



Minutes of AGM and Open Meeting

Monday 17th October 2022

7pm Council Chambers, Town House, Dunbar

Ref	Item	
1.00	SEDERUNT Pippa Swan(PS)(Chair), Graham Adams(GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Kevin Searle (KS), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Mark James (MJ), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH)(Until 8.15), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Mike Shaw (MS) and Rev Keith Mills (Members of the public)	
1.01	<u>Welcome</u> PS welcomed all to the meeting.	
1.02	<u>Apologies</u> Terry Prior (TP), Sanchita Patjoshi (SP), Stevie McKinley (SM)(Connected Communities Manager). Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ), Fiona O'Donnell (VCEL), Anouska Woods (AW)(Community Windpower)	
2.00	AGM 2022	
2.01	<u>Minutes of AGM</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new Community Council was elected in October 2021 and an Open Meeting held thereafter. No AGM• Minutes of the 2020 AGM, held on 16th November 2020, were approved at the following Open Meeting.	
2.02	<u>Chairman's Opening Comments</u> PS welcomed all to the formal business of the AGM.	
2.03	<u>Chairman's Report</u> Pippa Swan, re-elected Chair of DCC in 2021, read her report. It is minuted in full, below: <i>It is a year since the new Community Council was formed and I am delighted that old stagers, Stephen Bunyan and Jacquie Bell, volunteered, again to give their important contributions to the town.</i> <i>We were fortunate, too, to have Herbert Coutts as a re-elected member, who worked with us right up until his untimely death in April of this year. Herbert was a stickler for order and kept us all on our toes. His passion for history and culture will be remembered most recently in Dunbar for his work on the renovation of the War Memorial and for the inclusion of missing names from this town monument. His proposal that Lauderdale Park be protected from any future risk of development has</i>	

been accepted by East Lothian Council and the park will, consequently, remain a place for relaxation and leisure for future generations as a designated Field in Trust.

I am delighted to have welcomed Mark James as a Community Councillor this year. Mark is a keen cyclist and environmentalist and his insight and direction on issues relating to sustainable transport and infrastructure are particularly welcomed. There is much work for us to do in this regard, respecting, always, that changes made to our paths and roads must be for the benefit of the majority, making life safer and simpler.

Our Civic Week team worked throughout the year to give us one of the greatest Civic Weeks ever. We are hugely grateful to Eileen Moore for everything that she has done over the past years and wish her well as she steps aside from this particular aspect of volunteering. Sanchita Patjoshi, who we welcomed as a councillor last year, has taken over the reins. She is a powerhouse of endeavour and I know that Civic Week 2023 will be a triumph for her and for her established and evolving team of volunteers. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for all that they have done.

Dunbar Christmas Lights remain a sub-committee of the Community Council. Led by Graham Adams, this volunteer team has also worked throughout the year. They meet every Wednesday in the Corn Exchange – vests required to keep warm in winter! – and have designed, repaired and planned all the lighting that we will shortly see go up in High Street. This team is also responsible for the summer bunting which takes days to put up and take down. It is an enormous job and we are lucky that the Lights team have been able to secure the volunteer support of the Fire Brigade and Life boat team, as well as many other individuals, for the very significant work required to erect and dismantle the displays each year.

A very special thought must go to John Band, a key Christmas Lights team member. John was known to most of us. Although not a resident of the town, he gave hundreds of hours of his time to Dunbar Harbour as a trustee and also the Lights team. His sudden death in July of this year, shocked us all and he is sorely missed.

Dunbar Against Litter is a group of volunteers that continues to undertake wonderful work under the leadership of Romie Blair and, in keeping our town beautiful, forms an important part of the Community Council's activities. I am grateful to Alasdair Swan for the on-going support he gives this group.

Terry Prior has taken a lead on an important piece of work that has become known as Great Expectations, a paper that seeks to set out our community aspirations for the future provision of health and social care in Dunbar and the wider ward. Working with councillors Gill Wilson, Jacquie Bell and others, Terry has engaged with health professionals, care workers and others to capture our ambitions and has been an absolute terrier in his endeavour to secure active engagement with the Integrated Joint Board for NHS and Social Care services. It has been a significant struggle to have our voices heard. Endless rehearsals of the same consultation questions and answers over the past decade and more have still not resulted in any targeted and measurable plan for future provision and this remains of huge concern to us. Terry has not given up hope yet and we are so very grateful to him for this. It affects, or will affect, us all.

Alasdair Swan has managed our finances, as he has for the past seven years. He has taken a lead on the management of our important Community Benefit Fund. Dunbar has been the grateful recipient of funds from Community Windpower since 2021 and, working with Anouska Woods of Be Green, he has guided grants to many community groups and initiatives that have made a real difference to the town. The highlight success for this year, has been the construction of the now hugely popular petanque

	<p><i>piste at Lauderdale Park. Open to all ages and all abilities, it has proved a triumph thanks to the work of our local champion, Stuart McCombie. Alasdair will speak more of funded projects in a moment.</i></p> <p><i>For the year to come, our key project will be involvement with the exciting Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, or CARS project. A fund of some £1m will be made available to building owners on High Street to effect long term repairs to buildings at risk. Community Councillor Kevin Searle will use his professional expertise to support this project, assisted by others on a yet to be determined steering group. Investment in the historic fabric of Dunbar is hugely welcomed as we all appreciate just how much the physical appearance of our town impacts perception of residents and visitors alike.</i></p> <p><i>My final acknowledgement is not to the DCC but to the Dunbar Trades Association. After an incredibly difficult two years impacted by Covid, the DTA have worked so hard to galvanise and reinvigorate the town as an ‘open for business’ place to be. Jo Waddell, herself a business owner, gave up an enormous amount of her personal time to work with designers to create the new web presence for our town.... Our Dunbar.com. Coupled with some stunning new visitor maps, it is a really super piece of work – attractive, interactive, vibrant and informative – a one stop shop for all the key information you will need if you live, work or visit Dunbar. The Community Council applauds the DTA for all they have done and continue to do to ensure that Dunbar continues to grow as a destination of choice for people of all ages and with interests from the outdoors to the arts.</i></p> <p><i>The coming year will be one with continued challenges. The Community Council recognises that the adverse economic climate is one that will affect us all. Our priorities will be to use the funds available to us to support local initiatives that make a difference to volunteer groups of all ages and to our environment. We will do all that we can to ensure that the CARS project is a success and will continue to promote and support Civic Week, Dunbar Against Litter, Christmas Lights and the High Street teams.</i></p> <p><i>It is a privilege to lead this team of volunteers, Dunbar’s Community Council, and I thank you all for all that you do.</i></p>	
2.04	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>Treasurer, Alasdair Swan, circulated his Annual Report in advance of the meeting and read it in full, as minuted below:</p> <p><i>Dunbar Community Council’s accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 have been independently examined by G Spratt & Co and have been submitted to East Lothian Council. The accounts record the income and expenditure from our relatively small General Fund, and detail the use that is made of the other rather larger funds that are either raised for specific purposes, or are provided to the Community Council us for the benefit of the Dunbar Community.</i></p> <p><i>At the end of March 2022, the General Fund stood at £1,009 (2021 - £790). Expenses paid from out of this fund included regular items such as the Community Council’s insurance premium, the wreath for Remembrance Sunday, subscriptions to RAGES and the John Muir Birthplace, computer software and website costs and administrative costs.</i></p> <p><i>At the end of March 2022, the Corn Exchange Fund stood at £1,730 (2021 - £1,890). There was only minor expenditure on the Corn Exchange during the year.</i></p>	

At the end of March 2022, the Christmas Lights Fund stood at £14,947 (2021 - £12,445). The total expenditure on the lights exceeded £32,000 in the year, so the positive cash flow is a reflection on the wonderful fundraising activities of the Christmas Lights Committee.

At the end of March 2022, the Civic Week Fund stood at £9,147 (2021 - £7,121). With the Covid pandemic restrictions, expenditure was small, limited to £1,579 in the year, but the spirit of Civic Week was kept alive, and fundraising took place to put the Civic Week Committee into a strong financial position for the June 2022 events.

During the year, the Community Council had offered its support to the Dunbar Against Litter team, and its activities were incorporated as a separate committee of the Community Council. Again, the Dunbar Against Litter team worked diligently to raise its own funds and at the end of March 2022 the Dunbar Against Litter Fund stood at £2,230.

The War Memorial Fund was closed during the year when the final phase of the work was completed. All funds raised for this purpose were used to pay for the work on the War Memorial.

The Access for All Fund, established to provide secure disabled access to Belhaven Bay, stood at £759 at the end of March 2022. There was no movement on this fund during the year.

At the end of March 2022, the Covid Fund stood at £7,856 (2021 - £10,471). Expenditure was allocated by the Community Council for the relief of the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Dunbar High Street and Friends Fund was closed during the year. All funds raised for this purpose were used to pay for the work on the "Spring Fling", an initiative that encouraged people to return to Dunbar's High Street after the Covid pandemic lockdown.

