



Community Council Open Meeting

MINUTES

Monday 18th July 2022

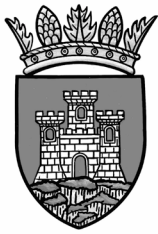
7 pm Council Chambers, Dunbar Town House

Ref	Item	
1.00	SEDERUNT – Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair – in the Chair), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Lesley Stocks (LS), Kevin Searle (KS), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Rev Keith Mills (member of the public)	
1.01	Welcome GA as Chair of the meeting welcomed all, particularly new member LS.	
1.02	Apologies – Pippa Swan (PS), Alasdair Swan, (AS), Terry Prior (TP), Mark James (MJ), Sanchita Patjoshi (SP), Craig Hoy MSP, Stevie McKinlay, Cllr Lyn Jardine, Jo Waddell (DTA), Philip Mellor (DTA), Anouska Woods (Be Green)	
1.03	John Band – GA advised of the death of John Band. John had been very active in Dunbar life including Christmas Lights, Harbour Trust and Rotary. He had been given a DCC Citizen Award in December 2021. His late wife, Thelma, had been a past recipient of an award for her longstanding service to Guiding. Members were saddened by the news. It was agreed to send a card to his daughter. GA agreed to pass contact details to JB.	GA/JB
2.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2.01	<u>Councillors declaring an interest in matters to be discussed:</u> None	
3.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – June 20th 2022	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> - None GA said that he had thought the minute might have given a fuller account of the discussions regarding the applications for the Vacancy from MJ and LS. However, it was agreed that the Minute should stand	
3.02	<u>Adoption</u> - ADOPTED <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed - SB• Seconded - GW	
3.03	<u>DCC Action Review</u> All action items had been attended to or had been overtaken by events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JB had informed ELC of the post meeting resignation of Paul Gillon and that MJ and LS had become members of DCC.	
3.04	<u>Matters arising not covered in agenda –</u> Membership- Paul Gillon had resigned his place on DCC on June 20 th . This had enabled LS to join DCC. PG had been Webmaster and DELAP Rep. Subsequent to the meeting Jone Matteuchi had resigned from DCC. JB had advised ELC.	

4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
4.01	<p>Cllr Norman Hampshire – Not present</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Action Update – <i>Hallhill Signage Solution</i> – Further issues on June 25th related to traffic attending Relay for Life. Traffic had been accessing the U194 from Edinburgh Road and using the concrete road into Lochend Woods.(Held over to August meeting). 	
4.02	Cllr Donna Collins – Not present	
4.03	<p>Cllr Lyn Jardine – Not present</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Action Update – <i>Clarification and Simplification of Processes for Events</i> (Held over to August Meeting) 	
4.04	<p><u>Questions/Concerns to Councillors</u> -In the absence of the 3 ELC Councillors all issues were held over to the August meeting. Members had brief discussions on some of them.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Parking – Update on proposed consultation including proposals for Town Centre parking charges (Peter Forsyth hopes a 10 week consultation will start in mid August), cancellation of Station Car park extension (See Community Report 8.09- Rail Forum Meeting) TRO for 90 minute stay at Abbeylands still needs to be actioned. 2) Parking Issues for the Circus and other events at Winterfield Park – Can parking restrictions be put into place for the forthcoming Shows? JB advised that Tom Reid, Head of Infrastructure, had suggested issues be considered in SAG planning for events at the Park. Jon Fleetwood at Events Planning had advised that the Circus and Shows had not previously been invited to SAGS meetings. However, given the issues now coming forward, that can be reconsidered. There is to be a music festival in September. GW noted her experience of the Circus parking- Carers had not been able to park to visit a client in North Road. There seems to be a difference in SAG attendance for the Circus/Shows to community events. GA noted that Christmas Lights are always asked to attend whereas these commercial operators had not historically been required to do so. There had been other issues with the events in the past e.g. inappropriate disposal of chemiloo contents. 3) Roads/Pavement Issues- Proposed Traffic Signals at Queens Road/Spott Road Junction, Cancelled pavement Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane (increased costs and technical issues), Proposed traffic signals at Beveridge Row/Shore Road junction 4) Newton Manor (Joyness) Building site- Continued issues of dust/noise/vibration. Planning Enforcement now involved as Robertson Homes breaching conditions of operation. LS noted the experience of Newtonlees Steading residents. 5) Stench near station- ongoing for a year. Can pressure be put on Scottish Water/Robertson Homes/ELC to deal with the wider picture of sewer and drain infrastructure? There was a brief discussion of the history of the problems since the Pre planning stage of Robertson/Avant. Problems had been compounded by the linkage of drainage/sewage systems from Newton manor (Joyness) into the main system including the Robertson SUDS. 6) Completion of Estates- KS noted issues of developers starting new estates before all conditions were met on a previous development. He cited problems at Fair Acres. The new Newton Manor (Joyness) estate was being occupied before the previous estate roads and services had been adopted by ELC and Scottish Water. There were lots of outstanding issues including drains, street signs, the demolished Dunbar entry sign/decorative stone planter. JB noted that each development application is seen as a unique 	

	<p>entity. There are outstanding planning conditions on all local sites. ELC Planning Enforcement are aware. There is only 1 Enforcement Officer for the whole county.</p> <p>7) Quality of High Street bus stop installation works. GA noted concern about the removal of paving slabs during the installation which had been infilled with cold tar. JB advised she had been alerted to the situation by members of the public and ELC had been contacted on 18/7. She showed a photo to members. Members wished the situation to be rectified.</p>	
5.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – See Community Report 1.00 (Had been circulated by AS)	
5.01	<u>Matters arising/questions</u> - None	
5.02	<u>Requests for Support for consideration:</u> <u>Local Priorities Fund</u> – None	
6.00	<p>COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended</p> <p>The Community Report provides information and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DCC Finances</i> • <i>Community Police</i> • <i>Planning</i> • <i>DCC Initiatives/Projects</i> • <i>Community Projects</i> • <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i> • <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i> • <i>Record of meetings attended</i> • <i>Correspondence received</i> 	
6.01	<u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters:</u>	
6.02	<p><u>Health and Social Care – See Community Report 7.00</u></p> <p><u>Services for Older People</u></p> <p>PS had written to ELHSCP regarding the “Planning for an Ageing Population” Survey. Laura Kerr had offered a meeting to discuss in relation to Great Expectations. Date to be confirmed.</p> <p>A response is still awaited from the Health Minister to the letter from TP regarding Great Expectations dated 27th May.</p> <p>JB is seeking access to the Report mentioned in the recent newsletter from the Community Hospitals and Care Homes Change Board –“Planning for an Ageing Population Number 3”. Community members dispute statements made in the newsletter e.g. that East Lothian has enough care home places to meet demand for the next few years. Local experience is people being placed out of the Ward due to lack of places. She had written to IJB/Change Board Chair, Peter Murray.</p> <p>GW noted discussions on Meeting Centres for people with dementia in the area. There was a need to consider how this provision might integrate with existing ones to compliment rather than compete with them.</p> <p><u>Walking Festival, 17th -21st August</u>- This is being arranged by Hilary Smith, Chair of North Berwick Coastal Health and Wellbeing Group but some walks will be in Dunbar and East Linton ward.</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing Information Event</u>- This is being considered for the Autumn</p>	
6.03	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team (See Community Report 5.01)</u></p> <p>GA advised that Go Fibre had offered to pay £10,000 towards the costs of taking the display from the Swimming Pool towards the Harbour. Unfortunately, despite the intervention of Cllr Hampshire, negotiations with Enjoy Leisure had been protracted and the offer had been withdrawn. The delivery of the project could not go ahead without the significant donation. Members expressed concern about this as the display would have added greatly to the attraction of the display.</p>	

