



DUNBAR
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL

Community Council Open Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 15th August 2022
7 pm Council Chambers, Dunbar Town House

PRESENTATION – Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)

Colin Gilmour -Senior Officer, Regeneration , ELC Economic Development

Colin gave an introduction to the Scheme which was still in development. Following the meeting he shared a community information briefing. This is attached following the meeting minutes. Enquiries can be submitted to Regeneration@eastlothian.gov.uk.

Overview

CARS is a partnership project between ELC and the Dunbar community which has been awarded over £1 million by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) to deliver regeneration improvements in Dunbar town centre.

CARS is focussed on a range of conservation and heritage projects on and around Dunbar High Street over a 5 year period with a total investment of just under £1.5 million - HES (£1,113,949) and ELC (£350,000). CARS will launch before the end of 2022 when a project Leader is appointed by ELC and will run until March 2027.

Funding will be made available for:

- * Project Officers to administer the Scheme.
- *Priority Building Projects
- *General Repair Grant Scheme
- *Community Heritage Education-
- *Traditional Skills
- *Public Realm
- *Project Management by ELC

In answer to questions Colin confirmed:

- *DCC/DTA would be kept informed at all stages to enable them to communicate with the public.
- *The project would be led by a community steering group, still to be recruited.
- *ELC will deliver a detailed community information session before applications are invited for funds.
- *Repair costs would not be funded retrospectively.
- *Tenders for repair works would have to be obtained by owners but ELC would endeavour to assist in identifying contractors with a track record for conservation repairs AND a willingness to work.
- *Grants may be in the region of 70% of applicable works but this would need to be confirmed.

DCC members noted that, together with DTA and DELAP, a great deal of volunteer time over the last 6 years had been spent trying to understand and address the fabric needs of Dunbar High

Street. The High Street painting project of 2018 had been very successful in lifting the feel of the street but it was recognised that much more needed to be done including:

- *Gutter and downpipe clearance with repairs to prevent water damage to facades.
- *High Street lighting replacement (not CARS but needs to be integrated).
- *Improvements to closes.
- *Identification of improvements to shop fronts (Not CARS).
- *Addressing the complexities of delivering projects on buildings with shared ownership/tenancy.

PS, on behalf of DCC, thanked Colin for his presentation. DCC looked forward to working with ELC on this exciting project.

Community Council Meeting

Ref	Item	
1.00	SEDERUNT – Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Kevin Searle (KS), Mark James (MJ), Sanchita Patjoshi (SP), Terry Prior (TP), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ), Anouska Woods (AW) (Community Windpower), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Fiona O'Donnell (FO)(VCEL), Colin Gilmour (ELC), Mike Shaw, Liz McLean, Kim Borwick (Members of the Public).	
1.01	Welcome PS welcomed all to the meeting. A particular welcome was given to Colin Gilmour who would give a presentation on the CARS Scheme and members of the public who had joined the meeting.	
1.02	Apologies – Stevie McKinlay (Connected Communities Manager), Lesley Stocks. PS noted that Lesley had sadly tendered her resignation on health grounds. (See 8.05 Vacancies).	
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 – July 18th 2022	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> – None	
3.02	<u>Adoption - ADOPTED</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - KS • 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 sent a card to the family of John Band • JB had written to Neil Clark to advise that DCC would be interested in exploring restoration of the Gentleman's Bathing Pool. 	
3.04	<u>Matters arising not covered in agenda</u> – None	
4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
4.01	Cllr Norman Hampshire - 1) Action Update – <i>Hallhill Signage Solution</i> – NH noted that signage was in place to direct people who came off the A1 through the Hallhill estates to the Centre.	

	<p>Centre staff had reported no concerns from members of the public attending events.</p> <p>NH advised that the situation would be resolved in the near future as the developer would be moving on to site. Hospital Road would be closed to all but construction traffic and diversion routes for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists would be brought into play. There would be a one way route for construction traffic which would not make use of the Yosemite Park/Brodie Road route. The closure of Hospital Road would last throughout construction works.</p> <p>2)Report – NH said he had no formal report. He would respond to the questions and concerns at 4.04.</p>	
4.02	<u>Cllr Donna Collins</u> – Not present	
4.03	<p><u>Cllr Lyn Jardine</u> –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Action Update – <i>Clarification and Simplification of Processes for Events</i> (Held over from July Meeting). LJ advised that she had found information on the ELC website. It was not easy to locate. She had asked for a clearer link to the information and for a checklist of what organisers needed when planning events. 2) Report–LJ advised that she was still getting up to speed on the role of a Councillor. 	
4.04	<p><u>Questions/Concerns to Councillors – Some items carried over from July</u></p> <p>1)ELC involvement with Paul McLennan’s Energy Forum Initiative</p> <p>PS noted that DCC and Dunbar Trades Association had concerns, particularly regarding the implications for accommodation requirements for the number of workers who might come to Dunbar for the extensive period of works for the various projects. She felt it was vital to plan ahead and for the meetings to be proactive rather than just discussion.</p> <p>NH advised that ELC Officers were engaged in the discussions. Efforts were being made to get clearer information from companies on the likely number of workers and the timeframes involved. This was not easy e.g. SP Energy Networks had withdrawn their application for a Branxton substation, SSE Renewables were making changes to their Berwick Bank proposals.</p> <p>LJ noted that she was actively involved as Paul McLennan MSP’s Head of Office.</p> <p>2)Parking and traffic management –</p> <p><i>a)Update on proposed consultation including proposals for Town Centre parking charges</i> . NH advised that this was delayed. He advised that different communities had different needs and these would need to be recognised in taking forward any proposals. As yet there were no firm proposals. Ideas would be progressed based on dialogue with communities.</p> <p><i>b)Cancellation of Station Car park extension</i> – It was noted that Network Rail had cancelled plans to extend parking into Foggo’s Yard which had been proposed for many years. This was related to the cost of drainage works. The cancellation had come to light at a Rail Forum meeting when JB had requested an update. Members expressed concern about this. It was felt that provision of improved parking facilities at the Station were vital to resolving wider parking issues and also encouraging the use of train travel. LJ agreed to get further information.</p> <p><i>c)Spott Road/Newhouse Terrace crossing-</i> There had been concerns from residents regarding proposals for crossings at Queens Road and Spott Road. Ian Lennock had been contacted to arrange a meeting. NH advised that there were no firm decisions about proposals for the area and the community would be consulted.</p> <p><i>d)Cancellation of pavement between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.</i> This had been a planning condition of the Cala Estate in 2017 and Cala had paid ELC at that</p>	LJ