At the end of March 2022, the Local Priorities Fund stood at £3,477 (2021 - £7,097). As the pandemic came to an end the Community Council was able to give grants totalling £13,820 to a wide variety of community groups including –

- ELANS...playgroup for young children with additional needs;*
- Christmas Lights....maintenance of the lights, High Street bunting*
- Civic Week.....remote activities during the pandemic*
- Dunbar Trades' Association.....Branding of Dunbar*
- Rotary Club....schools' art project for Dunbar's North harbour wall.*
- Dunbar Craft Studio – new Parkinson's café, dishwasher, belt sander*
- DSAT – Stone stacking competition.*
- Scottish Police Authority – Speed control project*
- Dunbar in Bloom – Hanging baskets*
- The Ridge – Christmas lunch*
- Dunbar Girl Guides – hardship fund*
- Dunbar Community Petanque – equipment for newcomers*
- 25 pounder gun – Materials for a repaint*
- War Memorial – late additional name*

	<p><i>At the end of March 2022, the Community Benefit fund stood at £100,100 (2021 - £33,731). During the year grant totalling £63,631 were distributed to local organisations including –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dunbar Music Festival – event costs</i> • <i>DSAT – accommodation for foreign participants</i> • <i>Dunbar Community Woodland Group – muck truck</i> • <i>Dunbar Coastal Rowing Club – new dolly for the skiffs</i> • <i>Dunbar United Colts Girls’ Football – new kit and equipment</i> • <i>Enjoyleisure – swimming pool wheelchair</i> • <i>Dunbar Shore&HarbourNeighbourhoodGroup–Fishermens’ Monument</i> • <i>Dunbar Christmas Lights Committee – stall covers</i> • <i>Dunbar Community – memorial benches</i> • <i>East Lothian Guides – furniture</i> • <i>Dunbar Battery garden – new planting</i> • <i>Hallhill – building extension</i> • <i>Hedgehog project – baseline survey of hedgehog population</i> • <i>Angel Tree project – Christmas presents for disadvantaged children</i> • <i>Dunbar Craft Studio – Games workshop</i> • <i>Dunbar Junior Hockey Club – Goalkeeping kit</i> • <i>Wilder Community – hardship sponsored places</i> • <i>Dunbar Girl Guides – hardship bursaries</i> • <i>Dunbar Primary Schools – Harbour murals</i> • <i>Dunbar Harbour Trust – Time & Tide Festival</i> • <i>Dunbar Community Bakery – second hand pastry bake</i> • <i>Belhaven Surf Centre – environmental improvements</i> • <i>Dunbar Community Petanque – new piste</i> • <i>Dunbar Castle survey</i> <p><i>The Community Benefit Fund arrears have now been received in full. From 1st October 2022 Dunbar will receive £25,000 twice per year from Community Windpower Ltd. Dunbar Community Council is very grateful for the opportunities it is given to support and develop community activities through the funds provided by Community Windpower Ltd and also for the associated guidance provided by Anouska Woods at BeGreen.</i></p>	
2.05	<p><u>Election of Office Bearers 2022-23</u></p> <p>All Office bearers were willing to continue in post. They were elected unopposed en bloc. (Proposed SB, Seconded GW).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chairman - Pippa Swan b) Vice Chairman - Graham Adams c) Treasurer- Alasdair Swan d) Secretary - Jacquie Bell 	
2.06	<p><u>Other Dunbar Community Council Roles</u></p> <p>Community Emergency Response Plan (CERP) Leader</p> <p>The CERP covers both Dunbar and West Barns Community Council areas. JB had been covering since the retiral of George Robertson from DCC in 2021. The last year had seen a number of extreme weather events e.g. Storm Arwen which had required liaison with the community, ELC, Police and neighbouring community councils. It was agreed that JB would continue. (Proposed PS, Seconded MJ)</p> <p>Selection of Dunbar Against Litter Liaison</p> <p>Dunbar Against Litter is a sub-committee of DCC.</p>	

	<p>Alasdair Swan will continue to represent DAL at DCC meetings</p> <p>Webmaster – Being covered by PS pro tem</p> <p>Facebook – Jacquie Bell</p>	
2.07	<p><u>Selection of Representatives to Community Panels/Trusts</u></p> <p>Dunbar Community Council has formal representation on a number of local community panels and trusts. Representatives for the coming year were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Reps: Stephen Bunyan, Pippa Swan Subs: Alasdair Swan, Graham Adams • Association of East Lothian Community Councils Rep: Pippa Swan Sub: Jacquie Bell • CAPP Rep: Pippa Swan Sub: to be nominated as required • Tarmac Liaison Rep: Kevin Searle • Torness Liaison Rep: Kevin Searle • John Muir Birthplace Trust- Rep: Jacquie Bell • John Muir Country Park Advisory Group Rep: Kevin Searle • Planning/Licensing Board Link to ELC Rep: Jacquie Bell • Bleachingfield Committee Currently under review. SB has previously attended as Chair and GW s Vice Chair. DCC to await invitation to select rep. • Dunbar Trades Association No fixed Rep. PS and AS remain in close contact with DTA. JB is a member, representing other organisations. 	
2.08	<p><u>Any Other AGM Business</u></p> <p>None</p>	
2.09	<p><u>AGM Chair – Closing Remarks</u></p> <p>PS thanked all for attending. MJ gave thanks to PS for chairing the formal business.</p>	

OPEN MEETING

3.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
3.01	<p><u>Councillors declaring an interest in matters to be discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 9: PS and AS as Chair and ordinary member respectively of Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group regarding Safe Routes to East Beach 	
4.00	<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – September 26th 2022 <i>PS thanked GA for Chairing the meeting in her absence</i></p>	
4.01	<u>Amendments</u> - None	
4.02	<p><u>Adoption</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed - GA Seconded - KS <p>The Minutes were adopted</p>	
4.03	<p><u>DCC Action Review</u></p> <p>All action items had been attended to or had been overtaken by events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS and JB had made various payments JB had represented DCC at Planning Committee on 4th October regarding the Dunbar Golf Club application. The application had been approved 7-3. 	
4.04	<p><u>Matters arising not covered in agenda –</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Plan of action to secure additional car parking at Dunbar Station</p> <p>JB noted the contacts with various Rail campaign groups who share concerns about the cancellation and Peter Forsyth of ELC.</p> <p>NH noted that Network Rail also did not have funding to complete linkages within the Station curtilage to the new Southern platform for which ELC were providing external paths from housing south of the railway.</p> <p>JB advised that a meeting of the East Lothian hosted Rail Forum would be held on November 25th.</p> <p>It was agreed that PS would write to the Scottish Transport Minister, Jenny Gilruth MSP.</p> <p>NH will supply PS with an up to date drawing of the proposal before she writes.</p> <p>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project- Ownership of the Eweford Underpass.</p> <p>JB had contacted the Project Consultants. They had confirmed that, although the farmer has use of the underpass, the registered ownership is recorded as Scottish Ministers (Transport Scotland). They had previously given approval for use of the tunnel for the Spott to Dunbar Project.</p> <p>Cycle Racks – JB had spoken to Connected Communities Manager, Stevie McKinlay. Site suggestions had been submitted to ELC. However, there will be further consideration of the proposals. GA, MJ, AS and others will be consulted regarding any proposals for Dunbar.</p> <p>CARS – Colin Gilmour had given an update on 17/10. ELC HR are still to approve the Project Officer Post. In addition, EC are still to receive the formal grant contract from Historic Environment Scotland (HES). Without that contract being signed the CARS Scheme cannot formally be launched. In the meantime, Colin has met some property owners to give general advice on the Scheme. Grant application forms and guidance notes have been drafted, ready for circulation to interested parties. Colin hopes to get up and</p> 	<p>PS</p> <p>NH</p>