7.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)	
7.01	<u>Planning Applications for consideration/Discussion:-</u> None	
7.02	<u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion -</u> None	
8.00	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.01	Vacancy- Members agreed that consideration needed to be given to the skills/knowledge set of a new Community Councillor that would benefit DCC. GA said that it would be useful to have a younger member. He agreed to speak to Mrs Slowther at DGS. Members agreed that it would be useful to have a younger person involved. Unfortunately, those that had joined previously had often left due to work, study or family commitments. It was agreed that discussion should be continued at the August meeting.	GA/ALL
8.02	Website – George Robertson had been updating the website in conjunction with Philip Immirzi. DCC Members had been asked to submit pictures/pen pictures to George. A new webmaster is needed to succeed George who will give initial support.	ALL
8.03	Restoration of Gentleman’s Bathing Pool. PS had been contacted by a member of the public regarding removal of rocks from the area to enable bathing. She had asked the individual to contact her and was waiting on a response. JB had contacted Neil Clark of ELC Landscape and Countryside as George Robertson, when DELAP Chair, had been approached in 2021. The area is within an SSI but Neil had indicated he was supportive of a bigger project to restore the facility provided there was public support. He had advised that Naturescot wished more information. JB noted that there was a similar facility in Cellardyke and the community there may be able to give an idea of how they had managed the project. Members agreed that it was a worthwhile project to consider. Further information should be sought on the work required/costs/wider public support. JB agreed to advise Neil Clark that DCC were supportive.	JB/PS/ALL
9.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
9.01	August 15th 2022 – Dunbar Town House 7pm CARS Presentation – Invitation to DTA and High Street Residents required	PS



COMMUNITY REPORT July 2022

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

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1.00	DCC FINANCE REPORT
1.01	<u>DCC and Sub-Committee Accounts</u> <i>General Account</i> The Bank Balance at the end of June was £118,472.86 The Restricted Funds held within the General Account at the end of the month were Community Windpower Fund £159,820.90 Covid Fund £ 7,855.60 Access For All Fund £ 759 .00 Local Priorities Fund £ 10,238.89 TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS £157,715.16 The Unrestricted Funds held within the General Fund at the end of the month were Balance in the General Fund £2,105.74 TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £ 2,105.74 TOTAL FUNDS £159,820.90 <i>Civic Week Account</i> The bank balance at the month end stood at £8,365.23 The Final Account will be available next month. It is clear that the Civic Week Committee planned and delivered a wonderful series of events within budget. A VAT Refund of £524.75 was made on July 11 th . This will appear in the July account. <i>Christmas Lights Account</i> The bank balance at the month end stood at £12,000.07 The maintenance work has led to a reduction of over £2000 during June. A VAT Refund of £1049-90 was made on July 11 th . This will appear in the July account.

	<p><i>Dunbar Against Litter Account</i></p> <p>The bank balance at the month end was £2,575.05</p> <p>The major expenses during June were related to van repairs.</p> <p>Weekly fundraising is taking place near the swimming pool – Live at the Lavvies</p> <p>A VAT Refund of £ £202.31 was paid on July 11th. This will appear in the July account.</p>
1.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Grant Scheme</u></p> <p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>The Current Year Fund £10,200</p> <p>Brought Forward Fund £ 3,477</p> <p>Maximum Budget Total £13,677</p> <p>Committed or Under Review £3,439</p> <p>Local Priorities Fund Available £10,238</p> <p>Maximum Budget Total, £13,677</p> <p><u>Applications</u> - No new applications.</p> <p>£751 (ex VAT) had been paid to ELC for 2 bins for Dunbar Against Litter.</p>
1.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund</u></p> <p>Meeting June 20th – There had been no formal applications. However, AS had given information on some which may be forthcoming.</p> <p>No July Meeting.</p> <p>A payment had been agreed by e mail to assist with a visit by DGS to the Battlefields.</p> <p>AS had circulated a request from ELC/DAL for 12 bins at a cost of £4703.04 Ex VAT</p>
2.00	COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT
2.01	<u>Police Report</u> - No Report
2.02	<u>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)</u> – No Meeting since February 1 st
2.03	<p><u>Police Issues</u></p> <p><i>Speeding</i> – This has long been a Priority for CAPP but staffing has precluded enforcement. JB has highlighted areas of concern e.g. Queens Road, Belhaven, Summerfield Road, Beveridge Row. She has asked for use of the Cut out Cops and speed checks. A resident of Beveridge Row has noted that a number of speeders in that area are Hospital staff and JB had advised the Hospital Unit Manager who had agreed to speak to staff.</p> <p><i>Fires in Woodland</i>- There have been some incidents e.g. on 12/7. Passed to Police, Community Warden, ASB Team, Stevie McKinlay, Ken Ross and DCWG. Will need monitoring.</p>
3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	<u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u> - None
3.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <p>1. Castle Bay (Cala) – 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. JB had found out by chance from Council Officer Liz Hunter that the footpath between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane will not be going ahead due to technical difficulties</p>

and increased costs beyond the sum given by Cala to ELC to do the work in 2017. JB seeking to find out how the Planning Condition 14 can be withdrawn.

2. **15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site** – Issues continue including landscaping, incomplete pathways, sewage, street signs, displacement of the Dunbar name sign. 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.
- 6 **Access routes from Albany Grange.** 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. JB had spoken to Morag Haddow on 17/6 who will also follow up.
- 7 **08/00369/FUL- Request by applicant to extend Condition 1 by 1 year.** This is to allow an extra year, 4 years rather than 3, to commence works from the time of consent. Consent was granted in 2009 but ratified in December 2018 on completion of a S75. Thus the request is to extend the period from 2021 to 2022. It is noted that to date the applicant has not met condition 4 (to submit plans for an archaeological study prior to work commencing) or Condition 5 (to submit a scheme of landscaping). JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.
- 8 **21/00676/P- Broxmouth Estate.** Erection of 9 holiday lodges. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.
- 9 **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. Approved 30th June. The tree must be protected from damage during any construction. An archaeological survey of the area is required.
- 10 **21/00946/P = Alternative application to 9** . 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. Approved 30th June. Conditions as for 9.
- 11 **21/00895/P** – Footpath and cycleway at Tarmac Works.(Retrospective as the path has already been built). To be determined. Preliminary information about a stopping up order had been circulated by Keith Scott of ELC. Approved 11th July 2022.
- 12 **21/00997/PM** -Golf Club 78 houses, golf club house, short course and other golf infrastructure.. To be determined.
- 13 **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.
- 14 **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.
- 15 **21/01289/P** - DunBear Park – 2 Retail Units. JB had circulated information and submitted a response. To be determined.
- 16 **21/01392/P** – Broxmouth Park – S42 request to remove condition 2 of Application 20/00554/P which had been consented on July 28th 2021. This relates to the operation of the wedding accommodation. JB had responded. To be determined.
- 17 **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.
- 18 **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.

