- JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Kevin Searle-</b> Query about building work at site of Samoya. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Anne Creedican-</b> Housing query. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Patient Participation Group-</b> Newsletter</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Various-</b> Crossing lights near Spott Road Business Park not working. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Various-</b> Stench near Station. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Jenny Miller-</b> Faulty Hot tap at Shore Road toilets. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Mr and Mrs Pryse-</b> Planning/Environmental Health issues at Skateraw. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>VCEL- Awards night invitation.</b> JB had responded</p> <p><b>West Barns CC-</b> Dangerous bus parking for surf school. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Ute Penny-</b> Roadworks for emergency gas leak in Dunbar High Street. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>Various</b> – Concerns regarding SOLE launch – JB and PS had responded</p> <p><b>Various-</b> Travellers at Whitesands . JB had responded</p> <p><b>Oliver Langton, Belhaven Hill School-</b> Re Community involvement. PS had responded</p> <p><b>Tom Gordon-</b> Query about 25 pounder gun. PS had responded.</p> <p><b>The Ridge</b> – Newsletter</p> <p><b>Sustaining Dunbar-</b> Newsletter</p> <p><b>Scottish Communities Alliance</b> – newsletters</p> <p><b>Various-</b> concerns about A&amp;E/hospital services – JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Ian Hume-</b> Query re bin collections. JB had responded</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Karen Carver-</b> broken swing at Yosemite Park playpark. JB had responded. Passed to Hallhill TRA.</p> <p><b>Via Facebook- Sarah McLeary-</b> query about station banners and leaflets to promote train travel to Dunbar. JB had responded.</p> <p><b>AELCC-</b> New constitution</p> <p><b>Martin Hayman- Shine-</b> Information</p> <p><b>Sue Northrop, DFEL-</b> Information on Scottish Government Consultation on Older People’s Health Services</p> <p><b>VCEL-</b> Newsletter</p> <p><b>Sue Northrop-</b> Update on Meeting Centre Planning</p> <p><b>Friendly Food Network-</b> Newsletter</p>

**Gary Donlin- Berwick Bank** – Update on proposals. No likely construction until 2024-25.  
**AELCC**- Draft Minutes of Meeting  
**Lesley Stocks**- Interest in DCC Membership – JB had responded  
**Loretta Stewart**- Interest in DCC Membership – JB had responded  
**Jo Moulin**- Issues with Dunbar Town House lift- JB had passed to PS as implications for DCC Awards Night  
**Douglas Denholm**- Interest in DCC Membership- JB had responded  
**Via Facebook** – Gillian Wood. Missing gully cover in Castle Place. JB had responded  
**Via Facebook**- Various – Youth gathering at JMCP. JB had responded  
**Ian Lennox**, ELC- Update on 20 mph TRO  
**ELC Roads**- Various TTROs  
**Various**- Concerns about safety at Countess Crescent substation – JB had responded  
**Kate Fallon**- Missing recycling containers. JB had responded.  
**Via Facebook- George Jones**- Query about Archery activities at DGS. JB had responded.  
**Will Collin** – Future of the Heritage Committee- JB had responded  
**Katie McCauley**- query re educational grants. JB had responded.  
**Finlay Cook**- Seeking information re personal injury due to broken pavement. JB had responded  
**Via Facebook- Suzette McGregor**- Concerns about incomplete works by Persimmon at Yosemite Park. JB had responded  
**Various**- Concerns about planning at Bayswell Hotel- JB had responded  
**Mr and Mrs Sadler**- Continued concerns about tennis club lighting. JB had responded  
**Various**- Overgrown hedge at Knockenhair Road- JB had responded

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