	running quickly once the formal contract is signed. DCC will be kept informed.	
5.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
5.01	<p><u>Cllr Norman Hampshire</u> -</p> <p>1. Action - Update and Matters Arising</p> <p>a. <u>Stench at Dunbar Station and wider drainage/sewage issues</u> There was further discussion about the ongoing situation at the Station. Scottish Water have attended to the manhole covers a number of times since October 2021. An issue had been the installation of vented rather than unvented manhole covers. However, despite further work on 27/9 the smell continues. JB noted that the nearest resident is now keeping a diary of the smell occurrences. NH said he was in dialogue with the Regional Manager of Scottish Water in an effort to resolve the problem. There was a discussion about the wider drainage issues at the Robertson Homes and at Newtonlees Steading. JB said that she had spoken with the Managing Director of Robertson Homes and with Douglas Proudfoot of ELC. PS noted concern that further houses were to be built and add to the pressure on the system. NH said that the upgrading of the Woodbush Brae Pumping Station would help. An update was requested on when the work might be completed. Mike Shaw (public) suggested that the pumping station, itself, might be the problem given that increased pumping pressure would necessarily lead to increased exhaust pressures at the top of the hill.</p> <p>KS offered to meet with NH to discuss further. KS had professional expertise. KS will investigate on site NH agreed to discuss a resolution further with Scottish Water.</p> <p>b. <u>Lighting at Dunbear Park/Dempster Place</u> A number of lights across Dunbear Park had not been working for some time. JB noted that Ken Ross of Hallhill Developments had advised that the Contractors had been asked to repair them. JB advised that lighting from Dempster Place and under the railway bridge had been a planning condition of the Robertson Homes (19/00796/AMM) and should have been completed before building had begun at Newton Manor. Planning Enforcement are involved.</p> <p>c. <u>Network Rail works near Dempster Place.</u> KS advised that the work on the fence had not been completed fully. Holes remained, mud and vegetation had been left. He had made a complaint to Network Rail. NH said he would also follow this up.</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p>a. <u>National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)/Local Development Plan</u> NH advised that ELC Officers were preparing for the next Local Development Plan process. This had been delayed due to the delay in the Scottish Government issuing National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4). ELC were waiting to hear of the number of houses that may be required for delivery. There was a discussion about the pressures on Dunbar infrastructure of current housing developments and others in the pipeline. NH noted that Taylor Wimpey owned the land at Eweford Farm. PS spoke of the need to</p>	<p>NH/KS KS NH</p> <p>NH</p>

	<p>consider the type of homes being built. JB referred to the developing ELC Housing Strategy.</p> <p>NH advised that communities would have opportunity to develop Local Place Plans. Local authorities would be expected to consider these when developing the Local Development Plan. PS suggested that a Local Place Plan may be best considered at DELAP. JB advised that Keith Dingwall would be discussing Local Place Plans at the next AELCC meeting on November 14th.</p> <p>b. <u>Torness</u> NH advised that Torness would be holding a public meeting from 1-3 on 2nd November at Hallhill Sports Centre. He was not sure what the subject of the meeting would be. AS noted that he attended the annual Liaison meeting and that this seemed to be an additional meeting for the wider public.</p>	
5.02	<p><u>Cllr Donna Collins</u> – Not present.</p> <p>1. Action Update and Matters Arising</p> <p>a. <u>Sewage and Drainage issues</u> – No update</p>	
5.03	<p><u>Cllr Lyn Jardine</u> – Not present</p> <p>1. Action Update and Matters Arising</p> <p>a. <u>Belhaven Hospital</u> No update</p> <p>b. <u>Events</u> Cllr Jardine had had contact with Jon Fleetwood of ELC who is drawing up new information for event organisers. He was seeking feedback on draft material which Cllr Jardine had shared. JB had passed this on to Civic Week and Christmas Lights.</p>	
5.04	<p><u>Questions/Concerns to Councillors</u></p> <p>1. Displaced Dunbar gateway sign/ demolition of artwork planter at Queens Road by Robertsons. When will this be put back into place?(Kevin Searle) KS noted that the sign had been moved over a year ago. It was now in poor condition behind Heras fencing. It was facing in the wrong direction and at a distance from the road.</p> <p>JB said that the stonework planter around the sign had been a planning condition for the Robertson/Avant homes (15/00630/PM). KS's concerns were echoed by other members of the public and they had been passed to ELC. Planning Enforcement were involved. PS asked that Robertsons should be asked to pay for a replacement sign given its poor condition. JB agreed to pass that request on to ELC.</p>	JB
6.00	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT <i>The Treasurer's Report is circulated to DCC members in advance of meetings.</i> See Community Report 1.00</p>	
6.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions</u> None</p>	
6.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u> There were no applications to this fund in the month</p>	
6.03	<p><u>Community Benefits Fund</u> <i>Dunbar Christian Youth Project – For Ratfication</i></p>	

	AS had recirculated information. DCC members had generally supported the application in June. Views of Community Windpower had taken time to ascertain. Members were supportive. AS agreed to arrange payment.	AS
7.00	<p>COMMUNITY REPORT</p> <p>The Community Report is addended. It is circulated to DCC members in advance of meetings and provides information and updates on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>DCC Finances</i> 2. <i>Community Police</i> 3. <i>Planning</i> 4. <i>DCC Initiatives/Projects</i> 5. <i>Community Projects</i> 6. <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i> 7. <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i> 8. <i>Record of meetings attended</i> 9. <i>Correspondence received</i> 	
7.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters</u></p> <p>None</p>	
8.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS	
8.01	<p><u>Planning Applications for consideration/Discussion</u></p> <p><i>22/00852/PPM – Scottish Power Energy Networks- Eastern Link Project- Converter Station and Associated Works at Oxwellmains.</i> JB had circulated information. ELC wished comments from DCC before 7th November.</p> <p>JB reminded members that, when initially discussed with SP Energy Networks, concerns raised had included road safety, cumulative impact of industrial projects on the coastline, cumulative impact of various energy projects on accommodation options for construction workers, impact on sea life by disturbance of the seabed. JB noted that the structure is planned for the area near the Viridor ERF which had been proposed as a site for a Plastics Recycling facility which would have used heat produced by the ERF. To date there was no alternative proposal for use of the heat which was a Planning Condition for the ERF in 2010.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion. Members remained concerned, particularly about the accommodation needs of the project at the same time as other energy projects planned in the same area. JB noted the concerns of East Lammermuir Community Council, particularly regarding the impact on Innerwick, Skateraw and Thorntonloch. PS referred to the Energy meetings hosted by Paul McLennan MSP. She was concerned that, as yet, there had been no clear answers from the Energy Companies regarding the accommodation questions from the community. It was agreed that JB would submit DCC views to ELC Planning.</p> <p>JB noted that Jonathan Spink of Grayling had requested the opportunity to give an update presentation to the DCC November meeting. However, this would be after the closing date for comments to ELC. It was agreed that JB would contact Mr Spink to decline the offer.</p> <p><i>22/01011/LBC, 22/01010/ADV, 22/01164/P- Castle Hotel</i> – Repainting, Lighting and Advertising Consent. The proposal is to repaint the building blue. It was noted that there are already lights and various signs on the exterior walls. SB said that there seemed to be a lot of them. Members agreed that JB would write to ELC in support of the application.</p> <p><i>22/01158/P – Shore Road Snack Van.</i> Request to vary Condition 1 of 21/01195/P to allow an extension of permission for a further 3 years. The van (converted horse box) had been given Planning Consent for 1 year on 7/12/21. However, the van had not begun trading until August 2022 and it had only been on site some days. Therefore, it had not been on site at the peak of tourist traffic. There have been concerns about the size of the van on the narrow road (2 cars cannot pass) and safety of the junction of Shore Road with Edinburgh Road. ELC are considering junction improvements as part of a masterplan for Belhaven. However, they remain</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>

	to be shared with the community. It was agreed JB would write to advise ELC that DCC would support extension of the permission for 1 year.	JB
8.02	<u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion - Bear & Bull- Application for Major Variation of Premises Licence.</u> To allow early opening for sale of coffee and cakes, outdoor seating. JB had circulated information. She noted that ELC Roads had already given permission for the outdoor seating. Members expressed support for the application. JB agreed to advise ELC Licensing.	JB
9.00	<u>Safe Routes to East Beach- Dunbar Shore and Harbour Group Proposals –(Pippa Swan/Mike Shaw)</u> PS had circulated a briefing paper. Mike Shaw spoke to the proposals for a trial of measures to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists in the East Beach and harbour areas. It was hoped ELC officers would work with DSHNG to design and deliver a minimum 6 month trial that would start in march 2023, using demountable barriers/crossings etc to enable the public to comment and discuss impacts before any final decisions are made. Members agreed to support submission of the proposals to DELAP for consideration. PS agreed to submit to DELAP	PS
10.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
10.01	Vacancies – There are 2 current vacancies. Community Councillors were asked to approach potential new members. KS suggested a further approach to Dunbar Grammar School. PS agreed to do this.	All PS
10.02	Scouts Request for DCC to visit to tell members about the work of DCC. JB had circulated information. She could attend on the preferred date of 22 nd November. SB also expressed an interest in attending. He had recently supplied the Scout Troop with information on local Scout history. JB would confirm SB/JB attendance with the Scouts.	JB
10.03	Remembrance Day – November 13th Confirmation of arrangements were awaited from Iain Maddox of RBL. PS will lay the wreath on behalf of DCC. AS agreed to order the wreath from the Poppy Factory in Edinburgh. Iain Maddox had been in contact with Will Collin regarding arrangements for the dedication of the new name George S Young which was added in 2022 by DCC. JB was liaising with SNIY (Lothian and Border Horse) and Rev Stevenson regarding the Lothian and Border Horse service. Ian Maddox had been in contact with them about the main parade and ceremony.	AS
10.04	Anderson Tomb at Churchyard SB had contacted Andrew Hogarth of ELC regarding repair of the structure. However, Mr Hogarth was off work. JB said that she had heard from Gordon Whitelaw that ELC did not have monies to fund the repairs. In the meantime, Gordon Whitelaw had given permission for pupils of Belhaven Hill School (based in the former home of the Anderson family) to keep the tomb tidy as part of their community activities. SB agreed to contact Gordon Whitelaw to clarify the situation.	SB
10.05	Queen’s Green Canopy Trees JB confirmed that Andrew Hogarth had ordered a Tulip tree for Lauderdale Park as part of an order for ELC. There was a programme for planting and he expected that the tree could be planted in January/February 2023. JB was maintaining contact with him and would keep DCC/Civic Week Committee updated.	JB