	<p>19 22/00279/P – Broxmouth House, South Lodge- Formation of decked area and erection of gates. JB had submitted DCC Views. To be determined.</p> <p>20 22/00278/LBC Broxmouth House, South Lodge- Alteration to building and erection of gates. (Related to 28.). JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.</p> <p>21 SP Energy Networks- 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>22 22/00393/P – Bayswell Hotel – Extension. Many objections. Called in by Cllr Collins. Will come to August 16th Planning Committee.</p>
3.03	<p><u>Licensing Matters to Note</u> <i>British Legion</i> – Request to Extend Hours of Operation. The proposed changes were within Licensing Board policy. Approved by the Licensing Board on June 23rd.</p>
4.00	<p><u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u></p>
4.01	<p><u>Meeting on June 27th</u> – JB,SB and GW had attended. <i>Health and Social Care</i>- JB had noted the plethora of Consultations. She had given an update on Great Expectations 2 as well as efforts to engage with ELHSCP/Health Minister on Great Expectations 1. She had spoken of proposals for a Health Information Gathering in the Autumn, progress on Meeting Centres and Intergenerational Work. <i>Scrutiny</i>- JB had updated on the work of the Scrutiny Working Group. Although applications can be submitted they will not be considered until after updated procedures for applications and their evaluation have been agreed by DELAP members. <i>VCEL</i>- Fiona O'Donnell had updated on her work as Locality Officer. VCEL can offer training, support and advice on funding pathways. <i>Remembering Together</i>- Barbara Gardner-Rowell had given a presentation on the work she will be doing over the summer as Phase 1 of the Project. This will offer a range of community engagement including workshops and opportunities for individual reflective work that will be fed in to an overall body of work. <i>SOLE</i>- Kirsty McIntosh and Margo Appleby had given a presentation. Those present had a range of questions including about duplication with Our Dunbar and sustainability.</p>
4.02	<p><u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u> – 29th August 2022.</p>
4.03	<p><u>Scrutiny Committee Working Group</u>- This is meeting over the summer with a view to presenting proposals for managing funding applications and the wider operation of DELAP in the Autumn.</p>
5.00	<p><u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u> <i>Dunbar Community Council manages a number of projects and initiatives throughout the year.</i></p>
5.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team</u> Maintenance work continues. Go Fibre had offered a donation of £10,00 to enable the display to be taken from the Swimming Pool area towards the harbour. Sadly, negotiation with Enjoy Leisure had been slow and the offer had been withdrawn.</p>
5.02	<p><u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> – No report</p>
5.03	<p><u>Dunbar Against Litter</u> – Litter picking continues on a daily basis. Fund raising takes place weekly with table top sales and music – Live at the Lavvies.</p>

	<p>2 new bins had been ordered through ELC costing £751 ex VAT. They had been placed near Dunbar Grammar School.</p> <p>AS has circulated a request for the provision of 12 further bins for a cost of £4737.04 Ex VAT.</p>
5.04	<p><u>Heritage</u> – JB had advised Will Collin that a formal Heritage Sub Committee would not be going ahead.</p> <p>Will had advised that the additional name of George Shearlaw Young had been added by Robertson Memorials as arranged. The work had already been paid for.</p>
5.05	<p>Resilience</p> <p>Twenty Miles Per Hour – Further information awaited, A number of residents have continued their objections to the 20 mph along the arterial routes and to the consultation process.</p> <p>Spaces For People- Permanent Closure of Countess Crescent . Report had gone to Cabinet on 14th 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>Remembering Together – East Lothian Covid Memorial. Barbara Gardner Rowell had been appointed for Phase 1 of the Project. This is progressing over the Summer.</p>
5.06	<p>Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Queens Green Canopy - Planting is on hold until October. JB had updated the Lord Lieutenancy on proposals.</p>
6.00	DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
6.01	<p>Dunbar High Street</p> <p>Dunbar High Street and Friends – JB continues to post on the Facebook page</p> <p>SOLE- The Project had been heavily advertised during June/July</p> <p>Kirsty McIntosh and Margo Appleby had attended the DELAP meeting on June 27th. A number of questions had been raised about duplication with Our Dunbar and sustainability once the paid staff move on and once the 3 year licence period ends.</p> <p>The information on the Dunbar and East Linton section has remained scanty.</p> <p>.Marketing- DTA continue their Our Dunbar initiative. The Community Rail Partnership are interested in promoting travel to Dunbar and onward connections by rail.</p> <p>CARS- Further information awaited on the grants process. A Presentation is to be given to DCC at the August meeting.</p> <p>Parking – Peter Forsyth advised on 18/7 that it is hoped to launch a 10 week consultation in mid August. There has been some slippage due to holidays etc.</p>
6.02	<p>A1</p> <p>Upgrade – No further information.</p> <p>Litter – Continues to be an eyesore . JB continues to chase Phil Hinchliff at Transport Scotland.</p> <p>A1 Action Group – Has not met since October 2021. JB chasing a meeting .The Transportation Spokesperson at ELC is now Cllr McMillan. Peter Forsyth has transferred responsibility at ELC to Ian Lennox. JB had written to him. Peter Forsyth will also ask for a meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>Roadworks- Various works had continued with overnight closures and diversions.</p> <p>Spott to Dunbar Paths Project – 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 Immirzi 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> <p>JB had discussed the Project further with Liz Hunter of ELC on 4/7. There are connections to her work on Belhaven infrastructure. However, other aspects link into the wider masterplan being drawn up by Mike Naysmith.</p> <p>JB had had contact from Peter Branfield of Spott Village Association/East Lammermuir Community Council (ELCC). Although the section from Spott to the A1 was thought unfeasible there could still be options for the route north of the A1. He had particularly mentioned the</p>