	<p>time to do the work. JB had been advised by ELC Officer, Liz Hunter, on 4/7 that cancellation was due to increased costs and technical matters e.g. the stability of the wall of Monkscroft which runs alongside. Members noted the importance of the pavement as a safe route for pedestrians. NH said he was not aware of the cancellation, and he agreed to investigate.</p> <p>d) <i>Can parking issues be considered for major public events to ensure minimal disruption to residents/public safety? – e.g. Winterfield Circus, Music Festival.</i> LJ advised that she would ask for this to be included in information for event organisers.</p> <p>3) Belhaven Hospital – Suspension of Care Home and NHS bed services in August. This followed issues with water quality at the site. Bacteria had been noted in taps. TP commended NHS Lothian/ELHSCP for prompt action in moving patients and residents from the site. JB noted issues of communication with the community- those directly affected had been communicated with but the wider community had had no clear information leading to concerns to a point of suspicion. JB had noted the need for clear communication from ELHSCP/ELC/IJB. LJ said that she had asked for a briefing for elected members. TP had noted the need for clear use of language on the situation. The ongoing situation remained unclear. Information had been requested. LJ noted that she was a member of the IJB and she would be asking for information including a briefing for elected members.</p> <p>4) CAPP Meetings – What is the plan for reinstating these? Members expressed concern that there had been no CAPP meeting since February 1st. Community priorities had not been actioned. There was concern that the CAPP had been an important point of communication between Police and Community. This communication was now missing, especially as Police Officers no longer attended DCC meetings. There had been no Police Report for the last 2 DCC meetings. NH advised that CAPP could not purposefully meet without Police Officers being in attendance. There were issues with Police Officer staffing in the locality. He had discussed the situation with local Police Commander, Chief Inspector Jocelyn O'Connor, and he could do so again. LJ also agreed to raise with Jocelyn O'Connor.</p> <p>5) High Street Bus Shelters –Concerns about pavement reinstatement- JB advised that Callum Redpath of ELC had stated that work would be done once there were a number of similar works to progress across the County.</p> <p>6) Station Road Stench- This had been ongoing for over a year following the connection of the Newton Manor estate to the main system. JB noted that Scottish Water were to replace manhole covers on 6th September. However, issues had been longstanding with problems between Newtonlees Steading, where the private septic system had been damaged by construction works, and the Station. NH advised that he would raise matters at a forthcoming meeting with Scottish Water.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>LJ</p> <p>LJ/NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
5.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – See Community Report 1.00	
5.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions</u></p> <p>AELCC Bank Account- Had been wound up. Each Community Council will get a £38.55 share of 2771.14. JB had sent details to Ralph Averbuch, Chair of AELCC.</p>	
5.02	<p><u>Requests for Support for consideration:</u></p> <p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u> – None</p> <p><u>Community Benefits Fund</u></p> <p>AS had circulated the 6th quarterly report.</p> <p>DGS Battlefields Trip- had been approved off line and paid.</p>	

6.00	COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and added The Community Report provides information and updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Finances • Community Police • Planning • DCC Initiatives/Projects • Community Projects • Health and Social Care Provision • Roads and Infrastructure maintenance • Record of meetings attended • Correspondence received 	
6.01	<u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters: None</u>	
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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22/00766/HSC- Application by EDF to store hazardous substances at Torness. JB had circulated information. It was for gas, oil etc. Members had no concerns. Branxton Substation- SP Energy Networks had withdrawn the application. New plans will be submitted in due course. Bayswell Hotel- JB would represent DCC at the meeting on 16/8. She noted that she had had meetings with local residents concerned about the proposals. 	
7.02	<u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion - None</u>	
8.00	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.01	Community Health and Social Care Provision <i>Planning for an Ageing Population/Great Expectations 1 Meeting.</i> It was noted that TP, PS, AS, JB and GW would attend a meeting with Laura Kerr and Bruce Dickie of ELHSCP on 6 th September to discuss proposals for the future care of older people. Feedback will be given at the September DCC meeting. <i>Planning for an Ageing Population Consultation – JB outlined forthcoming meetings</i> Online session- 11.00 to 12.30 18 th August In person session - 9 am on 5 th September at Bleachingfield Online session for carers – 11-12.30 on 5 th September	
8.02	Website <ol style="list-style-type: none"> George Robertson wished members, who had not already done so, to submit photos and biographies for the website. He also wished a group photo but PS felt that this should not be taken until vacancies had been filled. A new webmaster is needed following the resignation of Paul Gillon. George is continuing in the interim. 	
8.03	Restoration of Gentleman's Bathing Pool. JB advised that Neil Clark of Landscape and Countryside was seeking information on permissions from Naturescot. PS said that a Community Champion was needed to take the project forward. She had not heard further from the member of the public who had raised the matter via the DCC website. MJ said that he could discuss with wild water swimmers like Salty Sisters. He also said that he had been looking at facilities in towns like Cellardyke.	MJ JB

	JB agreed to advise Neil Clark that a Community Champion was being sought to progress a project.	
8.04	Cycle racks Ian Lennox had advised on £10K per Area Partnership for cycle racks. Suggestions needed to be with JB and DELAP by the end of September. There was a discussion about potential sites in the High Street and Harbour. High Street sites needed to take account of positions needed for cherry pickers to install the Christmas Lights. It was agreed that AS, MJ and GA would consider possible locations and feed back to JB as DELAP Chair.	AS/MJ/GA
8.05	Vacancies Lesley Stocks had sadly tendered her resignation on 15/8 which gave 2 vacancies. It was agreed that consideration should be given to the skills/knowledge set of new Community Councillors that would benefit DCC. Areas that would be of benefit included IT skills and younger people.	ALL
8.05	Sustaining Dunbar Film Night “Riverwoods” -19th August – MJ advised members of this event.	
8.06	Restoration of Anderson Family Monument at Parish Church SB noted that this important memorial to the Andersons of Winterfield House needed some repairs. They had been veterans of Waterloo. It was agreed that SB should make investigations. GA noted concerns about DCC having involvement. He said that a number of memorials at Deerpark were in need of TLC. He agreed to give SB information so that their condition might be raised with ELC.	SB/GA
9.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
9.01	September 19 th 2022 – JB noted that this would be a public holiday. It was agreed that there would be a virtual meeting on Zoom. AS agreed to set up a link. PS would minute Apologies – JB.GW	AS

ELC -DUNBAR CARS- PRE LAUNCH PROJECT INFORMATION – AUGUST 2022

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following information provides an overview of the imminent delivery phase of the Dunbar Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS); its background; current status; and key actions to progress towards a launch of the scheme in Autumn 2022.