	JB advised that 6 Cherry trees had also been ordered for Queens Road, as had been desired by Herbert Coutts.	
11.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
11.01	November 21st – Dunbar Town House -7pm December 19 th - Members to consider if they wished to have a formal meeting	



COMMUNITY REPORT October 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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	<p>Civic Week Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bank balance at the month end was £7,547.22 • Some late invoices amounting to £200 had been paid during the month. • A £500 deposit had been paid to The Strawberry Barn for the 2023 event. <p>Dunbar against Litter Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bank balance at the month end was £2,420.86
1.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u></p> <p>The Current Year Fund £10,200 Brought forward fund £3,477</p> <p>Committed or under review £5,008 Local Priorities Fund available £8,669 Maximum Budget Total £13,677</p>
1.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund</u> <u>Applications</u> approved in September had been paid.</p> <p>DAYCP- Had met with approval by DCC members in June. Had been waiting on views of Community Windpower before ratification.</p>
2.00	COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT
2.01	<p><u>Police Report – October 2022</u> Based on incidents reported between 9th September and 6th October 2022.</p> <p><u>Road Safety</u> 6 non injury minor Road Traffic Accidents reported in Dunbar 1 vehicle seizure for no insurance. Diver issued with a Conditional Offer.</p> <p><u>Violence and Anti Social Behaviour</u> Threats and vandalism to a vehicle. Male identified. Yet to be charged. Threats and assault. Male charged. Threats to bus driver. Enquiries ongoing. Threats and vandalism to domestic property. Male charged. 2 assaults involving young people. Named suspects. 5 youth calls to McDonalds and nearby estates south of the railway line. No criminality identified.</p> <p><u>Serious and Organised Crime –</u> No incidents of note.</p> <p><u>Theft</u> 2 attempted slip ins to domestic properties. Enquiries exhausted. 3 shoplifting incidents. Known suspects.</p> <p><u>Other</u> Police Scotland led an extensive multi agency search for 9 year old Austin McGovern who was missing for almost 24 hours. Agencies involved included Dunbar Coastguard and other Coastguard Units, RNLi Dunbar, Borders Search and Rescue Unit, Tweed Valley Mountain rescue, Ochills Mountain Rescue, Search and Rescue Dog Association Southern Scotland, Search and Rescue Aerial Association and members of the public assisted. All to be thanked for their efforts.</p>
2.02	<p><u>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) –</u> Meeting on October 13th JB had attended</p>

	<p>Police Staffing – PC Cameron Tait moved to Dunbar in May 2022. He is the only Community Officer based in Dunbar for the Ward. He had previously worked in the area. He is keen to promote local policing on social media etc.</p> <p>Issues Discussed</p> <p>Speeding – Continues to be an issue. Areas identified for deployment of the Cut Out Cops and speed checks.</p> <p>Youth Issues – There had been some reduction in problems at ASDA and McDonalds. Some of the youngsters involved have left the area. However, there are renewed problems at the Jampot area of Lochend Woods with reported use of Nitrous Oxide, drinking etc. Police and Community Warden are conducting patrols. There are also other risks in this section of the woods as a number of trees are in poor condition, there are open drains and culverts etc. The land is in the ownership of Hallhill Developments pending transfer to DCDHT</p> <p>Being Visible- Issues of cyclists without lights etc.</p> <p>Road Safety matters – e.g. parking on Belhaven High Street opposite the Brig and Barrel, HGVs making use of unsafe routes eg. The Trows at West Barns.</p> <p>A1 Safety – Discussion on unsafe junctions along the A1. Also problems of poorly signposted diversions for roadworks. Discussion of potential impact on road safety from forthcoming energy and other developments. PC Tait would be interested in attending any meeting of the A1 Action Group.</p> <p>Closure of U194- Discussion as to how the proposed closure may impact on response times to incidents at the west end of the Hallhill estates e.g. Yosemite Park and Fall Avenue. Further information on any TTRO is awaited.</p> <p>PRIORITIES SET</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Speeding 2) Youth Issues at the Jampot 3) Visibility including bike lights <p>Date of Next Meeting – 1st December</p>
3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	<p>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters –</p> <p>22/00852/PPM- Scottish Power Energy Network- Eastern Link Project. Converter Station and Associated Works. JB had circulated information. Views sought by 7th November.</p>
3.02	<p>Other Planning Matters to Note</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 was to follow up signage issues. DCC and West Barns CCs still wish the pavement between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane (subject of Condition 14) to be constructed as a safe route. A TRO for Beveridge Row to be one way Southbound was approved by Cabinet on September 27th. There are community concerns about the proposal which will need to be advertised. Cala residents have contacted ELC with their concerns. 2. 15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site – Issues continue including landscaping, incomplete pathways, sewage, street signs, displacement of the Dunbar name sign, incomplete fencing between Avant and Walker Homes. Planning Enforcement involved. Other departments aware of the sewage issues. Lighting at the path including under the line was a planning condition for the housing and the responsibility of Robertsons (15/00630/PM, 17/00020/AMM, 19/00796/PPM)). Network Rail have built a higher fence between Dempster Place and the railway. However, they had left gaps , mud and debris. KS had submitted a complaint to Network Rail. 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. The path link to the road still needs to be completed. Land between the houses and the wall remains very overgrown. Planning Enforcement involved. JB had spoken to

	<p>Morag Haddow on 17/6 who will also follow up. The route to Edinburgh Road will be impacted by proposals for construction of Hallhill North where a temporary path will be built.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8 21/00676/P- Broxmouth Estate. Erection of 9 holiday lodges. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.</p> <p>9 21/00997/PM -Golf Club 78 houses, golf club house, short course and other golf infrastructure. Approved by Planning Committee 7-3 on October 4th.</p> <p>10 21/01289/P - DunBear Park – 2 Retail Units. JB had circulated information and submitted a response. To be determined.</p> <p>11 21/01392/P – Broxmouth Park – S42 request to remove condition 2 of Application 20/00554/P which had been consented on July 28th 2021. This relates to the operation of the wedding accommodation. JB had responded. To be determined.</p> <p>12 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.</p> <p>13 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> <p>14 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>15 22/00278/LBC Broxmouth House, South Lodge- Alteration to building and erection of gates. (Related to 28.). JB had submitted DCC views.</p> <p>16 22/00766/HSC- Torness. Application by EDF to store hazardous substances at Torness. JB had circulated information. Approved 30th September.</p> <p>17 22/00852/PPM – Scottish Power Energy Network – Eastern Link Project. Converter Station and associated works. JB had circulated information. To be determined.</p>
3.03	<p><u>Licensing Matters to Note -</u> <i>Bear & Bull. Application for Major variation of Premises Licence.</i> Request for earlier opening to sell coffee and cakes. Request for outdoor seating (4 tables and up to 12 chairs). ELC Roads have approved the seating. An inspection report has noted that the external fabric of the building is safe.</p>
4.00	<p><u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u></p>
4.01	<p><u>Meeting on 3rd October 2022.</u> JB, SB, GW attended.</p> <p>Main points</p> <p>Budgets</p> <p><i>Roads Budget.</i> – JB had met with Callum Redpath who had advised that the £21,000 for Shore Road car park would come from the 2022-23 budget as the work had not been completed until Easter 2022. There was concern about this from members. The long requested pavement repair at Westgate was planned at a cost of £2,000. Callum had suggested that DELAP may wish to fund carriageway repairs at Stenton at a cost of £12,000. This would need to be agreed by members. Other options could be considered for the remainder of the budget.</p> <p>Callum had also suggested a number of pavement upgrades for 20223-24 but the DELAP members may have other ideas. It was noted that West Barns CC were seeking safety improvements near the school and DSHNG had drafted proposals for safety improvements to roads and pedestrian access around East Beach.</p>