	<p>possibility of improvements to the Eweford Underpass if a group were willing to take it forward. There may be funding from SUSTRANS/ELCC Windfarm money. JB had advised that Crispin Hayes had been in contact with JB and Sustaining Dunbar about the future of the project. and Sustaining Dunbar. She had noted some potential issues for any changes to the underpass e.g. it had been built for sole use of the farmer but has seen increasing use by cars, particularly since the building of housing at Hallhill with the potential of further pressures once housing is built at Hallhill North, it is maintained by Bear/Transport Scotland rather than ELC, it is on the boundary of ELCC/DCC and West Barns CC and thus would Fred Olsen monies be available as they are solely for ELCC, there is likely to be further housing development at Eweford farm in the future which may change the layout of the U194.</p> <p>A meeting is to be arranged with Crispin Hayes, Sustaining Dunbar and JB.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 11th July – JB and GW (part meeting) had attended. The only other attendee was Fiona O’Donnell. Susan Woods the ELC note taker had also been present. Apologies had been for several reasons including Covid. They had had a brief discussion.</p> <p>Future of Belhaven Hospital/Engage- Planning for an Ageing Population – JB and GW had noted concerns about the recent newsletter and non availability of the mentioned Report despite requests to see it. It had been hoped that Jane Ogden-Smith of ELHSCP, Martin Hensman of Hub South East and Marilyn McNeill from the IJB and the Change Board would have been at the meeting. There was a general discussion about the operation of the Community Hospitals and Care Homes Change Board which meets in private and has no public minutes. Its website is out of date and there has been much slippage on its published Consultation and Engagement Plan. JB had agreed to write to Peter Murray (copied to Cllr Akhtar) as Chair of the IJB/Chair of the Change Board to request more information and to remind him of his promise of Co-Production with communities at the December 2018 IJB meeting.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Information Event – Jo Waddell had been unable to attend. Fiona was happy to being involved in planning as VCEL Liaison.</p> <p>Next Meeting – 2 pm on 22nd August. JB will investigate this being a hybrid event with Stevie McKinlay.</p> <p>(Post meeting – Gibb Room at Bleachingfield booked for Hybrid meeting- time changed to 1-3.</p> <p>JB had discussed event with Stevie McKinlay who is happy to be involved. Bleachingfield Centre could be available)</p> <p>Meeting Centres- for People With Dementia</p> <p>Meeting June 30th- JB, TP and GW had attended.</p> <p>TP had updated on Great Expectations 2.</p> <p>JB had noted the Engage- Planning for an Ageing Population Newsletter and Report. She and GW noted that the suggestion that East Lothian had enough care home beds to meet need for the next few years did not seem to reflect the experience in Dunbar and East Linton Ward. GW noted concern that people were being separated from their families to go to care home and hospital places elsewhere which was cruel. Lack of regular contact with family members could have a negative impact on those with dementia.</p> <p>There was discussion about the wide range of existing supports for those with dementia and carers in Dunbar. It was thought important to consider gaps to avoid duplication. Villages may need options. JB noted the new Bite and Blether proposed for West Barns and proposals for Innerwick. There could be space for dementia inclusive activities like these- an early intervention/ prevention approach. This could offset concerns about stigma.</p> <p>Initial planning for a Meeting Centre based at DGS will continue.</p> <p>JB noted the Health Event planned for Dunbar by Jo Waddell. This could include dementia activities and it was agreed JB, Jo Waddell and Sue Northcott of DFEL would discuss further.</p>

It was also suggested that an East Lothian wide DFEL gathering may be arranged for the Dunbar area.

Next meeting - TBA

Intergenerational Working

Weekly meal sessions continue at DGS. They are being held at lunchtime during the summer school holidays. Some visits to places of interest are also being organised which are appreciated by those who go on them.

Meeting on July 14th – JB had attended.

There had been a presentation from Kate Mannerings of Percussion Play who produce outdoor musical instruments for a range of settings e.g. schools, care homes, parks, community gardens. Music making has a range of benefits for all age e.g. to encourage motor skills, communication and interaction. There was a discussion as to where they might be sited in East Lothian to benefit a range of age groups e.g. Belhaven Community Garden, Lauderdale Park. There was a discussion about funding e.g. windfarm monies.

Next Meeting- 2 pm on 18th August

Analytical Exchange/Great Expectations 2. TP had circulated a 2nd draft. Efforts are still being made to get data. TP had also contacted ELHSCP for more information on the Mental Health Review and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Group Chairs

Meeting on 22nd June – JB had attended

ELHSCP Link. Laura Kerr had been expected to attend to give an update but she had given apologies. Bruce Dickie had been unavailable.

Great Expectations – Hilary Smith of North Berwick Coastal and JB had given an update. There was concern about the lack of response from GPs in both wards to the request for data.

Engage- Planning for an Ageing Population – JB had noted the newsletter and link to yet another consultation. Concerns were shared about the reference in the newsletter to the Report being presented to the Change Board suggesting that current numbers of care home and hospital beds in East Lothian were enough for the next few years. She had asked to see the report without success. Concern was noted that the Change Board met in private with no public minutes. It was not known who had written the report or its evidence base. The comments in the Newsletter differed from the experience in Dunbar and East Linton ward. JB noted that Great Expectations 1 had been sent not the Health Minister and ELHSCP with requests to meet.

Walking Festival. Hilary Smith had updated of progress. Walks are being arranged in each Ward and those present were asked for suggestions to include.

Dunbar Health Event- JB had outlined initial ideas for this as suggested by Jo Waddell.

Next Meeting – 2 pm on August 31st

Dunbar Day Centre

The AGM had been held on June 21st. JB, SB and GW had attended. New Co Chairs will be Andrew Brown and Kirsty Summers. Richard Smeed continues as Treasurer and JB as Secretary. GW and SB remain as Trustees and have been joined by LS.

A number of new staff have started both for centre based as well as Outreach Work. The expansion of Outreach work has been funded by Scottish Government Carers Fund monies. Recruitment is currently underway for a part time Outreach post and a Cleaner.

Transport costs remain high. A staff member, Steven Wass has been looking into the possibility of the Centre buying a dedicated bus. A leaflet is to be produced to help promote fundraising. The expected cost is at least £50K.

Next Meeting – 10.30 on August 23rd.

Since the AGM Andrew Brown had become unwell. Thus Kirsty Summers will be the main Chair for a while supported by Vice Chair, Alyson Lanfear.

	<p>A leaflet promoting fundraising for the bus has been produced.</p> <p>Great Expectations 1/ELHSCP- PS had had contact with Laura Kerr seeking a meeting re DCC views on Health and Social Care matters following the submission of Great Expectations as the response to the joint consultation on Health, Housing and Local Development Plan and PS letter saying that DCC would not respond to Engage- Planning for an Ageing Population, given the number of consultations on similar themes during 2022. Date to be arranged.</p> <p>Walking Festival 17th – 21st August. Being arranged by Hilary Smith of North Berwick Coastal AP but some walks are in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward area.</p> <p>GP Link Workers- Louisa Richardson has left. She has been replaced by Dorothy Gascoigne.</p>
8.00	ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE
8.01	<p>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> –Remains in bad condition. Complaints continue. Situation will be impacted by further vehicular accesses onto the road from Hallhill North.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs prone to flooding due to subsidence</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. Linkage to the station platform is delayed by negotiations with a landowner.</p> <p><i>Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane</i> – Still needed. ELC have advised that it will not now go ahead due to technical difficulties, increased costs and proposals for a crossing at the junction of Beveridge Row/Edinburgh Road/Shore Road. JB had discussed with Liz Hunter of ELC on 4/7.</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. 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 difficult for pushchairs/wheelchairs etc. Passed to ELC. There is also a shortage of dropped kerbs at other new estates e.g.</p>