The project is being delivery by East Lothian Council’s Economic Development team, coordinated by the Senior Officer – Regeneration. Day to day delivery of the scheme will be implemented by dedicated project officers funded by Dunbar CARS.

2.0 OVERVIEW

Dunbar Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) is a partnership project developed by East Lothian Council (ELC) with the local community, which was awarded over £1million of funding from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) to deliver a programme of heritage led regeneration activities in Dunbar town centre.

Dunbar CARS is focused on a range of heritage and conservation based regeneration activities within the town centre over a five year period. The scheme will offer grant aid towards repair works to traditional buildings as well as supporting complementary initiatives, such as Community Heritage Projects and Traditional Skills Training, to increase awareness and understanding of the town’s rich heritage. The project has an overall budget of just under £1.5million, funded by Historic

Environment Scotland (£1,113,949) and East Lothian Council (£350,000) and will run until March 2027.

Dunbar CARS is sub divided into the following delivery elements:

- Priority Building Projects
- General Repair Grant Scheme
- Community Heritage Education
- Traditional Skills Training
- Public Realm
- Project Management

2.1 Priority Building Projects

Funding has been allocated to specific buildings identified during the **Dunbar CARS** bid process as being located in prominent positions and currently having an adverse impact on the town centre due to their condition or appearance. The scheme aims to help these buildings establish a sustainable future as well as demonstrating the benefits of Heritage Led Regeneration. The grant support available for Priority Building Projects is ring fenced for each project and applications can be developed, submitted, assessed and offers made at any point during the delivery phase of **Dunbar CARS**. The current identified Priority Building Projects will be subject to regular review and, where necessary, funding will be reallocated to an alternative project if progress cannot be made, subject to approval from Historic Environment Scotland.

2.2 General Repair Grant Scheme

A package of funding has been allocated within Dunbar CARS to support traditional building repairs. The General Repair Grant Scheme will be open to all traditional properties located within the defined CARS area however priority will be given to projects which bring empty floor space back into use. Applications will be invited in a series of rounds and will be assessed and scored via a set of criteria. (including need, impact, inhabited status, quality and deliverability) The maximum level of funding support available for each project will be identified in advance of the formal Dunbar CARS launch following assessment and review of the projected outputs for the scheme and the anticipated deliverability of funded projects.

It is anticipated that the deadline for the first round of submissions will be 31st December 2022 with grant offers issued to successful applications in January 2023 for delivery on site in spring 2023. Further rounds will likely be developed on a quarterly basis throughout the remainder of the year (March, June, September & December)

2.3 Community Heritage Education

Complimentary to the main traditional building repair focus for Dunbar CARS will be the delivery of a programme of Community Heritage Education activities. These activities will be identified and developed with the local community and delivered by the Dunbar CARS Project Officer(s) and third party partners as appropriate. The aim is to create a programme of activities that will inspire and enthuse the widest possible demographic within the community, increasing the knowledge and understanding of the towns rich history and underpinning the potential for future heritage activities linked to the continued regeneration of the historic town centre.

2.4 Traditional Skills Training

Dunbar is in a very strong position with regards Traditional Skills Training opportunities due to the presence of the Ridge, a charitable foundation aimed at helping upskill members

of the local community. Dunbar CARS will work closely with the Ridge to both support, and where possible enhance their current training delivery, as well as identify new and relevant opportunities to increase the knowledge and skills in relation to the appropriate repair of traditional buildings within the community. There are many potential opportunities for Traditional Skills Training including, but not limited to, direct specialist conservation skills training with local contractors, hands on workshop experience sessions with young people and engagement with property owners in the appropriate care and maintenance of the historic environment.

2.5 Public Realm

Dunbar CARS includes delivery of a limited intervention to assist in improving the public realm of the High Street / Conservation Area. Whilst the public realm allocation is modest for the scheme it will have a significant impact on the High Street. Further development of the public realm element for Dunbar CARS will take place, including discussions with the local community, after the scheme is formally launched. The CARS funding for public realm improvements may be used as leverage to access funding from other sources, thereby increasing the scope of any works.

2.6 Project Management

East Lothian Council have significant experience in the management and delivery of regeneration projects, in particular the delivery of CARS projects. (Haddington, Tranent & Cockenzie)

A dedicated project officer(s) will be appointed for Dunbar CARS to assist with the delivery of the projects various elements. The project officer will be responsible for all day to day aspects of Dunbar CARS including engagement with property owners; assessing grant applications, making grant offers & processing grant claims; developing / coordinating / delivering community heritage education and traditional skills training activities; monitoring the Dunbar CARS budget and financial transactions; reporting progress to key stakeholders and providing updates on the scheme within the local community.

It is the intention that a Dunbar CARS Steering Group, made up of representatives from within the community, East Lothian Council and other key delivery partners will be established to help ensure that the direction for the delivery of Dunbar CARS is appropriate and relevant to meet the aims and objectives for the scheme within the local community.

3.0 CURRENT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Dunbar CARS was awarded funding by Historic Environment Scotland in 2020. Due to the Covid Pandemic the launch of the scheme has therefore been delayed with agreement from the project funding partners.

It is now anticipated that the scheme will formally launch in Autumn 2022 with a submission deadline for the first round of repair grant applications set for the end of the year. This will allow sufficient time to pull together the Dunbar CARS project delivery team as well as allow for the development of the necessary administrative structures, documents and promotional material for the project in advance of the launch date.