	<p>MJ had suggested that, following the resurfacing of Belhaven High Street, better markings for cyclists would be beneficial</p> <p>Further ideas were requested. SM advised that PS had offered to lead work on suggestions. It was felt that ideas should come from across the Ward.</p> <p>TP had noted concerns about the slow adoption by ELC of roads around Hallhill. This affected opportunities to access budgets for those areas.</p> <p><i>Amenities Budget</i> – Again members were asked to submit ideas.</p> <p><i>General Budget</i>- Applications were due to be submitted by 9th October. The Scrutiny sub committee would look at these initially. Applications would be presented to the November meeting.</p> <p><i>Youth Work</i> – SM had updated. A number of Outreach Youth workers were now in place. A specialist part time Youth worker had been employed.</p> <p><i>Bleachingfield Management Committee</i>. This was being reviewed with Helen Harper’s involvement. New members would be sought.</p> <p><i>DELAP Area Plan</i>- This needed updating to reflect updating of the ELC Plan. New areas would need to be considered for inclusion e.g. Climate Change, Cost of Living Crisis, Post Covid Recovery. There was a general discussion. TP and others noted the importance of rurality for services. GW was keen to see health services included. It was agreed that a Short Term Working Group to discuss further would be beneficial. TP expressed interest in this as did MJ and GW. JB had noted the importance of including people from across the Ward.</p> <p><i>John Muir Country Park Advisory Group</i>. JB had given feedback on the meeting held on September 28th. She had noted the slow progress on the clearance/renewal of the Hedderwick Plantation following Storm Arwen. She also noted that work to improve disability access to the beach at Linkfield had been delayed due to the sickness of a key member of staff.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Hill School</i>- JB had noted the interest of the School in becoming more involved with the community. It had been agreed that they would be welcome to take part as non voting attendees at meetings.</p>
4.02	<u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u> – 28 th November
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. Repairs had been made to the Winter Canopy on October 9 th . Pull Tests were completed on 10 th and 11 th October. It is planned to erect the lights on 6 th November. A fundraising Auction is to be held. Donations welcome. Best Dressed Window (Traders) and Best Dressed Street (Residents) competitions will again be held. The window competition will be judged on 25 th November. The street competition on 8 th and 9 th December. The latter can include non illuminated displays. The winning street will receive a permanent amp post sign as a reward.
5.02	<u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> – No report
5.03	<u>Dunbar Against Litter</u> – Litter picking continues on a daily basis. The weekly table top fundraiser is now held at the Legion . A fundraising concert planned for December has been cancelled.
5.04	<u>Resilience</u> Spaces For People- Permanent Closure of Countess Crescent . TRO still to be advertised. Remembering Together – East Lothian Covid Memorial. A Project information bus visited Bleachingfield 2-4 pm on September 24 th .

	Community Resilience Plans- John Fleetwood is now the main ELC Link. He has asked that communities check that their plans are up to date.
5.05	<u>Platinum Jubilee</u> <u>Queens Green Canopy</u> - JB had contacted Mike Foy. The tree orders for 2 Dunbar projects had been made. Planting is likely to be in January/February 2023. 1 tree for Lauderdale Park and 6 cherry trees for Queens Road. JB had also contacted Ken Ross for an update on his plans to plant trees at DunBear Park. Response awaited.
6.00	DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
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 information on the Dunbar and East Linton section has remained scanty. <i>Our Dunbar</i> – JB had met with Jo Waddell of DTA who is considering widening the content of the site. The DTA are considering a number of promotions to feature on the site e.g festive vouchers. Jo Waddell and DTA been working with Roy Pugh on a virtual tour of Dunbar closes. <i>CARS</i> - Further information awaited on the grants process. Colin Gilmour advised on 17/11that a launch date is yet to be set. The Project Officer post is still to be approved by ELC HR. Also ELC are still to receive the formal grant contract from Historic Environment Scotland. Without the formal contract to review and sign ELC cannot formally launch the scheme. Colin has ben meeting with a number of property owners to give general advice. Application forms are drafted. <i>Parking</i> – Peter Forsyth had advised on 26/9 that due to internal capacity an East Lothian wide consultation will not take place. Instead consultation will take place by Area Partnership community. This will be a mixture of on line and in person events. Dunbar will not be involved until 2023.
6.02	<u>A1</u> <i>Upgrade</i> – No further information. <i>Litter</i> – Continues to be an eyesore . JB continues to chase Phil Hinchliff at Transport Scotland. <i>A1 Action Group</i> – Has not met since October 2021. JB chasing a meeting date with Ian Lennox. There are concerns about junction safety in the light of various planning approvals and future developments. Also, the many concerns about poor information on diversions for major roadworks. Peter Forsyth hopes that a meeting may be arranged in November 2022. East Lammermuir and West Barns Community Councils are also keen for a meeting to be held. <i>Roadworks</i> - Various works had continued with overnight closures and diversions. There had been issues of poor diversion signage, long queues and dangerous driving on narrow country roads. <u>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project</u> – Information is awaited on the application to Sustrans.
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<u>Health and Well Being Sub Group</u> - Next Meeting on November 7 th . A Health and Wellbeing Event will be held at Bleachingfield on 3 rd December for the community to find out about resources/activities to promote wellbeing and for service providers from the voluntary sector to share information/network and find volunteers. JB and SM had drawn up a list of venues offering food or warm places for people. <u>Meeting Centres- for People With Dementia</u> With the ELHSCP dementia project funding a peer support worker, Karen Cunningham, has been appointed to cover East Lothian including Dunbar for 6 months. She will be looking to engage with existing groups, consider the reforming of the Friendship Group and further consider a Dunbar and District Meeting Centre. Sue Northrop has discussed the possibility of

using Belhaven Church Stable as a drop in venue with Hazel Gray of Belhaven Kirk Session who runs the West Barns Bite and Blether sessions.

A Manager has been appointed for the Musselburgh Meeting Centre.

Intergenerational Working

East Lothian Network Meeting at QMU on 13th October -JB had attended

There had been a number of interesting presentations:-

Tranent Women and Girls Group. This had been meeting since 2016. It had begun as a special event for international Women's Day and had continued as a group discussing issues affecting women and girls or to consider more general issues from a female perspective. They had fed in ideas to organisations like the Children's Parliament. The presentation led to a general discussion on how to ensure organisations like ELC, Scottish Government, Community Councils and Area Partnerships meaningfully engage with particular groups in society e.g. women, young people, older people.

QMU Outdoor Learning Hub- There was a visit to this new venture which will offer an outdoor learning experience for QMU students but also an outdoor space for the wider student community and the community in general.

Wander and Sketch- Therapeutic Art for All. Artist, Lucy Fraser, had given a presentation on her work with a wide range of groups across the county including schools and care homes

Next Meeting – 23rd November at Pennypit Centre.

Intergenerational Meals continue at Dunbar Grammar School on a weekly basis.

Dunbar Day Centre – Jamie, the Manager had moved to a new post in Scottish Borders. Claire Ainslie was now Acting Manager. Further staff had been recruited for both Outreach and Centre based work.

Fundraising continues to buy a mini bus.

New referrals for both Outreach and Centre based care are welcome.

New volunteers and Trustees are welcome.

Mental Health Supports

The Ridge had held a successful Recovery Festival in September.

Andy's Mans Club continues to be a valuable resource.

The Tuesday Peer Support Soup Group which had been meeting at the parish Church Hall on Tuesdays had folded due to the costs of hiring the Parish Church Hall.

Belhaven Hospital- Services remain suspended at the site.

An update had been received on 10th October from ELHSCP.

The water assessments across the full Belhaven site had been completed and the specialist contractors had advised ELHSCP and NHS Lothian of the remedial works required. A programme of works is awaited from the Contractor. This will initially focus of Ward 1 (Blossom House Care Home) to enable residents to return as soon as possible.

The works recommended for Ward 1 are extensive but once complete they will significantly improve the facility for the benefit of residents and staff.

Work includes:-

Upgrade of the internal plumbing including the removal of unused outlets.

Installation of a new plant room with a water tank and pump booster.

Upgrading of bedroom en-suites with new handbasins

Upgrade of shower rooms.

Installation of a new hi-low power bath.

Maintenance and rebalancing of the heating system.

Redecoration.

Once work is complete the water system will undergo final verification and compliance assessments in line with government regulation standards.