	<p>Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey where the roads and pavements are still to be adopted by ELC. JB had passed to ELC and Mike Naysmith.</p> <p><i>Pedestrian safety in Bayswell Road</i>- A member of the public had expressed concerns about the safety of those trying to cross the road between the swimming pool and Our Lady of the Waves. Passed by JB to ELC. 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. They have been infilled with tar. 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. Alan Stubbs of ELC Roads has advised that work is programmed for Scottish Power to connect the lights on August 2nd although efforts are being made to get the work done sooner. The lights will be switched on shortly after that. ELC have been advised that vegetation on the Business Centre side needs to be cut back as it is obscuring the lights.</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> <p><i>Barriers at Wingate Crescent</i>- left from Roadworks- Passed to ELC</p> <p><i>Proposed traffic Lights/crossings at Spott Road/Queens Road junction</i>. These have been funded by S75 from Taylor Wimpey as a Planning condition for Hallhill North. Much concern from nearby residents about the lack of consultation. Contact made with Ian Lennock.</p> <p><i>Large hole in pavement beside 4 Letham Road</i>. Reported 13/7. Temporary repair made 14/7. There is subsidence related to previous BR works. BT advised to make permanent repair by Calum Redpath 14/7.</p> <p><i>Completion of works to install new High Street Bus stops</i>- Paving slabs have been removed/broken during the works. Tar infill looks unsightly. Passed to ELC 18/7.</p>
8.02	<p>Signage</p> <p><i>Lack of Signage at new estates</i>. This is causing issues for delivery drivers and emergency vehicles. Provision is the responsibility of developers. Planning Enforcement involved. Signs erected at Persimmon (Home Avenue and John Muir Gardens) July 2022. Robertson signs are still to be provided.</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 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. Replaced July 2022.</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> Although signs have appeared for those coming off the A1 at Eweford there are still issues with drivers coming via Edinburgh Road and using the concrete road into Lochend Woods. There had been problems on June 25th. Residents are keen to have signage to deter people from using the cement road. JB linking with ELC.</p>
8.03	<p>Structures</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. 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. On 10/7 a barrier was dragged across the road by a drunk and dumped in the garden of a house. Roads attended. Frank Fairgrieve of ELC Building Control and JB are chasing Four Seasons Estates management in Glasgow. On 15/7 Lee Jenkins of Four Seasons advised that following a site visit in May he was awaiting a quote from The Ridge. This would be for a programme of works – initially to repair the worst areas of the wall but to fix other stretches over a period of time.</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. Paul Grant of ELC involved.</p>
8.04	<p>Drainage</p> <p><i>A drain near 105 Summerfield Road</i> is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing trip hazards for pedestrians. Passed back to ELC 1/1/20 ,4/1/21. And 5/2/22.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 31st May. Stevie McKinlay had met with Calum Redpath of Roads who will discuss further with the Golf Club and Amenities.</p>
8.05	<p>Vegetation</p> <p><i>Condition of Woodland between James Court and Spott Road Wall.</i> JB had chased Mike Foy, Tree Officer on 1st 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>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. Housing Officer will follow up with tenants.</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, 4/7.</p> <p><i>Overgrown vegetation at Knockenhair Road</i> is blocking the narrow pavement. Passed to ELC 19/6. Amenities had no capacity to deal with this. Calum Redpath to contact the householder to request cut back. Cut back 16/7.</p> <p><i>Hogweed</i> on land at Queens Road- Passed to Four Seasons 29/6 and removed 14/7.</p> <p><i>Hogweed</i> near railway on path between Spott Road and Beachmont Court. Passed to Network Rail 4/7.</p> <p><i>Overgrown trees at Belhaven High Street.</i> Passed to Belhaven Hill School 4/7. Head, Olly Langdon advised on 13/7 that the new groundsman had inspected and will arrange a programme for trimming the trees back and other vegetation management.</p> <p><i>Overgrown vegetation on path between Queens Road and East Links Road-</i> JB had contacted Four Seasons on 17/7 but they had advised that the area was not part of their responsibility. Passed to ELC 18/7. Gordon Whitelaw has added it to his list for cutting.</p>
8.06	<p>Coastal</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>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>Erosion by Horses/Access issues at Belhaven Bay-</i> JB had passed to Neil Clark on 10/7. On 15/7 Neil had advised that horses can make use of the wooden bridges. Works to deal with the erosion/access matters have been delayed due to ongoing sickness of a key member of staff.</p> <p><i>Barriers at Shore Road Car Park-</i> had been left behind after the car park works- Passed to ELC 4/7. Roads are to arrange removal of the barriers and a pile of earth. Chased 16/7.</p> <p><i>Restoration of the Gentleman’s Bathing Pool-</i> An approach has been made by a member of the public regarding this area below the Rocks Hotel. Some boulders need to be removed to make it safer for use as a bathing area. JB had found dialogue</p>

	<p>between George Robertson (as DELAP Chair) in August 2021 and Neil Clark of ELC who had been approached about this. Neil had contacted Naturescot as the area is part of an important geological site (SSI). They had wanted more information. Neil suggested that although a limited option may be to remove boulders it was likely that rocks would return and it may be better to do a larger scale project to mend the sluice etc. He recommended ascertaining public support for such a project. JB had circulated his message. PS seeking information from the member of the public.</p> <p><i>Water Contamination at Whitesands and Skateraw</i> on 11/7. This followed a fire at a substation in the vicinity of Torness. Public advised not to go in the water. Ban lifted on 15/7.</p> <p><i>Linkfield Notice Board</i> has weathered. Some important information eg JMCP bylaws are illegible. Neil Clark will arrange refresh.</p> <p><i>Coastal car parking.</i> There have been complaints about machines being out of order and the distance needed to go to another machine e.g. Whitesands to Barns Ness. The information on the notice board at Whitesands was found to be out of date by JB on 9/7. Neil Clark will arrange for it to be updated.</p>
8.07	<p>Lighting/Electrical</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>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 11th. Paul lanetta heard on 13/6 that the matter had ben escalated to senior management at Energetics. Still no action by 11/7. JB and ELC chasing.</p>
8.08	<p>Litter/Graffiti/Vandalism/Abandoned vehicles</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> A motor scooter has been parked near the High Street vets for a number of months. It has had a number of parking tickets. Reported to ELC 13/6.Chased 15/7. Craig Smith advised on 18/7 that the scooter is currently taxed and tested and so cannot be removed.</p>
8.09	<p><u>Transport</u></p> <p><u>Buses</u></p> <p><i>Bus Stops</i>–. Perspex has been replaced in a number of stops. Others 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>

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 Haddow was not certain if replacement was in the current programme. Information awaited from Keith Scott. New bus stops have been installed at Dunbar High Street as part of an ELC renewal programme through the new Contractor. The quality of completion of the works e.g. paving slabs removed and infilled with tar have raised public concerns. JB has passed to ELC.

Trains

East Lothian Rail Forum – June 24th JB had attended. Peter Forsyth of ELC had chaired. Cllr McMillan is now Transport Spokesperson at ELC. He and previous Spokesperson, Cllr Hampshire, were not present.

Reston Station- This had opened on May 23rd. The approach road had been renamed after Barry Forrest, RAGES Chair, who had campaigned for the station over many years.

JB asked about use of the Demand Responsive Transport Service, Pingo. It was said that it had been well used so far for people to make connections to the station from Eyemouth, Duns etc.

East Linton Station- Work is progressing. It is hoped that the station will be operational by Spring 2024. Related to the station works is the need to replace the level crossing at Markle. Discussions were ongoing with landowners for land purchase to enable this. In the meantime, survey work is ongoing. It is intended to submit a planning application in later 2022. It is essential to resolve the situation at Markle in order for east Linton Station to be functional.

Dunbar Station Developments

Access to Southern Platform- Approvals are in place for the paths network. Negotiations are ongoing with a landowner to gain access to the site perimeter. Network Rail/Scotrail still need to consider works needed within their land envelope. Scot Prentice of Scotrail said that they were committed to encouraging active travel. JB noted contacts by the Community Rail Partnership (CRP) with Community Rail Network (CRN) regarding promotion of active travel to the station, including the southern platform.

Car Park Extension – JB queried progress. Alasdair Young of Scotrail advised that the extension would not be going ahead- the project was not economically viable.

Scotrail Timetable – There was discussion about the ongoing issues and service reduction. Scot Prentice said it was hoped that ASLEF would accept the pay offer and that normal services could resume in July.

May 2023 Timetable- It was hoped that this would be available for consideration in the next few weeks.