East Lothian Council has successfully delivered similar schemes in Haddington, Tranent and currently Cockenzie, and the Economic Development team have significant experience in the implementation of heritage led regeneration projects.

A CARS initiative can only be truly successful if the community are fully engaged with the project and it is the intention to ensure that is the case in Dunbar from the outset.

The aim will be to develop as much of the “structural” management for the scheme in the coming months alongside regular engagement with the community and local members with the aim that the scheme is already in the public consciousness by the time of the formal launch.

Dunbar CARS will, of course, have its limitations – particularly related to the criteria developed by funding partners – however there will likely also be other opportunities for complimentary initiatives to be developed and/or delivered either concurrently with Dunbar CARS or in the future.

Harnessing the involvement and assisting to build capacity within the community will be a key output for Dunbar CARS to ensure that the community are prepared and capable to continue the regeneration of their town in the years to come.

4.0 KEY ACTIONS (UP TO THE FORMAL PROJECT LAUNCH)

The following key actions will be targeted in the lead up to the formal launch of Dunbar CARS:

- Review and finalisation of the Dunbar CARS budget allocations.
- Identification and appointment of Project Officer(s).
- Development of Dunbar CARS structural management and administrative procedures.
- Engagement with the local community and identification of potential Dunbar CARS Steering Group members.
- Development of Dunbar CARS branding, promotional material / activities, and application documentation.
- Engagement with the Ridge and other key local stakeholders in the development of community heritage education and traditional skills training potential.
- Engagement with currently identified Priority Building property owners.
- Research and review of the potential needs for property repairs within the defined CARS boundary.
- Development of an annual action plan for the delivery of year 1 of Dunbar CARS.
- Identification of potential complementary initiatives to enhance the delivery of Dunbar CARS.



COMMUNITY REPORT August 2022

This report is compiled by DCC Secretary, Jacquie 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> General Account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bank statement balance at the end of July was £159,301.86 The restricted funds held within the General account were, at the end of the month – <table> <tr> <td></td><td>£</td></tr> <tr> <td>Community Windpower Fund</td><td>138,861.67</td></tr> <tr> <td>Covid Fund</td><td>£7,855.60</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access for All Fund</td><td>£759.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities Fund</td><td>£10,238.89</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td>£157,715.16</td></tr> </table> The unrestricted funds held within the General account were, at the month end– <table> <tr> <td>Balance in the General Fund</td><td>£1,586.70</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td>£1,586.70</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL FUNDS</td><td>£159,301.86</td></tr> </table> Christmas Lights Account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bank balance at the month end stood at £ 12,344.60 Repair costs amounted to £588 in the month. The VAT refund of £1,049.90 covered this cost 		£	Community Windpower Fund	138,861.67	Covid Fund	£7,855.60	Access for All Fund	£759.00	Local Priorities Fund	£10,238.89	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	£157,715.16	Balance in the General Fund	£1,586.70	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	£1,586.70	TOTAL FUNDS	£159,301.86
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Civic Week Account:

- The bank balance at the month end was **£8,467.22**

Dunbar against Litter Account:

- The bank balance at the month end was **£2,836.56**
- The increase in funds is mainly explained by the recovery of the VAT refund in the month

A VAT Refund of £ £202.31 was paid on July 11th. This will appear in the July account.

1.02

Local Priorities Grant Scheme

Local Priority Grant applications	Amount	Review	Decision
Ridge - High Street Watering	£200	Apr	Awarded
Fishermen's monument	£400	May	Awarded
Sea Cadet paddlesport	£500	May	Awarded
Queen's Jubilee	£662	May	Awarded
DCC Shields	£888	May	Awarded
25 Pounder gun	£38	March	Awarded
Woodland futuro bins	£751	May	Awarded

Committed or under review £3,439

Local Priorities Fund available £10,238

Maximum Budget Total **£13,677**

Current year fund £10,200

Brought forward fund £3,477

£13,677

There are no new Local Priority Grant applications to consider this month.

1.03

Dunbar Community Benefit Fund

No applications to be considered this month.

AS had circulated the 6th Quarterly report.

AS had circulated information on potential future projects.

2.00

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

2.01

Police Report -None

2.02

Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) –

No Meeting since February 1st.

2.03

Police Issues

Local Policing Plan 2023-26 – JB had circulated link to the online survey

3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	<u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters - None</u>
3.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 and Edinburgh Road 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 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. The footpath between Spott Road and the housing is overgrown. 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 21/00997/PM -Golf Club 78 houses, golf club house, short course and other golf infrastructure.. To be determined. 10 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. 11 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. 12 21/01289/P - DunBear Park – 2 Retail Units. JB had circulated information and submitted a response. To be determined. 13 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. 14 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. 15 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. 16 22/00279/P – Broxmouth House, South Lodge- Formation of decked area and erection of gates. JB had submitted DCC Views.

	<p>17 22/00278/LBC Broxmouth House, South Lodge- Alteration to building and erection of gates. (Related to 28.). JB had submitted DCC views.</p> <p>18 SP Energy Networks- Branxton substation. Scottish Minister level application. The application was withdrawn on 25th July following advice from ELC. New plans will be submitted later in the year.</p> <p>19 22/00393/P – Bayswell Hotel – Extension. Many objections. Called in by Cllr Collins. Will come to August 16th Planning Committee.</p> <p>20 22/00766/HSC- Torness. Application by EDF to store hazardous substances at Torness. JB had circulated information.</p>
3.03	<u>Licensing Matters to Note</u> - None
4.00	<u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u>
4.01	<u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u> – 29 th August 2022.
4.02	<u>Scrutiny Committee Working Group</u> - This has been meeting over the summer with a view to presenting proposals for managing funding applications and the wider operation of DELAP in the Autumn.
5.00	<u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u> <i>Dunbar Community Council manages a number of projects and initiatives throughout the year.</i>
5.01	<u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team</u> Maintenance work continues. Some financial donations had been received.
5.02	<u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> – No report
5.03	<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. AS has circulated a request for the provision of 12 further bins for a cost of £4737.04 Ex VAT. .
5.04	
5.05	<u>Resilience</u> <u>Twenty Miles Per Hour</u> – Further information awaited, A number of residents have continued their objections to the 20 mph along the arterial routes and to the consultation process. <u>Spaces For People- Permanent Closure of Countess Crescent</u> . Report had gone to Cabinet on 14 th 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. <u>Remembering Together</u> – East Lothian Covid Memorial. Barbara Gardner Rowell had been appointed for Phase 1 of the Project. This is progressing over the Summer.
5.06	<u>Platinum Jubilee</u> <u>Queens Green Canopy</u> - Planting is on hold until October. JB had updated the Lord Lieutenancy on proposals.
6.00	<u>DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES</u>
6.01	<u>Dunbar High Street</u> <i>Dunbar High Street and Friends</i> – JB continues to post on the Facebook page <i>SOLE</i> - The Project had been heavily advertised during June/July/August The information on the Dunbar and East Linton section has remained scanty.