	<p>The estimated timescale for the work is 2 months. However, this may be subject to change, particularly given the age of the Belhaven site. Further updates will be given as work progresses.</p> <p>JB had confirmed with ELHSCP that the residents of Blossom House were being charged for their stay in the NHS beds at Haddington Community Hospital. This had been agreed with the care Inspectorate. Patients from Ward 3 NHS beds were not being charged.</p>
8.00	ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE
8.01	<p><u>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</u></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. Proposals to close the road for construction of Hallhill North are being considered. This will have an impact on the road infrastructure between the A1 and Belhaven and from the A1 to West Barns.</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. ELC hope to repair in October/November 2022.</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 weedy. Street lighting still does not work Many complaints from residents. Planning Enforcement involved. Hallhill TRA involved.</p> <p><i>Belhaven High Street</i> – Resurfacing work completed. White lining and repainting of the bus box are still needed.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Road-</i> Resurfacing required.</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. Linked to the work being done by Mike Naysmith and also the Connecting Dunbar Project. Access to the south platform has been delayed by negotiations with a landowner. Network Rail also require to instruct works within the Station Boundary.</p> <p><i>Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane</i> –. DCC and West Barns CC still wish for completion of this important safe route.</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. The area is impacted by proposals for the construction of Hallhill North.</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. This will be a consideration for the Connecting Dunbar Project if funding is approved by Sustrans,</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>Spott Road Pedestrian Crossing</i> – Now in place near the business centre. The lights are still to be switched on. JB chasing ELC.</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. Chased September 2022.</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. Further monies had been a condition of the Golf Club Planning consent. Much concern from nearby residents about the lack of consultation. Contact made with Ian Lennox requesting meeting. No further information.</p> <p><i>Quality of Installation Works for new High Street bus stops</i>. Remedial works still required.</p> <p><i>New pavement by cemetery extension</i>- Hears and vehicular access still needed across the 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> <p><i>Unsafe surface for cycling at ASDA Mini roundabout</i>. Passed to ELC 21/8.</p> <p><i>Hallhill North</i>-Various – Concerns continue about impact on local roads of construction work.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group (DSHNG)- Shore Area Road Safety Plan</i>- PS had circulated proposals for DCC to consider. For discussion at October meeting. If DCC support will be submitted to DELAP for consideration.</p>
8.02	<p><u>Signage</u></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 Robertsons.</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>Dunbar Gateway sign at Queens Road</i>. A planning condition for the Robertson/Avant site was for a stonework planter as part of the artwork. This had been done. However, the sign had been moved in 2021 and the planter demolished. Planning Enforcement involved.</p>
8.03	<p><u>Structures</u></p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons)</i>. Still to be repaired. Lee Jenkins of Four Seasons is still awaiting a quotation from The Ridge. Frank Fairgrieve of ELC involved in pushing for repairs to be made. Chased 9/10.</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. Hallhill TRA involved.</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. A contractor had been appointed in September to repair the house roof, 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 had asked Environmental Health to contact</p>

	<p>the elderly resident affected in the first instance. This had been done and access has been gained to the upper flat to enable remedial work to be done.</p> <p><i>Storm damaged fence at Floors Terrace/Park Avenue.</i> The Park Avenue metal fence had been damaged when the integral bus shelter was destroyed in Storm Arwen. The metal fence will be repaired once the bus shelter is restored in the next financial year.</p> <p><i>Storm damaged fence at Goldenstones Avenue-</i> Repaired September 2022. Harling is also coming off the external wall of the flats-passed to ELC.</p> <p><i>Co-op Dovecot-</i> Masonry had fallen from this on 8/10. JB had spoken to shop staff who had reported to Co-op Estates. JB had alerted ELC. The structure is the responsibility of Co-op Estates. The area has been fenced off in case of further masonry falls.</p>
8.04	<p><u>Drainage</u></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 Newton Manor Estate and wider area</i> Issues continue between Newtonlees Steading and the Station/Kings Court. JB still chasing. The stench is getting worse. Scottish Water were to have fitted fully sealed manhole covers on 6/9. However, those fitted had again been the incorrect style and the stench had continued. Further work had been done on 27/9 with no effect. Residents are keeping a diary of stench problems. JB had spoken, along with a Newtonlees resident, to John Murphy, Managing Director of Robertson Homes on 1/9 regarding damage to piping for Newtonlees Steading septic tanks by digging for the Fair Acres estate drains. He had said he was not aware of this. He was also not aware of indications that Robertsons would pay for Steading residents to be connected to the Robertson sewer system. He had agreed to investigate and report back. Further information needed. JB had spoken to Douglas Proudfoot of ELC on 5/10 who had agreed to investigate the problems.</p> <p>Residents have asked when work at Woodbush pumping station will be completed by Scottish Water.</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> Resolved September</p> <p><i>Flooding on path at Dunbear Park-</i> blocking the path. Passed to Hallhill Developments 8/9.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Whitesands near earth bunds-</i> Passed to ELC 8/9.</p> <p><i>Damaged sewer following flooding at Elder Street green space-</i> Manhole Cover had dislodged, area had subsided and foul water had escaped. Reported to Scottish Water 17/9. Made safe by barriers 19/9. Scottish water had visited on 21/9 but the operatives could not lift the manhole cover due to the collapsing cement surround of the hole. An urgent repair has been requested. ELC aware. Repair still needed.</p>
8.05	<p><u>Vegetation</u></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. Factor chased August 2022.</p> <p><i>.Overgrown vegetation at Hospital Road</i> obscuring the traffic lights heading South and the 20 mph sign heading North. Passed to ELC 6/6. Chased 20/6, 4/7, 26/8. 13/9.</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 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>

	<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> <p><i>Overgrown vegetation between Dempster Place and railway underpass.</i> Passed to Robertson Homes September 2022. KS involved.</p> <p><i>Hogweed at Broxmouth Estate</i> – A number of people had raised concerns about the spread of Hogweed. Jim Wyllie has been involved with East Lothian Conservation Volunteers in an eradication programme across the County for many years. He has been liaising with the landowner/estate manager to seek eradication.</p> <p><i>Hogweed on railway land near footpath from Spott Road to Dempster Place-</i> Network Rail had advised that they would do further eradication work on the railway embankment in 2023.</p> <p><i>Overgrown path at South Street, Belhaven-</i> This had become impassable. Cleared by ELC Amenities October 22. ELC Forestry will need to remove large roots which are trip hazards on the pavement.</p>
8.06	<p><u>Coastal</u></p> <p><i>Steep Slope to beach view benches at Lamer Street.</i> Would benefit from a handrail. Eamonn John was exploring this. Improvement part of proposals for safer routes around East Beach.</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>Access issues at Belhaven Bay-</i>Works to deal with the erosion/access matters have been delayed due to ongoing sickness of a key member of staff. Work still needed.</p> <p><i>Restoration of the Gentleman’s Bathing Pool-</i> Neil Clark will make contact with Jo Lee of Salty Sisters.</p> <p><i>Linkfield Notice Board</i> has weathered. Some important information e.g JMCP bylaws had become illegible. Neil Clark has advised that bylaws are to be updated. The board will be removed.</p> <p><u>John Muir Country Park Advisory Group Meeting 28th September</u> – JB and KS had attended.</p> <p>Main Points</p> <p><i>Membership</i> – There was discussion about widening the membership to other groups. There was also discussion about Chairmanship of the Group. Neil Clark is currently covering. Stephen Bunyan had Chaired for many years but had not been able to attend since meetings had resumed.</p> <p><i>Hedderwick Plantation-</i> KS had noted the continued issues since Storm Arwen e.g. fallen trees still on the ground leafing to risk of fires, public safety concerns, access matters. Neil Clark agreed to follow up progress with the landowner. JB noted that ELC were working on a Tree and Woodland Strategy which would be out for public consultation in due course.</p> <p><i>Access for All.</i> KS noted the continued issues for those with mobility issues or with buggies/wheelchairs. Neil Clark advised that there had been intention to make improvements to accessible routes at the saltmarsh area. However, this had not been possible due to the long term sickness of a key member of staff.</p> <p><i>User Issues</i></p> <p><i>Visitor numbers</i> in 2022 had been high but not as high as in 2021.</p> <p><i>Wildfowling</i> – Numbers of those with permits to shoot had reduced.</p> <p><i>Motocross-</i> ELC Planning, the ELC Biodiversity Officer and Naturescot were considering ways to regulate the use of land at Tynninghame.</p> <p><i>Snack Vans</i> – The vans at Linkfield and Shore Road did not appear to be creating issues. Both seemed to contain any litter and the owner seemed responsible. The Shore Road van had only begun a service in August. Both have reduced their hours for the low season.</p> <p><i>Dogs-</i> Consideration is being given to restricting dog access to some areas. Some areas are already restricted during the bird breeding season.</p> <p><i>Swimming.</i> There had been 2 fatalities at Tynninghame Bay. Consideration is being given to enhancing water safety information. JB noted the interest in restoring the Gentleman’s</p>