East Lothian Infrastructure Developments- Discussions are ongoing re potential improvements e.g. stations at Haddington and Blindwells. These would require realignment of the East Coast Mainline. A business case and funding would be needed for any new developments

HS2 for Scotland. There was a presentation. There is a desire for 3 hour journeys between London and Scotland. This would need cross border route investment.

Community Rail Partnership- Chair, Harry Barker had given an update.

RAGES- Chair, Barry Forrest had given an update.

Next Meeting- 10 am on November 25th

	<p>East Lothian Rail Steering Group- July 4th – JB had attended. The meeting arranged by Paul McLennan MSP was attended by rail operators, Paul McLennan & Martin Whitfield MSPs and rail activists.</p> <p>May 2023 Timetable- This was still not ready. Discussions are still ongoing between operators and DFT. It was hoped something would be available in the next few weeks. If not, the December 2022 timetable may need to be continued. It was agreed to arrange another meeting in mid August to discuss further.</p> <p>Scotrail services- The outcome of the ASLEF ballot was awaited. If the pay offer was accepted the normal timetable could resume.</p> <p>East Linton/Markle- it was noted that land ownership matters at Markle had been resolved. This will allow works to go ahead at the level crossing.</p> <p>Next Meeting – 19th August</p> <p>Services Scotrail settled their pay dispute with ASLEF on 11/7. Normal timetable should renew in the near future (around 10 days) In the meantime, strike action is expected across the UK network. Services from all operators have been affected by the July heatwave.</p> <p>Parking <i>Abbeylands Car Park</i> 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. <i>Parking at Castle Street Sheltered Housing-</i> 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. <i>Coach parking for Surf Centre-</i> 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 queried if they could park elsewhere e.g. West Barns Bowling Club And return for pick up time. JB had mentioned to Liz Hunter of ELC on 4/7. <i>Consultation</i> – ELC on 28th June had agreed to a consultation on parking. This will include consideration of parking charges for town centres which is of concern to DTA and others. <i>Parking on Belhaven High Street-</i> parking alongside the wall of Belhaven Hill School is causing a hazard and members of the public have raised concerns. JB had discussed this with Liz Hunter of ELC on 4/7. Further photos sent to Liz Hunter on 14/7 after near misses. Parking for events at Winterfield Park. There had been complaints from the public about unsafe parking for the circus in North Road on July 12th and 13th. JB had passed to ELC. Jon Fleetwood of ELC Events Planning had advised on 18/7 that parking matters could be part of SAG considerations for further large scale events.</p>
8.10	<p>Postal Services Box Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail. Installation being chased by JB.</p>

8.11	Other
	<p>Issues at New Robertson site – Issues of dust, noise, drainage etc continue and Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Broxburn residents have also raised concerns. Dust and noise issues are being raised as the new Newton Manor(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 and noise 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.</p> <p>There have been many complaints about mud on Queens Road connected to the site. In addition, the Dunbar name board has been moved away from the road by the developer. Concerns have been passed to Planning Enforcement.</p> <p>A new site entrance has been created with no warning signage.</p> <p>Occupation of houses at Newton Manor(Joyness) has led to increased sewage/stench issues between Newtonlees and the town centre.</p> <p>On 15/7 a complaint was made that hours of operation at the site were 7 days from 7.30 am. Planning Enforcement now involved as this is out with the approved hours of operation as per the Planning approval.</p> <p>JB continues to support residents.</p> <p>Lauderdale Park</p> <p>Further information awaited from ELC regarding Field in Trust status.</p> <p>A member of the public had noted disability access issues- no disability parking and the paths are rough for those with poor mobility. JB had passed to Amenities/Stevie McKinlay.</p> <p>The Space Multi Use /Skatepark/Pump Track facilities/Youth Hub. Further information awaited. The Space proposals are for Phase 2 at DunBear Park. There has been no further information on the Hallhill North Youth Hub. DCDHT are currently negotiating land transfer. In the meantime, there have been some fire-raising incidents in the woods on 12/7 where a member of the public had tried to put out a fire. The Fire brigade had attended. JB had passed information to Police, ELC, DCWG and Ken Ross. Will need monitoring for further incidents.</p> <p>Travellers- Various encampments have visited the area. JB had liaised with ELC and Police.</p> <p>An encampment had been reported at Whitesands 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) were planning the use of large stones to deter parking on the roadside. Earth bund have been built but they had led to flooding in heavy rain e.g on 2/7.</p> <p>An encampment was reported at the Old A1 in mid June. ELC/Police attended. The travellers moved on on 19th June. ELC had arranged clear up.</p> <p>An encampment was reported at Skateraw on 10/7. ELC/Police attended on 12/7. The travellers had said they would be moving on in 2-3 days. This will be monitored. Registration numbers had been taken by the Police. Black bags had been given to encourage rubbish clear up. The encampment was still in place on 15/7 and is being monitored.</p> <p>Derelict Communal Area between East Links Road and Woodbush Court. Complaints from members of the public about the unkempt area – broken fencing, weed infested, damaged wall etc. Passed to ELC 15/7. Andrew Hogarth advised on 18/7 that the</p>

	fence and lower retaining wall belong to ELHA. Amenities are to be asked to attend to the landscaping over the winter.
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p><u>Kingsmeadow Area Matters</u></p> <p>Residents Association Meeting June 23rd – JB had attended The Association took ownership of 2 Playparks after a loan from ELC enabled purchase from an individual who had bought them in error at auction. The playparks need upgrading after neglect by Greenbelt and previous owners. They plan to have an information/fundraiser event on 23rd July. JB gave advice on who to contact at ELC etc for events guidance. Work still needs to be done to secure the other playparks where the owner has not been traced through ELC. JB noted that the 2 Middlemass Road plots no longer seemed to be on the Future Property Auctions site, having been unsold for a number of years.</p> <p>Vandalism There have been ongoing issues of egging etc to property. Residents had been advised to report to Police.</p>
9.02	<p><u>Maximising East Lothians Energy Opportunities – June 27th</u> JB and PS had attended this meeting arranged by Paul McLennan MSP. JB had circulated notes. There had been a number of Break Out Groups focussing on different areas. Main points from the Groups.</p> <p>Skills- There is a need for a regional strategy with a coming together of energy companies, Colleges and other training organisations, Scottish Government, ELC etc. Clear information is needed on what skills will be needed.</p> <p>Workforce/Logistics – PS had attended this Group There were concerns about the need for planning well ahead given the number of forthcoming projects. As yet there was a lack of clarity about timescales and numbers as planning consents are still to be given. At present there would not be sufficient bed capacity in the area. Some solutions like floating hotels were mooted. Small communities like Innerwick are concerned about being overwhelmed by construction work over a number of years. It was agreed that Paul McLennan should raise concerns with Cabinet Secretary, Michael Matheson, and elicit what actions the Scottish Government will take considering the projected impact once the numbers from all projects are identified.</p> <p>Community Benefits – JB had attended this group There had been discussion about the current lack of equity in community benefit payments from energy companies. Some communities got a lot of money whereas others got none. It was noted that all on shore windfarm companies gave some monies. It was not known whether off shore companies would give to all East Lothian or to the communities most affected. This needed to be clarified. It was noted that Community Windpower were in negotiations to give £1 million per annum to alleviate fuel poverty across East Lothian. There was discussion as to whether community benefits could be used to fund retrofitting of homes to improve insulation. It was noted that an East Lothian group had been set up to consider retrofitting. There was discussion about some companies not giving any community benefits from energy production with specific reference to the Viridor ERF which as yet produced no heat and still had no clear end use for any heat that might be produced in the future. The Converter Station proposed for the SP Energy Network would be on the footprint of a once considered plastics recycling plant that would have used the heat. The Converter Station would produce no heat. There was a discussion about District heating but to date there had been no development willing to consider this option due to the high costs (£1 million per kilometre) of constructing piping to transport the heat to any point of use.</p>