	<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 Lennock. JB had written to him. He has said he will look into it. 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 – Sustaining Dunbar are interested in taking the project further for the section between Eweford Underpass and Dunbar. Mark James and Simon Wasser had met with Crispin Hayes (Consultant) and Philip Immirzzi for a cycle tour of the area on 27th July. JB was on holiday. JB to remain involved in discussions. Crispin Hayes had been keen to submit an application to Sustrans by August 27th. However SD meeting on 20th July felt that further discussion was needed and the funding process is rolling. Following the trip on July 27th Crispin still keen to pursue an application. JB and MJ had attended a meeting on 10/8 and an expression of interest in a project submitted to Sustrans. Further detail will be agreed with the SD Board. Links have been made with Mike Naysmith who is preparing the Dunbar masterplan. It seems that a draft is nearing completion. When signed off it will be available for consultation with community stakeholders. A meeting will be arranged with him.</p> <p>JB had fed back to Peter Branfield of Spott Community Association.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 22nd August</p> <p>Meeting Centres- for People With Dementia – Dunbar discussions ongoing.</p> <p>Intergenerational Working</p> <p>.Next Meeting- 2 pm on 18th August</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 arranged for 6th September. Terry and JB had not had responses to letters sent to the Scottish Minister in May and June respectively.</p> <p>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. Laura Kerr had advised work is ongoing on these. Dementia Strategy will be for consultation in 2023.</p> <p>Joint Health and Wellbeing Group Chairs</p> <p>Next Meeting – 2 pm on August 31st</p> <p>Dunbar Day Centre – Staff recruitment is ongoing. A new part time Outreach Worker has been appointed. A cleaner vacancy has also been advertised.</p> <p>There has been a steady number of new referrals for both centre and Outreach.</p>

Consultations

Planning for an Ageing Population- Online (Teams) events had been held on 4th and 11th August.

There will be a further Online event on 18th August.

An online session for Carers will be held at 11 am on 5th September.

The online consultation remains open.

JB had advised Jane Ogden Smith of the issues of teams/Computer access and that some people would wish a face to face consultation session. A session is to be held at Bleachingfield on 5th September.

JB had written to Peter Murray (Chair of the IJB and Community Hospital and Care Home Change Board) and others asking for access to the Report on Care Home and Community Hospital Bed capacity referred to in Newsletter Number 3 which suggests that East Lothian has sufficient care home and NHS beds to meet demand for the next few years. JB has discussed concerns with Judy Lockhart Hunter, Chair of North Berwick CC and Hilary Smith, Chair of North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Health and Wellbeing Group. They share concerns about access to information in relation to the future of care homes and community hospitals. Edington has now been closed for 11 months.

JB had contacted Marilyn McNeil as a member of the Change Board with concerns.

JB had received on 9/8 via Jane Ogden-Smith an update report to the IJB on March 24th from the Change Board.

NHS Lothian have an online consultation on Health Service Strategy

Belhaven Hospital

Ward 3 JB had received community concerns from 4/8 regarding the closure of Belhaven Ward 3 in August with patients transferred to Haddington.

With difficulty JB had gained information on 9/8 that the ward had been closed due to Legionella being found in some of the taps. Assessment work was ongoing and it was not known how long any remedial work might take. In the meantime, the Ward is closed to new admissions.

The closure means that there are currently No NHS beds at Belhaven for respite, assessment, step down, all age palliative care etc. JB had passed on concerns to ELHSCP/IJB etc. She had shared information with the public, Ward community councils and other groups.

TP had also chased information on the closure and received the same information as JB.

On 11/8 information came that Ward 1 (Care home)had also been closed and patients moved to Haddington.

There is considerable community concern about the situation.

JB had written to ELC Councillors and MSPs. Cllr Collins had advised that she would be meeting with Craig Hoy who had advised that he would be meeting Fiona Wilson, Chief Officer of ELHSCP on 15/8. Cllr Jardine had advised that she had asked Fiona Wilson for a briefing. Paul McLennan was also to meet with Fiona Wilson on 15/8.

Belhaven Community Garden- Carey Douglas-Carnegie the Community Gardener, employed by Sustaining Dunbar, has been doing work with people with disabilities/mental health support needs. There is an intergenerational project between BCS/DGS and hospital staff to link patients with school pupils for activities and interaction. There are some concerns as to how the closure of the Hospital wards and ongoing plans for the future of the Hospital site may impact on the work. The loss of water to the Belhaven site has impacted on the community garden.

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.