	<p>Bathing Pool. Neil Clark will contact Jo Lee of the Salty Sisters who are interested in developing this project.</p> <p><i>Shore Road Pressures</i>- The popularity of the Surf Centre and general visitor numbers has put pressure on the car park and the road network. Part of the car park had been surfaced with some assistance from the DELAP Roads budget. ELC Transportation Officers are working on ideas to improve the road network e.g. junction improvement at Shore Road/Edinburgh Road.</p> <p><i>Seafield Pond</i>- Water quality issues continue. There had been some requests for the renewal of watersports on part of the pond. This will need improvement of the water quality.</p> <p><i>Bylaws</i> – Updating is being considered. Current notice boards will be taken down. Some like that at Linkfield had become faded.</p> <p>Wildlife – Species numbers have been recorded. It was noted that some bird numbers had been depleted. There had been some losses related to avian flu.</p> <p>Consideration is being given to work to encourage seagrass and oysters at Tynninghame Bay.</p> <p>Activities- A number of seasonal rangers had been employed. The relaxation of Covid regulations had allowed renewal of volunteer activities e.g. on pathworks and special events for schools and the general public.</p> <p>Changes at NatureScot- Fraser McNaughton (Operations Manager) of NatureScot had outlined changes to the organisation’s structure and function. The Forth regional team will now cover all of South of Scotland. The staffing will be the same with a wider remit including consideration of forthcoming land reform changes. He was not sure how this may impact on the group’s continuing ability to attend JMCPAG meetings. He would keep the Group informed.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – 2pm on March 22nd 2023.</p>
8.07	<p>Lighting/Electrical</p> <p><i>Lighting within the Pool area</i> –Units to be installed by the contractor in October/November.</p> <p><i>High Street Lighting</i> Retrofit units being installed September 2022 .Long term solution still to be sought and costed.</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. Permanent repair still needed by First Mile.</p> <p><i>Lights Out at Dunbear Park</i>- making it very dark under the railway underpass. Passed to Hallhill Developments May 2022. Chased August, 8/9, 27/9 and 11/10. KS had also contacted them. Ken Ross had advised on 11/10 that Contractors had been asked to repair the lights.</p> <p><i>Lighting on path between Dempster Place and ASDA</i>. The path was a planning condition of 15/00630/PM, 17/00020/AMM and 19/00796/PMM. Lighting of the path and under the railway was Condition 4 of 19/00796/PMM. It was to have been completed before the start of the Newton Manor development. Responsibility of Robertsons. ELC aware and following up.</p> <p><i>Lack of Lighting on Hospital Road</i>- Concerns had been raised about pedestrian safety, particularly that of school pupils using the route from the Hallhill estates following the blocking off of access across the field by construction work and the closure of the route across the Belhaven Hospital site. JB had passed to Taylor Wimpey for their consideration. ELC also informed.</p>
8.08	<p>Litter/Graffiti/Vandalism/Abandoned vehicles</p> <p><i>Wingate Crescent Playpark</i>- Surface safety matting still to be repaired following vandalism.</p> <p><i>Youth ASB</i>. Issues at the Jampot area of Lochend woods. Raised at CAPP meeting.</p> <p><i>Fly tipping at 36 High Street</i>- DAL frequently report issues at the homeless unit. Romie Blair had suggested reinstatement of gates. JB contacted the housing provider. Response awaited.</p> <p><i>ASB in Pine Street</i>- There had been issues and glass had spread over the pavement and road following damage to a vehicle in September. Reported to ELC after a dog was injured by lying glass. ASB Team are involved.</p>

Transport**Trains****Services**

Strikes had continued in September and October.

Community Rail Partnership(CRP)

Meeting With Paul McLennan MSP October 14th- JB had attended along with CRP Chair, Harry Barker, and Caroline Thompson-Nobel of Community Rail Network. Caroline's post is funded by Paths for All to support all CRPs in Scotland.

CRP Funding and Support – It was noted that funding for Scottish CRPs had been greatly reduced since the nationalisation of Scotrail in April 2022. Scotrail funding was also bureaucratic to access. East Lothian CRP had had greater financial support from both Cross Country and Transpennine Express. Scottish CRPs received considerably less financial and admin support than their counterpart organisations in England and Wales. The situation had been raised by Caroline and others at a meeting with Mark Ruskell MSP who chairs the All Party Transport Group at Holyrood. Paul McLennan offer to take up this situation with the Transport Minister.

Projects – JB and Harry had outlined the ongoing projects including the Prestonpans Murals and the East Lothian Line Guide. JB spoke of the discussions between CRP and Dunbar Trades Association regarding promotion of cycling and walking on the long distance routes from Dunbar Station. Harry spoke of the desire to use the former newsagent cabin at North Berwick as a station toilet. North Berwick Trust were interested in this project. However, Scotrail had put the cabin up to rent.

Publicity- Paul McLennan offered to help arrange a reception/exhibition at Holyrood in 2023. This could showcase the work of all the Scottish CRPs. This was thought to be a good idea. He agreed to send paperwork to Caroline.

CRP AGM – This will be held on 23rd November.

Scotrail Kids for a Quid Offer. This offer excludes Dunbar services between Dunbar and Edinburgh. JB has contacted Scotrail for their reasoning. East Lothian CRP Chair, Harry Barker, has also asked why Dunbar is excluded. DTA are concerned about the impact this exclusion has on travel from Edinburgh to Dunbar in contrast to North Berwick.

Buses

Bus Stops–. Perspex has been replaced in a number of stops. Bus operators are still to provide fresh timetables.

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.

The flag on the High Street bus stop near Hector's has been damaged. Reported to ELC 20/9. The Contractor had been out on 21/9 but was unable to repair as the 75mm fittings on the stop are incompatible with the usual 60mm flag parts. They will need to return at a later date. Repair still needed.

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.

Parking

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

Parking on Belhaven High Street- continued issues.

Parking beside widened pavement beside Dunbar Primary school. Cabinet on 27th September had approved a TRO process to restrict parking. This will need to be advertised.

	<p><i>Station Car Park Extension</i>-Various groups concerned by the cancellation. RAGES had been advised by Scott Prentice of Scotrail that the cost of £1.5 million in addition to that of preparing designs etc was not thought to be justifiable. JB had also contacted Scott Prentice. Funding of any car park extension is the responsibility of Network Rail and ELC. He had confirmed that the car park was not thought to be good value for money, particularly in the light of public finance constraints. Car travel is not thought to be sustainable in the long term and alternative ways to access stations are being considered. It was not known how the opening of East Linton station might abstract some car park use at Dunbar in the longer term. Paul McLennan MSP had received a response from Network Rail to his enquiry about the cancellation of the works which JB had circulated. This reiterated that the estimated cost was significantly above what had initially been expected. Network Rail had worked with Scotrail to alter the scope of the work but costs could not be reduced enough to make a funding request to Transport Scotland. The response had noted the appointment of John Lauder of SUSTRANS to work with Network Rail to improve sustainable access to stations. JB had spoken with Peter Forsyth who had spoken of the limited options e.g DCC and other groups writing to the Transport Minister. DCC and other community councils could note the need for station parking as a response in the forthcoming LDP process.</p>
8.10	<p>Postal Services Box Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail. Installation being chased by JB.</p>
8.11	<p>Other</p>
	<p>Issues at New Robertson site – Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Broxburn residents have also raised concerns. Dust ,noise, sewage and access issues have continued as the new Newton Manor development develops. 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. 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. Occupation of houses at Newton Manor has led to increased sewage/stench issues between Newtonlees and the town centre. JB had raised concerns with Robertson Homes Managing Director, John Murphy, on 1/9. He had agreed to investigate. There had been no further contact from him. JB had noted issues to Douglas Proudfoot of ELC on 28/9. JB continues to support residents.</p> <p>Issues at Albany Grange- A play pitch and playground which were Planning Conditions of the development are still to be completed. Residents of Brand Court still wish footpath completion and a street light at the path connection to Hospital Road.</p> <p>Lauderdale Park Field in Trust status. Further information awaited from ELC who are handling the application.</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 as a possible option for use of the DELAP Amenities Budget.</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. JB had spoken to Steven Wands of ELC Sports on 8/9. Both the developers of Hallhill North and Dunbar Golf Club had been required to provide S75 monies toward a new pitch and changing rooms at Hallhill Centre as part of the Developer Contribution Framework linked to the 2018 LDP which foresaw increased pressures on the sports facility at Hallhill.</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.</p> <p>ELHA repaired part of the fence and some of the wall on 13/9. However, other work, including repair of a retaining wall still needed. JB had spoken to ELHA Chair and Chief Executive on 29/9. ELC had visited on 4/10. Further work awaited.</p> <p>Short Term Lets- Cabinet had approved a £390 fee for a 3 year licence for short term lets on September 27th. The Scheme was due to start across Scottish authorities on 1st October. Administration processes for the Scheme are to be set up. Planning are still to consider whether there should be Control Zones.</p> <p>Travellers at Skateraw – There had been further encampments, partly related to the farmer moving the concrete blocks for access. Paul lanetta had advised that ELC were in discussion with Tarmac about prevention methods. Tarmac are intending to install a gate with a bollarded area to allow cycle and pedestrian access. The timescale for the work to be done is not known. ELC will also need to consider prevention measures for their own section of the road.</p> <p>WW1 Casualty- There had been contact from Charlie Watson of In From the Cold who is working with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to locate the last resting place of soldiers that are as yet unknown. He was seeking information on William Muirison Neish who had died in 1921 and who had Belhaven connections. JB had linked him to Will Collin, Dunbar History Society and the John Gray Centre. The History Society had located information on a Neish grave but this was only for the father and erected by the mother. Information had been passed on to Mr Watson.</p> <p>Dunbar War Memorial- Will Collin had been in contact re there being some recognition at the Remembrance day event on November 13th of the addition to the memorial in 2022 of the name of George S Young. Ian Maddox, event organiser at RBL is aware and arrangements will be made.</p>
<p>9.00</p>	<p>MEETINGS ATTENDED</p>
<p>9.01</p>	<p>East Lothian Housing Association (ELHA) AGM 29th September. JB had attended</p> <p>This was the first in person AGM for 3 years.</p> <p>The Chair was passed from Peter Ewart to Brian Logan.</p> <p>ELHA is aware of the impact of Covid on both its business but also on its tenants. There was awareness that the Cost of Living Crisis and higher energy costs will impact on tenants.</p> <p>There was concern that a proposed Scottish government rent freeze may impact on ELHA income at a time when the organization is facing increasing costs.</p> <p>EHA had continued to move to paper free management for its tenants. Tenants may receive rent discounts for going digital. Coming shortly will be digital means for tenants to arrange rent arrears payment plans. Access to real people for assistance will remain an option.</p> <p>There had been no new housing developments coming on stream. It is hoped that some will begin in due course. It was noted that there was a delay in proceeding with the Bayswell Road flats which had been granted planning consent in June 2021. However, it was hoped that other options in Dunbar may come forward. JB noted issues in Dunbar regarding the lack of public transport to some social housing in Dunbar which made it difficult for some tenants who had no access to a car.</p> <p>R3Direct continues to offer an effective repair service to both ELHA tenants and the public.</p> <p>JB noted the issues at Woodbush Court. Brian Logan and ELHA Chief Executive, Martin Polhammer, agreed to investigate.</p>
<p>9.02</p>	<p>East Lothian Climate Action Network (ELCAN) – Launch meeting October 5th JB had attended</p> <p>The meeting was well attended by a number of individuals and groups from across East Lothian with an interest in sustainability, food growing and tackling the emerging climate emergency. Some ELC Councillors and Officers were also present.</p>