	<p>There was discussion regarding the road safety aspects of the various construction projects and whether energy companies should contribute to the costs of upgrading the roads network, particularly the A1 corridor.</p> <p>Next Meeting – 12th September</p>
9.03	<p>East Lothian Educational Trust AGM and Meeting – June 27th JB had attended</p> <p>This was a Special AGM following the retiral of previous Chair, Jim Goodfellow. The Trust had not met since December 2021.</p> <p><i>Election</i> – Cllr Fiona Dugdale (Cabinet Member for Education) was elected as Chair with JB continuing as Vice Chair. It was noted that there were a number of gaps in the non ELC appointments and that some Trustees had not attended for some time. These need to be followed up.</p> <p><i>Future Administration of ELET.</i> Sarah Fortune of ELC Finance noted that ELC were no longer able to continue the administration of the trust which they had done for many years. The current Independent Examiner had been approached to take on the role. It was agreed that mor information was needed on what they may be able to offer and it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged. If they were appointed a new Independent examiner would be needed.</p> <p><i>Remit-</i> Cllr Hampshire had noted that ELET did not cover Musselburgh & Whitecraig. This was because they had not been in East Lothian at the time of ELETs foundation. To include them would need changes to the Terms of Reference. It was noted that the issue had been discussed previously. Musselburgh Common Good Fund trustees had been asked for a one off donation but this had been declined. Extra funds would be needed. Cllr Hampshire had suggested an approach to an Energy Company to invest in the trust as part of community benefit. This would need further consideration.</p> <p><i>Publicity-</i> There was discussion about the need to promote the Trust more widely.</p> <p><i>Applications-</i> A number of applications were discussed and monies awarded.</p> <p><i>Future Meetings-</i> It was agreed to aim for quarterly meetings/ <i>Next meeting</i> - TBA</p>
9.04	<p>Belhaven Matters</p> <p>Friends of Belhaven Meeting- June 29th- JB had attended</p> <p>Future of Group. There was a discussion about this. It was agreed to continue as there were still areas of concern and it was felt important for residents to have their voice heard. Some issues that had been raised as part of the Community Participation Request were still outstanding. JB noted that the group had been invited to participate in DELAP and that they were to be invited to the John Muir Country Park Advisory Group meetings. MJ has now joined DCC alongside JB.</p> <p>Coast Issues-</p> <p><i>Gabions-</i> One set had been repaired. This was being monitored. Work is needed on further gabions.</p> <p><i>Bridge to Nowhere Extension-</i> This remains of concern. It can be slippery when covered in seaweed. Sand had built up underneath which meant there was less chance of a child being sucked under. However, tides could change this. The situation is being monitored.</p> <p><i>Erosion by riders/damage to foot bridges and boardwalks/damage by horseboxes.</i> JB agreed to follow up with Neil Clark. She noted that access routes for wheelchair/buggy users were to have been improved.</p> <p><i>Dump Road wall-</i> still needs repair.</p> <p><i>Shore Road Car Park</i> – JB advised that this had been part funded from the DELAP Roads budget with the rest having come from Landscape and Countryside. She agreed to ask Roads to remove the barriers and mound of earth that had been left since completion of the work in March.</p> <p>Roads Issues</p> <p>JB noted her contact with Liz Hunter of ELC. She had found out by chance about her involvement with drawing up a master plan for Belhaven paths/roads/active travel. She</p>

advised she was meeting with her on 4/7 and that she would discuss the possibility of her meeting with residents. She noted the continued issues of signage from the Cala estate at Beveridge Row, the cancellation of the Cala funded pavement between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane and the proposal for a Taylor Wimpey funded crossing at the junction of Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.

Parking- Displacement parking by visitors continues to be an issue. JB noted the forthcoming ELC Consultation on parking.

Air B & B- There are some properties in Belhaven e.g. in Duke Street. These can cause parking, noise issues. JB advised of ELC discussions on the regulation of Short term lets. She agreed to pass on more information when available.

Sewerage & Drainage Infrastructure. There was a discussion. JB noted the history of Beltonford Water Treatment Works which serves all of Dunbar. As the town grows its capacity may need to be upgraded. It was noted that Seafield Pond may need the pumping out of excess water during heavy rain.

Snack Van- This had not yet come into place at Shore Road. JB advised that she had heard that the applicant had not yet purchased a vehicle- they were concentrating on their business at Linkfield.

Next Meeting – TBA

Site Visit With Liz Hunter of ELC -JB had met with her on 4th July

JB had found out by chance, following contact with Morag Haddow on 17/6, that Liz was working on a masterplan for the Belhaven area. This is a specific part of the wider masterplan being developed by Mike Naysmith. To date she had been looking at the findings of historic public consultations. JB had noted requests for community engagement on proposals from a number of groups- DCC, DELAP, Sustaining Dunbar, Friends of Belhaven, Spott to Dunbar Path Project. Liz said she would prefer to work up some options for discussion.

They had looked at a number of areas

Beveridge Row – lack of pavement, speeding, signage at Bayview Circus access. Liz noted that there was still consideration being given to Beveridge Row being one way (southbound) with northbound traffic using Bayview Circus. JB had noted concerns of Bayview Circus residents who had bought their properties on the understanding that the access to Beveridge Row was emergency access only. The carriageway near the affordable housing by the railway line is narrowed by on street parking. Thus a TRO would likely be contested.

Pavement Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane- JB had noted concern as to the lack of communication with residents regarding the cancellation of this project which was a planning condition of the Cala development and for which Cala had paid ELC in 2017. The grass verge is highly used. Pedestrians going between Beveridge Row and the south side of Belhaven High Street must cross the road twice. Liz advised that there had proven to be technical issues with providing a pavement e.g. changed standards for pavement widths, unstable wall of Monkscroft, position of BT box and electricity substation, building at 12/12 High Street. Thus the amount paid by Cala had been insufficient and the priority had been a pavement from Cala to West Barns which had been delivered. It would seem that the original costing for the S75 agreement had been low. JB had noted implications of this for the Hallhill North condition of an underpass from the new housing to the tree Scheme which had a large funding black hole. Liz advised of proposals to install traffic signals at the Beveridge Row/Edinburgh Road/Shore Road junction. JB had noted the need to consider this proposal in relation to the bus stop at Beanston Cottage.

Shore Road/Edinburgh Road- There are ideas to widen the access of Shore Road onto Edinburgh Road given the accident history. The land belongs to ELC/JMCP.

Shore Road Car Park- Consideration may be given to altering the entrance.

Bridge to Nowhere parking- This may become Blue Badge only to deter campervan parking.