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>issues at Yosemite Park.</i> The road has been surfaced. However, tree planting still to be completed. Tree grids and other areas are full of weeds. Street lighting still does not work Many complaints from residents. 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. On 11/8 JB heard that resurfacing of High Street is programmed for 29/8.</p> <p><i>Condition of West Port.</i> Residents of Friarsbank Terrace report continued issues of vibration sue 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 although it is not known what progress has been made on that by Mike Naymith. May need CRP funding for some aspects. Linkage to the station platform is delayed by negotiations with a landowner. This area is being considered as part of the Sustaining Dunbar proposals. They are liaising with Mike Naysmith.</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. 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. Gaps have been filled 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. Lights still not functioning on 10/8. Chased.</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>- These fill in where a fence was demolished by the bus shelter during Storm Arwen. JB chasing with 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 Lennox.</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>Quality of Installation Works for new High Street bus stops</i>. Paving slabs have been removed/broken during the works. Tar infill looks unsightly .Complaints from the public. Passed to ELC 18/7. Calum Redpath advised on 20/7 that it was a temporary measure. Permanent will be done in due course. A number of areas will be done at the same time to be cost effective</p> <p><i>Markings at Harbour area</i>. Keith Scott had met with Eric Robertson on Harbour Trust and Dave Anderson of RNLI in 2021. He had promised to refresh yellow cross hatching near the lifeboat station and parking bays. Also to paint a white line from Victoria Street to Victoria Place. Eric had contacted to advise work outstanding. JB has contacted Keith Scott for an update.</p> <p><i>New pavement by cemetery extension</i>- This has been built across the vehicle entrance point for the new cemetery. Thus there is no entrance point for hearses. JB chasing with Roads (Morag Haddow and Robbie Yates) and, Amenities and Planning. On 15/8 Andrew Hogarth advised that an entrance will be provided into the new cemetery during the current financial year. This will require digging up of the new pavement.</p> <p><i>Pavement at Parsonspool</i>. This was damaged by an uprooted tree during Storm Arwen. The tree root still needs to be removed and the pavement repaired. JB chasing.</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 still needed at 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>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. On 8/8 Lee Jenkins advised he hoped to get a quote from The Ridge soon. ON 4/8 a barrier had been thrown over the wall. JB had reported to ELC and Lee Jenkins on 8/8.</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 ,dead and missing 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 was repaired in August. However, debris still piled up beside the fence of another property allowing youths access into the resident's garden. House roof and pavement still to be repaired. Paul Grant of ELC involved.</p> <p><i>High Street Flat-</i> Water from the empty flat above is entering a private flat below. The ceiling is at risk of collapse. Passed to ELC 20/7. Tom Reid has asked Environmental Health to contact the elderly resident affected in the first instance as Frank Fairgrieve of Building Control on holiday.</p> <p><i>Storm damaged fence at Wingate Crescent/Park Avenue.</i> The Park Avenue fence had been damaged when the bus shelter was destroyed. The other fence, which offers security to the pensioner amenity flats, was also damaged. A resident has put up temporary Herres fencing. Paul Grant has advised that repairs will be made.</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. Scottish Water are to fit fully sealed manhole covers on 6/9. It seems that although this was requested in October 2021 and new covers fitted in January 2022 they had not been the fully sealed kind that had been requested.</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> <p><i>Blocked drain near Belhaven House-</i> Had been blocked solid for many months. Cleared 10/8.</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. The woodland vegetation has now grown over the wall and is blocking the footpath on Spott Road. Passed to ELC 10/8. Mike Foy had arranged to inspect and arrange cut back. The woods are to be inspected as part of a survey of ash health.</p> <p><i>Overgrown path between Cala and Beveridge Row/Edinburgh.</i> Responsibility of Cala. Passed to them and Planning. It may now be under a Factor.</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>Hogweed</i> near railway on path between Spott Road and Beachmont Court. Passed to Network Rail 4/7. Removed July.</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 advise that the area is not part of their responsibility. Passed to ELC 18/7. Gordon Whitelaw has added it to his list for cutting.</p> <p><i>Overgrown vegetation on Belhaven Road-</i> This is from a garden in Wingate Crescent. Reported to ELC as it is blocking the pavement.</p> <p><i>Fire at JMCP-</i> This had occurred on 1st August. Fire Crews had attended. Likely cause was a cigarette in the dry vegetation.</p>

	<p><i>Overgrown vegetation on path between Spott Road and Robertson/Avant-</i> JB had passed to ELC on 8/8. ELC are to clear.</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. Removed August.</p> <p><i>Restoration of the Gentleman's Bathing Pool-</i> JB had advised Neil Clark that DCC supportive of restoration. He agreed to explore permissions with Naturescot on 21/7. JB had fed back to the member of the public and asked him to contact PS.</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> <p><i>Parking for Winterfield Park Events</i> . Following the issues during the Big Kid Circus JB had queried if parking problems could be considered for future events at the Park. Jonathan Fleetwood had advised that it could be possible to include consideration in SAG meetings and to include event organisers at the meetings. Until the recent circus the organisers of the Circus and the Shows had not been asked to attend. Andrew Hogarth had advised that the organisers of a September Music Festival had been invited to a recent SAG. Roads had also expressed concerns. A Travel Plan had been requested and TTROs will be needed. There will be a further SAG to discuss this large event.</p> <p><i>Blocked drain with flooding at Linkfield toilets.</i> Kevin Searle had alerted Scottish Water who had attended. JB had advised ELC Officers as situation related to toilet blockage.</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. JB has asked for an update.</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 advised that the housing is to be replaced but there has been a delay. The area should have been</p>

	<p>fenced off for safety but despite promises to ELC Officers the area remained open. Youngsters had been seen climbing on it. JB chased further on June 11th. Paul Ianetta heard on 13/6 that the matter had been escalated to senior management at Energetics. Still no action by 11/7. JB had had further contact with Scottish Power. Jason Birch of Last Mile had contacted on 25/7 as the current sub contractor. Herres fencing had been erected on 25/7. Permanent repair is being chased by JB/ELC. It seems that there is difficulty in sourcing the particular style of cabinet.</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> <p><i>Wingate Crescent Playpark</i>- Surface safety matting had been ripped up. JB had reported to ELC on 2/8 and the damaged area had been removed that day. Gordon Whitelaw has advised that it will be repaired in due course.</p> <p><i>Fire Raising at James Court</i>- Youths (aged 12/13) have been setting fires in the vennel behind James Court- most recently on 8/8. ELC/Police informed 8/8. The youths have been accessing the area as a fence between James Court and Kellie Place was damaged in Storm Arwen. JB contacted ELC on 9/8 and the fence has been mended. There have also been fires in the woodland behind Brunt Court. DCWG had been informed.</p> <p><i>Fly tipping at 36 High Street</i>- DAL frequently report issues at the homeless unit. Romie Blair has suggested reinstatement of gates. JB contacting the housing provider.</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> <p>A bus stop at Park Avenue was damaged in Storm Arwen and removed. A temporary flag was erected in August. Keith Scott has advised that a new shelter cannot be provided until the new financial year. The budget for the current year was allocated to sites prior to Storm Arwen.</p> <p>Reinstatement of the pavement at the new High Street bus stops is still required. Callum Redpath has advised that the work will be done once there are a few areas to be worked on around the county.</p> <p>.</p> <p><u>Parking</u></p> <p><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.</p> <p><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.</p>

