



DUNBAR
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL

Community Council Open Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 26th September 2022 (Postponed from 19th September due to the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II.)

7 pm by Zoom Video Call

PRESENTATION

CONNECTING DUNBAR PATHS PROJECT – Mark James (MJ).

MJ had issues with his Zoom connection and so additional information was given by Jacquie Bell (JB).

Background was given to the Project. Previously, much work had been done on proposals to link Spott with Dunbar town centre. Spott Community Association (SCA) had engaged Consultant, Crispin Hayes along with Philip Immirzzi to work on this. A feasibility study had been funded by Sustrans. Dunbar Community Council had supported the project which had also sought better connectivity from housing estates to the station and town. JB had been the DCC link with the project.

Unfortunately, after several years of work, the terrain around Spott had created technical challenges and SCA had decided not to continue further.

Crispin Hayes had approached Sustaining Dunbar to continue work to improve Dunbar connections. Sustaining Dunbar were interested to progress ideas. MJ and JB were involved along with Simon Wasser who had previously worked for Sustrans. A funding bid had been submitted for initial stages of work to consider routes in August 2022. There had been discussion with ELC and Ian Lennox had been supportive. The work would complement the Masterplan being drawn up by Mike Naysmith which was due to be signed off before a consultation process with the community. East Lammern Community Council were supportive. It was hoped that Dunbar Community Council would renew their support for improved linkages. Possible routes would run from the Eweford underpass and link across the housing schemes towards the town. If funding were successful there would be further consideration of actual routes. JB noted that some of the proposals for the development of Hallhill North may have implications e.g. proposals to close the U194 (Hospital Road) for a number of years. Discussions were also continuing to take place with a landowner regarding access to the southern platform at the Station which would be a desirable connection to make.

The further development of the Project would include public consultation and design options. There was a general discussion by members.

TP asked about ownership of the underpass which he believed was owned by a farmer. JB noted that the underpass had been part of the original Spott to Dunbar route and that it had been understood that ownership lay with Scottish Ministers (Transport Scotland). She agreed to confirm this with the Consultant. **(JB)**.

It was agreed that DCC was supportive of the idea and aims of the Project. However, more information was required. MJ and JB agreed to keep DCC informed of the outcome of the application to Sustrans and any further development of the Project. **(MJ/JB)**

Ref	Item	
1.00	SEDERUNT – Graham Adams (GA) (Vice Chair who was Chairing the meeting), Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary), Gill Wilson (GW), Stephen Bunyan (JB), Sanchita Patjoshi (SP), Terry Prior (TP), Kevin Searle (KS), Mark James (MJ), Cllr Donna Collins (DC), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cameron Ritchie (CR) (Press), Mike Shaw (Member of the public)	
1.01	<p>Welcome</p> <p>GA welcomed all to the meeting. He noted the following events-</p> <p>HM Queen Elizabeth II. Had passed away on September 8th. Charles III acceded to the throne that day. The Local Proclamation of his Reign was at the Mercat Cross in Haddington on 12th September.</p> <p>Pauline Jaffray DL BEM Pauline had passed away after a long illness on August 27th. JB had sent a card on behalf of DCC. JB, AS and PS had attended the funeral on September 12th.</p>	
1.02	Apologies – Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Fiona O’Donnell (FO)(VCEL), Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ), Stevie McKinlay (SM)(Connected Communities Manager), Catherine Dunning (member of the public)	
2.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2.01	<u>Councillors declaring an interest in matters to be discussed:</u> JB and MJ noted an interest in the Connecting Dunbar Paths item as Directors of Sustaining Dunbar.	
3.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – August 15th 2022	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> - None	
3.02	<p><u>Adoption</u> – ADOPTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - KS • Seconded - GW 	
3.03	<p><u>DCC Action Review</u></p> <p>All action items had been attended to or had been overtaken by events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS and JB had made various payments • MJ had contacted Salty Sisters who were interested in being Champions for the Gentlemen’s Bathing Pool initiative. JB had advised Neil Clark of ELC Landscape and Countryside of their interest. • JB had advised ELC of the resignation of Lesley Stocks • Cycle rack options had been submitted to DELAP 	
3.04	<p><u>Matters arising not covered in agenda –</u></p> <p><u>1)Plan of action to secure additional car parking at Dunbar Station. How will this be progressed?</u></p> <p>JB noted contacts with RAGES and the Community Rail Partnership who also had concerns about the cancellation of the car park extension by Network Rail on the grounds that the cost was not good value for money.. Also, with Scott Prentice of Scotrail and Peter Forsyth of ELC. A business case would need to be made to Transport Scotland for funding. Peter Forsyth had suggested that DCC could note the parking situation in any response to the preparation of the Local Development Plan.</p> <p>GA suggested that there should be further discussion at a future meeting with more members present. This was agreed.</p>	