	<p>It is hoped to get funding to develop a central Climate Action hub for the County. There was a facilitated discussion on what those present thought such a Hub could be used for. Suggestions included a joint voice to feed into the planning processes like the forthcoming Local development Plan, to be a repository of information.</p> <p>As part of the evening there were presentations from a number of groups from around the county which demonstrated a wide variety of projects including food growing, intergenerational work in schools, East Linton tool library, Belhaven Community garden, litter picking and Zero waste hubs.</p> <p>Next Meeting – TBA</p>
9.03	<p><u>Food Matters</u></p> <p><i>East Lothian Friendly Food Network</i> – Meeting October 7th- JB had attended</p> <p><i>Dementia Services</i>- Sue Northrop had given an update on Dementia Friendly East Lothian and the 2 year funding package to set up Meeting Centres. These could include food opportunities e.g. meal provision in a social setting.</p> <p><i>Foodbank Donations</i>- All foodbanks and pantries were experiencing increased demand but a fall in donations. ELC had given funding to buy in supplies for the Fareshare Hub from which all the County services may get supplies. There was a discussion about the kinds of things that may be of benefit in addition to food e.g. toiletries, nappies and pet food.</p> <p>Discussions were taking place with food producers including farmers to encourage them to donate produce. JB noted the work of Belhaven Community Garden and The Ridge in providing produce for the Community Carrot which also accepts produce from local gardeners.</p> <p><i>Energy Poverty</i> -VCEL had obtained money from the Scottish Climate Action Network (SCAN) to purchase supplies to help people reduce energy consumption e.g. LED lightbulbs, hot water bottles. A draft information leaflet had been prepared and comments were given on it.</p> <p>Lucy Higginson of ELC noted that discussions were being finalised with Community Windpower, Changeworks and others regarding a £1 million per year annual fund to alleviate fuel poverty. It was hoped that other energy companies may also contribute. It was noted that the Fire Service had raised concerns about increasing calls to incidents of people using camping stoves to cook indoors. This held a number of risks. There was discussion on ways in which to encourage people to cook safely. It was again noted that people were seeking no cook or quick cook food. There was discussion about production of an easy cook recipe book and information giving on making food like Pot Noodles more nutritious.</p> <p><i>Income Maximisation</i>- Lucy Higginson gave feedback on the ELC Income Maximisation Campaign. This had been successful ELC would be continuing to fund the additional money advice worker at Haddington CAB for a further few weeks.</p> <p>East Lothian Foodbank now have a link to a dedicated benefits advice worker at Musselburgh CAB. Those referred to the Foodbank can be referred on for advice.</p> <p><i>Warm Zones</i>- There was discussion. JB noted the work being done by DELAP to map options for food and warm places to go across the Ward.</p> <p><i>Festive Provision</i> – There was a discussion about festive provision across the county. Information would be collated for a newsletter.</p> <p><i>Publicity</i>- Work is being done on a website and social media channels for the Friendly Food Network. It is hoped other groups will join. JB had noted that Belhaven Hill School had expressed an interest. A launch date for the Good Food Charter is to be arranged.</p> <p><i>Future Meetings</i> – November 30th, January 20th</p> <p>.</p>
9.04	<p><u>East Lothian Educational Trust</u></p> <p><i>Meeting on September 29th</i>- JB had attended</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with Elaine Alsop, the current Independent Examiner, with regard to her taking on Administration of the Trust from ELC.</p> <p>The Annual Accounts for 2021-22 were approved.</p>

	<p>There was discussion about the Trust's investment in the light of recent market values. It was agreed that the ELET Investment Advisors, Brewin Dolphin, should be contacted for an update and invited to a future meeting.</p> <p>A number of grants to individuals and organisations were approved.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting – TBA</i></p>
10,00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
	<p>Bear- Various overnight roadworks on A1</p> <p>Various- Issues with A1 Roadworks</p> <p>Various- Concerns about Dunbar Golf Club Development</p> <p>Jo Demer- Rangers input to DCC- JB had responded</p> <p>Jonathan Spink, Grayling – Request to give SP Energy Network update to November DCC meeting – JB had responded</p> <p>Katrina Emmerson, Voiceability Scotland- Wanting to give presentation to DCC. JB had responded.</p> <p>Jamie Lewis- Wanting to borrow DCC sound equipment for a private party at West Barns Hall, JB had responded</p> <p>Peter Moore, ELC- Chasing DCC signed off accounts for 2021-22. AS advised JB that the DCC accounts had been submitted to ELC in July. JB had advised ELC.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about lack of High Street lighting- JB had responded</p> <p>Will Collin- Seeking information on Remembrance Service for commemoration of the additional name of George S Young which had been added to the War Memorial in the summer. JB had responded.</p> <p>Jon Fleetwood, ELC- asking that Resilience Plans are up to date. JB had responded.</p> <p>Matthew Cuthbert- suggestions of extra cycle rack sites. JB had responded and passed to DELAP</p> <p>Various – issues at Skateraw. JB had responded.</p> <p>Various- repairs at Woodbush Court- JB had responded</p> <p>Community Carrot- Newsletter</p> <p>Various – complaints about sewage and drainage at Station, Newtonlees and Robertson Homes. JB had responded</p> <p>Scottish Communities Alliance – Newsletter</p> <p>Via Facebook -Various- concerns about Robertsons sites. JB had responded</p> <p>The Ridge- Newsletter</p> <p>Nikki Fallowfield- Update on Horizons East Lothian (Refugee Project)- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Linda Wight- Concerns about Scottish Water works at Woodbush- JB had responded</p> <p>Chris Bruce- East Lammermuir CC- Scottish Power Converter Station application. JB had responded</p> <p>Charles Watson, In From the Cold- Further query about WW1 War Grave. JB had responded</p> <p>Cllr Jardine, Update on Events arrangements. JB had responded and passed information on to Christmas Lights, Civic Week and Harbour Trust.</p> <p>Keith Dingwall, ELC – information on Golf Club and Converter Station applications</p> <p>Facebook- Concerns about ASB at Pine Street and glass on street. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook – concerns about pedestrian safety on Hospital Road. JB had responded</p> <p>Network- Update on Hogweed control on Network Rail land alongside the footpath between Spott Road and Dempster Place.</p> <p>ELC Roads- TTRO for Christmas Lights pull tests</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about fallen masonry at Co-op Dovecot. JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- various- complaints about lack of lighting/broken lights between Robertson estate and ASDA. JB had responded.</p> <p>Matt Bower, 1st Dunbar Scouts – request for DCC to visit the Scout Troop regarding the work of DCC. JB had responded.</p> <p>Scottish Water – Newsletter</p> <p>The Ridge- Newsletter</p>

	<p>ELC-various Roadworks</p>
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Noreen Thompson-thanks for grant for St Anne's friendship group trip.

Facebook- Concern that Scotrail Kids for a Quid deal is not available from Dunbar Station. JB had responded.

VCEL- How to set up a Warm Zone