	<p><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.</p> <p><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. Peter Forsyth has advised that it is hoped it will go live in August.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><i>Parking beside widened pavement beside Dunbar Primary school.</i> A number of people have reported safety issues due to parking which further narrows the area. This is at school times but also overnight. JB has advised ELC.</p>
8.10	<p>Postal Services</p> <p>Box Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail. Installation being chased by JB.</p>
8.11	<p>Other</p>
	<p><i>Issues at New Robertson site</i> – 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 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 was created with no warning signage. This is now in place.</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><i>Lauderdale Park</i></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>First Responders have arranged a defibrillator for the park. Located at the café.</p> <p><i>The Space Multi Use /Skatepark/Pump Track facilities/Youth Hub.</i> Further information awaited. The Space proposals are for Phase 2 at DunBear Park. There has</p>

	<p>been no further information on the Hallhill North Youth Hub. DCDHT are currently negotiating land transfer.</p> <p>Travellers- Various encampments have visited the area. JB had liaised with ELC and Police.</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>On 19/7 Skateraw residents noted continued issues including bonfires. Also cyclists were using the main A1 rather than the cyclway to avoid the encampment. Passed on to ELC, Police and Environmental Health.</p> <p>Paul Ianetta had advised that the travellers had moved on on 21/7 and clean up would be arranged. This has been done and concrete barriers put into place.</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 fence and lower retaining wall belong to ELHA. Amenities are to be asked to attend to the landscaping over the winter.</p> <p>ELHA were to arrange an inspection visit on 26/7. JB will follow up.</p> <p>Toilets- There had been complaints about the cleanliness of the Bayswell Road toilets e.g. on Lifeboat Day there had been no toilet paper or soap and the cubicles had been dirty. Also about damage to the toilets at the Dunglass layby. Passed to ELC 18/7. Malcolm Mackenzie instructed repair at Dunglass on 21/7. ELC advised that the Bayswell Road toilets were cleaned twice a day. However, arrangements would be made to put in extra soap and paper.</p> <p>Dangerous Goal Posts at Winterfield Park. These had corroded and were in danger of collapsing. Youths had been seen climbing on them. Reported to ELC on 24/7 and removed 25/7.</p> <p>Village Halls Network – JB had contacted Stevie McKinlay and Helen Harper about this. They are to consider how it may be progressed now that Helen (who had taken on the remit) is back from sick leave.</p>
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p><u>Sustaining Dunbar July 20th</u> – JB and MJ had attended</p> <p>Belhaven Community Garden. Naomi Barnes reported on the continuing success of the gardening projects both at the Brewery and intergenerational work linking the schools, the community garden and the hospital patients/ other people with additional support needs. She is seeking funding to continue the work. Various funding sources were mentioned.</p> <p>Naomi also mentioned the possibility of extending the successful Hedgehog project to a wider one to encourage wildlife friendly gardening. It was agreed that she would seek funding support for the individual is promoting the initiative in Dunbar.</p> <p>The Community Garden had seen a growing number of volunteers. Skills workshops eg scything had been held.</p> <p>Students from Edinburgh College of Art MSC Programme in Landscape and wellbeing had been using the work of the garden/volunteers as the material for dissertations. It was felt the material produced would be useful evidence for the benefits of the garden both to volunteers but also the wider community.</p> <p>Naomi hoped to arrange some preserving sessions to make use of the fruit produced at the garden.</p> <p>Crown Estates Funding- Jo McNamara had been in discussions. The Fund can give money to Community Enterprises for feasibility studies and business case development to promote</p>

	<p>projects to sustain the local economy, community or environment. Possible areas that may be considered for a bid are Community Supported Agriculture (areas of land are being discussed) and the use of the Belhaven site. Jo will discuss further with the Fund.</p> <p>Energy- JB had fed back on the Energy meeting held on June 27th. There was a discussion about community benefits from renewables companies and also how retrofitting of properties may be funded to enhance energy efficiency.</p> <p>Spott to Dunbar Path Project. There had been discussion about this. Simon Wasser and MJ had noted their early contact with Crispin Hayes. JB had noted the history of the project and the need for a partner for developments of routes within Dunbar now that the Spott end was not being continued by Spott Community Association. It was agreed to proceed but the suggested funding application date from Crispin was felt to be too soon given the complexities of land ownership, the responsibilities of the Eweford tunnel etc. it was felt important to link with Mike Naysmith regarding his masterplan. MJ and Simon Wasser were to go on a site visit with Crispin and Philip Immirzi on 27th July. Further discussions could be held after that.</p> <p>Lochend Woods – A Naturescot funded analysis of Green and Blue Tourism in the area by Philip Immirzi in 2021 had suggested adoption of areas at Hallhill/Lochend Woods to preserve habitat. JB noted that these areas were currently part of a land transfer negotiation between Hallhill Developments and DCDHT. It was note that applications for facilities in the woods were still to be submitted by DCDHT.</p> <p>Village Hall Network- Helen Harper had been going to take this on when Ola had left DF. JB agreed to chase this with Helen and Stevie McKinlay.</p> <p>AGM- Will be on September 14th</p> <p>Next meeting- 1st September</p> <p>Post Meeting – AGM date to be rearranged</p>
9.02	<p>John Muir Birthplace Trust – 11th August JB had attended</p> <p>Visitor Numbers. These have been good. Figures are 76% of 2019 (including groups). These are better than the national trend for Scottish visitor attractions. Visitors have had a tendency to spend longer in the building, spend more in the shop and leave larger donations. There was discussion about having donation points elsewhere in the building. School visits have begun again.</p> <p>Staffing. Eleanor Affleck joined the team as replacement for Tracy Robertson on April 1st. Seasonal staff have been in place but there was a delay in full complement until June. It was felt that local seasonal vacancy advertising is more efficient than via My Job Scotand.</p> <p>Building Maintenance – Guttering had been repaired by Musselburgh Roofing with funding from the Community Intervention Fund. Further maintenance work will be needed on the roof along with external paintwork. JB advised of the CARS presentation to DCC on August 15th. Liz McLean will make contact with Colin Gilmore for clarity on how CARS may benefit birthplace repairs. It was not certain if the fund was just to renovate buildings or if work like repainting would be covered. Also if applicants may have access to the ELC list of preferred contractors.</p> <p>Events – The number of events had been cut back as Seasonal staff had not been in place. The Year of Stories had not gone ahead. There has been a programme of exhibitions which will be continuing</p> <p>20th Anniversary 2023- There was a discussion about this. Further consideration will be needed. The idea could be to start a programme of events in August 2023 and work towards the 21st birthday in August 2024. There was a discussion of possible themes for the anniversary year.</p> <p>Funding- There was discussion about this. Corporate funding would be beneficial and a letter is in preparation to local businesses etc. The upstairs display needs update. JB noted discussions at the Energy Forum being hosted by Paul McLennan MSP on community benefits from future windfarm projects etc.</p>