	<p><u>2) Cycle Racks</u>- GA said that he had not seen proposals for sites in Dunbar Town Centre as agreed at the August meeting. JB agreed to discuss the sites put forward with SM and feedback.</p>	JB
4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
4.01	<p><u>Cllr Norman Hampshire</u> 1.Action - Update and Matters Arising <i>a) Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane Footpath</i> - NH noted that the path had been cancelled for technical issues related to a BT box at the junction of Beveridge Row and Edinburgh Road and the narrow pavement beside 12/14 Edinburgh Road. He advised that ELC Officers were considering widening the pavement on the other side of the road to allow both pedestrian and cycle use. Members noted that this would still require people to cross the main road twice and safe crossing points would be needed. A safe route was essential and it was noted that pedestrians were using the grass or walking in the road on a regular basis. NH agreed to update once design information was available. <i>b) CAPP Meetings</i>- NH advised that he had spoken to the Police and arranged a CAPP meeting for 13th October at Bleachingfield Centre. <i>c) Stench at Dunbar Station and wider drainage/sewage issues</i> – NH advised that he had been in contact with Scottish Water. They had been due to fit sealed manholes on 6/9. JB advised that this work had taken place but the stench had continued and they were to return to do further work. NH said he would follow this up. MJ and JB queried the wider issues of infrastructure in the east of the town e.g at the Robertson Homes and Newtonlees Steading. NH advised that Scottish Water were working to increase the capacity of the pumps at the Woodbush Brae pumping station. It was hoped that this would assist with the known issues with the system.</p> <p>2.-Report NH spoke of the financial pressures on ELC. Political groups were working together to consider options. It would not be easy to find ways in which to make further savings without impacting on services. Council Officers had estimated a need to make savings of £40-60 million over the next 5 years. NH noted that all Scottish Authorities were facing the same financial pressures and it would be necessary to make some very difficult decisions in the times ahead.</p>	NH NH
4.02	<p><u>Cllr Donna Collins</u> 1,Report <i>A1</i>- DC advised that she had attended a number of meetings regarding problems with information and signposting of traffic diversions during A1 overnight closures for roadworks. <i>Drainage and Sewage</i>- DC said that she had also been following up concerns with Scottish Water and others. She was waiting on a response.</p>	
4.03	<p><u>Cllr Lyn Jardine</u> – Not present 1.Actions-Update and Matters Arising <i>Belhaven Hospital</i> – Update following briefing to elected members. No update for the meeting. <i>Dunbar Station Car Park</i> – Had been passed to Paul McLennan’s Office. A response from Network Rail had been shared. This indicated that the estimated cost of upgrading the car park had been significantly above what had initially been expected. It had not been possible to reduce the sum enough to be able to request monies from Transport Scotland. <i>Events</i> – LJ was waiting on further information on guidance for organisers from ELC officers.</p>	