Back Road- A pavement could be considered for part of this. However, a house would make a full stretch pavement difficult to provide. JB noted the current drainage problems of the DELAP pavement. Consideration might again be made to closing Back Road to all but

	<p>pedestrians/cyclists. JB had noted that the road is an essential route if Belhaven Road/Belhaven High Street is closed for any reason.</p> <p><i>Belhaven High Street</i> – Parking issues noted opposite the Brig and Barrell. This causes a hazard. Double yellow lines may be needed. There is no safe crossing point at the Brewery Lane/Duke Street/High Street area. Sight lines to turn out from Brewery Lane are limited, particularly to turn right. The area is highly used by large lorries going to the Brewery. The surface is in need of renewal.</p> <p>Liz agreed to keep in contact. She has limited time to work on the masterplan due to other commitments.</p>
9.05	<p><u>Poverty Matters</u></p> <p><i>Dunbar Meeting 5th July</i> – JB had attended this meeting arranged by Paul McLennan MSP. Others present included reps from Dunbar Foodshare ,Salvation Army Debt Advice Service, Rev Hall from St Anne’s Church, Kate Darrah and Maggie McCole from the Ridge and Rhona Bell from Dunbar Rotary.</p> <p>This was an initial meeting to ascertain interest in a Dunbar and East Linton Ward Poverty Forum. This was felt to be a useful mechanism to discuss poverty needs in the ward which have been increasing, to share knowledge and develop positive actions to support local people in need.</p> <p>There had been an initial sharing of what each group did. There were common themes e.g. need for information, issues of volunteer capacity.</p> <p>There was discussion about different aspects of poverty e.g fuel poverty, poor housing, in work poverty, complexities of the benefit system, poverty related to old age and disability, costs of rural transport. Rhona had mentioned clothes poverty and the Zero Waste Big Pick initiative had been mentioned.</p> <p>It was suggested that VCEL may be able to help recruit volunteers.</p> <p>Maggie outlined the Signal materials recently funded by DELAP. They had previously held budgeting workshops.</p> <p>An event to bring together resources for those giving assistance was suggested. This might link in to a Recovery event being arranged by The Ridge in September. JB mentioned the VCEL Poverty Conference planned for 8th September.</p> <p>Paul McLennan had noted discussions with Community Windpower regarding a £1 million per annum fund to alleviate fuel poverty across East Lothian.</p> <p>Paul McLennan noted ongoing discussions regarding retrofitting of properties involving the Energy Savings Trust.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> – 19th August</p> <p><i>East Lothian Meeting on 6th July</i> – JB had attended this meeting arranged by Paul McLennan in Tranent. Also present were ELC Officers and reps from a range of organisations e.g. Citizens Advice. Women’s Aid, Support from the Start.</p> <p>Many of the themes had been similar to the Dunbar discussions. It was hoped that local and East Lothian wide discussions may be married together into a route map for the County.</p> <p>Paolo Vestri of ELC had outlined the East Lothian Poverty Plan and various initiatives in the County e.g payments for fuel costs. It was hoped that Area Partnerships would incorporate Poverty initiatives into their local plans and identify local Poverty Champions.</p> <p>There was discussion about difficulties in dealing with fuel debt, particularly for those on Pre Paid meters.</p> <p>There was discussion about how to support those who may be hard to reach with assistance e.g. due to stigma. It was noted that some rural residents may have difficulty accessing support services.</p> <p>There was a discussion about digital poverty and the increased complexity of the benefit system much of which requires access to the internet.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the increased pressures on County foodbanks and alternative ways to help food poverty e.g. vouchers rather than food parcels.</p>

	<p>There was a discussion about involving those with lived experience in planning poverty strategies/initiatives.</p> <p>Next Meeting- TBA</p>
10,00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
	<p>Via Facebook- various. Travellers on Old A1.JB had responded</p> <p>Dunbar Community Bakery- Newsletter</p> <p>Yunyao Feng- Seeking information on volunteering in Dunbar for University dissertation. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Further issues regarding access to Hallhill Centre on June 25th.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various - dangerous potholes. JB had responded</p> <p>Peter Moore, ELC Finance- seeking DCC accounts</p> <p>Penny Short, ELC- Seeking DCC dates for Cllr Collins. JB had responded</p> <p>Scottish Communities Alliance – Newsletters</p> <p>Dunbar RFC- Seeking sponsorship for their Centenary year.PS had responded.</p> <p>Jo Moulin, ELC- Summer Exhibition “Darkest Dunbar” at Townhouse. JB and MJ had attended the Preview</p> <p>Jo Waddell, DTA- Re SOLE and Parking- JB had responded</p> <p>Laura Kerr, ELHSCP- Meeting re “Great Expectations”</p> <p>Owen Rowe- Seeking information on Ironside Way correct Postcode. JB had responded- on new Robertson site</p> <p>Via Facebook- Rhona McDonald – Concerns about upkeep of public area between East Links Road and Woodbush Court. JB had responded</p> <p>Peter Branfield- Spott Community Association- Route through the Eweford tunnel. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Road safety at Belhaven High Street. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Flooding at Pine Street, Whitesands, North Road in heavy rain. JB had responded</p> <p>Various- unfinished work at Shore Road Car Park (barriers and earth left behind) JB had responded</p> <p>Various- Condition of Hospital Road- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various -Concerns about Out of Order Parking Fee machines at Whitesands. JB had responded</p> <p>Brake – Newsletter</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Paton, Divisional Commander- Letter to Community Councils</p> <p>Association of Scottish Community Councils – Newsletter</p> <p>Dunbar Community Woodland Group – Newsletter</p> <p>Philip Mellor, DTA- Concerns about proposed changes at Spott Road Junction (Traffic signals)- JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook-Variou- Hogweed concerns. JB had responded</p> <p>VCEL- Newsletter</p> <p>Jim Pattison, Garvald CC- Demand Responsive Transport. JB had responded.</p> <p>Anne Creedican- Seeking funding for Tuesday Soup Group at Parish Church (Mental Health support) JB had responded</p> <p>W Cuthbertson- Rock clearance at old bathing pool site to facilitate sea bathing. PS had responded</p> <p>Sandy Baptie, ELC- Weather update</p> <p>Laura Alderman, STV – Bank issues. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook-Variou- Concerns about Four Seasons wall- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Variou – Traveller encampments- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Paul Stewart- Barriers left by workmen at Wingate Crescent – JB had responded</p> <p>Tom Dickson, RAGES- Seeking information on Dunbar Station car park extension- JB had responded</p>

ELC/Torness- Safety alert on access to sea at Thorntonloch and Skateraw following a failure at Torness substation.

VCEL- Poverty Conference on September 8th

Sarah Madden- Fire at Lochend Woods. JB had responded

High Street resident- Housing Concerns – JB had responded

Various- Stench near station. JB had responded.

LNER- Rail Conference September 6th – JB had responded

Various- noise and dust issues at Robertson Homes building site. JB had responded.

Olly Langton- Belhaven Hill School – re overgrown trees/meeting up. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Various- Hole in pavement at Letham Road. JB had responded.

Jo Waddell, DTA- query re forthcoming parking consultation. JB had responded

Various- Problem parking in North Road by attendees of Big Kid Circus JB had responded

Bear- various Roadworks on A1

Scott Kennedy, ELC- Weather update

Via Facebook- Sheila Tait- Overgrown vegetation on slope between Queen’s Road and East Links Road. JB had responded.

Various- Complaints about the quality of installation work for the new High Street bus stops. JB had responded.