	<p>John Muir Country Park Advisory Group- JB had given feedback on the march meeting which she and Duncan Smeed (JMBT Chair) had attended. The next meeting will be in September.</p> <p>John Muir Way Partnership Group. Further consideration is needed for the future of the route when the Green Way Action Trust withdraw from overall management in April 2023. The John Muir Trust may take over all/some of the responsibilities. ELC will continue to maintain its part of the route but it is not known what other local authorities would do. Duncan Smeed would be attending a meeting on August 16th.</p> <p>MSP Visits – Paul McLennan and Martin Whitfield will make separate visits on August 23rd.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting - TBA</p>
10,00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
	<p>Bear- Various overnight roadworks on A1</p> <p>Marie Liston- provision of dog poo bins at Tynninghame. JB had responded</p> <p>Taylor Wimpey- Archaeological investigations at Halhill North. JB had responded</p> <p>Scottish Water- information on hydration</p> <p>Via Facebook- John Montgomery, First Responders- Defibrillator Provision at Hallhill estates- seeking contacts for sites as there are no public buildings/shops. JB had responded.</p> <p>Various- condition of public toilets at Bayswell Road and A1 near Cockburnspath. JB had responded.</p> <p>Scottish Communities Alliance- Newsletters</p> <p>Various- Information on Planning for an Ageing Population online events and reminders of the consultation.</p> <p>Various- Concerns about traveller encampments. JB had responded</p> <p>VCEL- Newsletter</p> <p>Sustaining Dunbar- Newsletter</p> <p>Hilary Smith- Walking Festival Newsletter</p> <p>Friendly Food Network- Newsletter</p> <p>Jonathan Spink, Grayling- Withdrawal of Planning application for Branxton Substation by SP Energy Networks.</p> <p>Via Facebook—Various - Station Road stench- JB had responded</p> <p>Debbie Adamson, Friends of Winterfield- Dangerous goalposts at park. JB had responded</p> <p>ELC Roads – various roadworks/TROs</p> <p>Via Facebook- - Information on benefits- JB had responded</p> <p>Various- Concerns about closure of Belhaven ward 3. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Jeffrey Rogan- vandalism at Wingate playpark</p> <p>Via Facebook- various- Fire at JMCP- JB had responded</p> <p>Lucy Higginson, ELC Equalities and Tackling Poverty Policy Officer- Benefits information courses</p> <p>Cllr Jardine- information on money advice support from Money Advice Scotland.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Richard Koch- Concerns about missing Park Avenue bus stop. JB had responded</p> <p>James Page- Thanks for funding for Land Art festival/Stonestacking</p> <p>Various- Seeking update on Skatepark/Youth hub development- JB had responded</p> <p>1 Bike 1 World -Request for Light Display for Nula the Cat and her owner Dean- Christmas Lights had responded</p> <p>ELC- Consultation on Adult Venues Policy</p> <p>Kirsty Summers- Concerns about overgrown vegetation on Belhaven Road (from Wingate Crescent) JB had responded</p> <p>Eric Robertson- Markings at Harbour. JB had responded</p> <p>Ian Lennock via Stevie McKinlay- Funding for Cycle racks</p> <p>Chris Bruce, East Lammermuir CC- AELCC Meeting re Windfarm Benefits. 24th August.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Ute Penny- Issues with barriers at Queens Road wall. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Overgrown path between Spott Road and Robertson/Avant estate</p> <p>Via Facebook- Youth ASB (fire raising at James Court and Lochend Woods) – JB had responded</p> <p>Yvonne Wemyss -Youth ASB (Fire raising between James Court and Kellie Place) JB had responded</p>

	<p>Jon Fleetwood, ELC- Heatwave warnings</p> <p>Chris Bruce, East Lammermuir CC- Update on Newlands Hill Windfarm</p> <p>Police Scotland- J Division – Consultation on Local Policing Plan 2023-26</p> <p>Via Facebook- Overgrown vegetation from woodland at Spott Road. JB had responded</p> <p>Ian Bruce, Places for People Community Intervention Manager- Digital access – PS had responded</p> <p>Lucy Schofield, The Ridge- Creative events at Backlands</p> <p>The Ridge,-Newsletter</p> <p>VCEL- Poverty Conference – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Kevin Searle – blocked drain at Linkfield toilets . JB had responded.</p> <p>Dunbar in Bloom- Request to move Countess Road planters to High Street for easier watering. PS had responded.</p> <p>Ralph Averbuch- AELCC- Seeking bank details to pay share of AELCC closed bank account. JB had responded</p> <p>Various- potential cycle rack sites- JB had responded</p> <p>Various-Belhaven High Street Roadworks – JB had responded</p> <p>Various- concerns about parking beside widened pavement at Dunbar Primary School</p> <p>Via AELCC_-Ian Malcolm (East Lothian Climate Action Network) – Seeking information on groups who may wish to link to ELCAN. JB had responded</p> <p>Fiona O'Donnell, VCEL- Seeking contact details for Men's Shed. JB had responded</p> <p>Lesley Stocks- Resignation from DCC</p> <p>Stuart McCombie- RNLI Petanque fundraiser</p> <p>Kim Borwick – CARS. JB had responded</p>
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