4.04	<p>Questions/Concerns to Councillors <i>CARS – What is the position regarding the appointment of a Project Manager?</i> JB noted that Colin Gilmour had advised on 26/9 that there was no news on the appointment of Project Officers. A launch date was still to be identified.</p> <p><i>Christmas Lights-</i> GA asked if scaffolding was to be removed from a High Street building. This was needed in order to do the pull tests on October 10th and 11th. NH said he thought that the scaffolding would be down but he would check.</p> <p><i>Path from Dempster Place to ASDA – KS noted issues</i> <i>Lighting – 3 lights had been out for some weeks on the path between the railway bridge and ASDA. JB noted that this had been previously reported to Ken Ross as the landowner. In addition, there was no lighting under the bridge or on the approach to it on the Robertson Homes side. KS thought this was dangerous. NH agreed to ask ELC Officers to follow this up. KS said he would be happy to meet with them on site.</i> <i>Vegetation and Fence works-</i> Network Rail had been working on the fence alongside the railway. They had left much mess. KS had reported this to Network Rail. NH agreed to pass this to ELC Officers.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
5.00	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT – See Community Report 1.00</p>	
5.01	<p>Matters arising/questions <i>AELCC Bank Account-</i> Had been wound up. Each Community Council had received a £138.55 share of £1771.14.</p>	
5.02	<p>Requests for Support for consideration: <u>Local Priorities Fund</u> – (Decisions made by e mail vote – applications were approved and grants paid.) <i>Dunbar Sea Cadets-</i> £494 for Junior Cadet uniforms <i>Cuppa , Cake and Chat Group -</i> £175 for outing</p> <p><u>Community Benefits Fund</u> (Decisions made by e mail vote- See Community Report 1.03)</p>	
6.00	<p>COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended The Community Report provides information and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DCC Finances</i> • <i>Community Police</i> • <i>Planning</i> • <i>DCC Initiatives/Projects</i> • <i>Community Projects</i> • <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i> • <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i> • <i>Record of meetings attended</i> • <i>Correspondence received</i> 	
6.01	<p>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters: <u>Health and Social Care -</u> <i>Meeting with ELHSCP (Laura Kerr and Bruce Dickie) on 6th September regarding services for Older People – PS,AS, JB, TP and GW had attended. There were a number of areas considered including co-production on a way forward for future services for older people, communications, models of care.</i> <i>TP said he continued to have communication with ELHSCP to move things forward.</i></p> <p><i>The Planning for an Ageing Population Consultation Session on 5th September at Bleachingfield had been cancelled due to the low number of sign ups on Eventbrite.</i></p> <p><u>Lauderdale Park- Request for Queen Elizabeth Field in Trust Status.</u> This had been discussed by ELC on August 23rd. It had been agreed that a request should be made for the park to become a Field in Trust. ELC officers will progress the request.</p>	

	Parking Consultation – Peter Forsyth of ELC had advised on 26/9 that consultation would now be by Area Partnership rather than an East Lothian wide consultation. Dunbar will not be looked at until 2023.	
7.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)	
7.01	Planning Applications for consideration/Discussion <i>Dunbar Golf Club</i> –Will come before Committee on 4 th October. JB will represent DCC. The Officer Report had been published just before the DCC meeting with a recommendation that consent should be granted. There had been considerable community opposition to the proposals to build houses to finance the improvement of the Golf Club facilities.	
7.02	Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion - None	
8.00	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.01	Vacancies - New DCC members are still sought to fill the 2 vacancies.	
8.02	West Barns Village Hall Committee - Call for Chairperson. (Need not be from West Barns – MJ is on the Committee). Anyone interested should contact Ola Wojtkiewicz.	
8.03	Webmaster – PS will manage the website for the time being until a new webmaster is recruited.	
8.04	Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Queen Elizabeth II -7PM on Thursday 29th September - DCC Members were invited. Members should give their names to JB to pass on to the Lieutenancy Office.	JB
9.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
9.01	October 17th 2022 – Dunbar Town House - 7pm AGM DISCUSSION – Safe Routes to East Beach (PS)	



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COMMUNITY REPORT September 2022

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

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1.00	DCC FINANCE REPORT																		
1.01	<u>DCC and Sub-Committee Accounts</u> General Account: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The bank statement balance at the end of August was £144,736.08• The restricted funds held within the General Account were, at the end of the month –<table><tr><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">£</td></tr><tr><td>Community Windpower Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;">126,961.15</td></tr><tr><td>Covid Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;">£6,316.79</td></tr><tr><td>Access for All Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;">£759.00</td></tr><tr><td>Local Priorities Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>£9,338.39</u></td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>£143,375.83</u></td></tr></table>• The unrestricted funds held within the General Account were, at the month end–<table><tr><td>Balance in the General Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;">£1,360.25</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>£1,360.25</u></td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL FUNDS</td><td style="text-align: right;">£144,736.08</td></tr></table>		£	Community Windpower Fund	126,961.15	Covid Fund	£6,316.79	Access for All Fund	£759.00	Local Priorities Fund	<u>£9,338.39</u>	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>£143,375.83</u>	Balance in the General Fund	£1,360.25	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>£1,360.25</u>	TOTAL FUNDS	£144,736.08
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	Christmas Lights Account: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The bank balance at the month end stood at £ 14,325.23• Donations of £919 were received during the month.• Trader donations towards costs are being received.• The Market Operator licence had been paid																		

	<p>Civic Week Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bank balance at the month end was £8,247.22 • Some late invoices had been paid during the month. • Planning for Civic Week 2023 is underway. The event will start on 10th June. <p>Dunbar against Litter Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bank balance at the month end was £2,568.56 • The DAL van had to be licensed and insured during the month. August is the costliest month for the Group each year. Expenses for the month were £541. • Community Windpower had agreed a 100% grant for 12 new bins to maintain the bin stock in the community. 										
1.02	<p><u>Local Priorities Fund</u></p> <p><u>Applications-</u> Approved by e mail and paid (will appear on September reporting) £494 for Junior Cadet uniforms £175 for Cuppa, cake and Chat Group outing</p> <table> <tr> <td>The Current Year Fund</td> <td>£10,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brought forward fund</td> <td>£3,477</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committed or under review</td> <td>£4,339</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities Fund available</td> <td>£9,338</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maximum Budget Total</td> <td>£13,677</td> </tr> </table>	The Current Year Fund	£10,200	Brought forward fund	£3,477	Committed or under review	£4,339	Local Priorities Fund available	£9,338	Maximum Budget Total	£13,677
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1.03	<p><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund</u></p> <p><u>Applications</u> A vote had taken place by E mail as the September meeting had been postponed and payments had been made to those approved. Will appear on the September reporting.</p> <p>Enjoy Leisure – Training Platforms for Dunbar Leisure Pool DGS -Intergenerational Group Wilder Education Dunbar Shed</p>										
1.04	<p><u>Covid Fund</u> DGS Intergenerational Project - £1538.81 had been approved by e mail and paid</p>										
2.00	<p>COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT</p>										
2.01	<p><u>Police Reports</u> July 2022- Based on incidents reported between 20th June and 15th July</p> <p><i>Road Safety</i> Motorist charged for careless driving Motorist charged for driving with no insurance and expired MOT. Vehicle seized. 2 Road traffic accidents reported. 1 damage only. 1 minor pedestrian injury.</p> <p><i>Violence and Anti Social Behaviour</i> The ongoing robust strategy regarding youth ASB/disorder in liaison with ELC and partner agencies continues. There has been a reduction in youth related calls as a result. 3 calls received regarding disorder. 2 youths charged with threatening/abusive behaviour in relation to one of the incidents.</p>										

Minor disturbance in licensed premises. No complaints made.
 Individual charged with uttering threats to staff in an off sales premises after proactively being challenged by staff regarding suspected proxy purchasing of alcohol for youths.
 1 report of vandalism- may have been accidental as a result of flying debris.
 Serious and Organised Crime – No incidents of note

Theft
 2 reported shopliftings – possibly linked. Enquiries ongoing
 Housebreaking to the cellar of licensed premises – no theft. Enquiries ongoing.
 Secure building site entered. Items moved but not stolen. Possibly ASB related rather than intent of theft.
 Individual made off on foot from a passing patrol whilst pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with building site tools. No crimes detected at the time.

Other
 Emergency services attended a fatal low speed collision within a residential street. The driver suffered a medical matter to which they sadly succumbed.
 Emergency services attended a reported large scale disturbance during a youth football tournament sparked by an on field injury. Enquiries continue but as yet no crimes identified.
 Suspicious vehicles reported on 2 occasions following females. Crime recorded for one incident. Enquiries exhausted.
 Extensive emergency services response to a call for concern for an individual seen climbing the castle ruins but failing to return. Colleagues from HM Coastguard, RNLI, SFRS and Civil Nuclear Constabulary conducted a coastline search but were stood down with no trace of the individual. False alarm. Good intent.
 PC Tait had joined the Community Policing Team at Dunbar

September 2022- Based on incidents reported between 16th July and 8th September 2022.

Road Safety
 Motorist charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to provide a specimen.
 No licence and no insurance.
 Motorist charged with driving under the influence of drugs.
 Motorist charged with having no licence and no insurance. Vehicle seized.
 Motorist charged for no insurance.
 Motorist charged for no MOT
 7 damage only road traffic accident including one where a medical episode caused a car to leave the road and collide with a house.
 1 serious injury road traffic accident- pedestrian at fault. Possible broken arm.

Violence and ASB
 12 calls regarding youth disorder/nuisance. No criminality detected.
 2 minor disturbances in licensed premises. One recorded Police Warning issued for failing to leave licensed premises when instructed by Police.
 1 minor disturbance in retail premises. Suspect charged.
 4 minor assaults reported. Enquiries ongoing.
 2 noise complaints associated with dispersal from licensed premises.
 1 report of abusive behaviour with a hate crime aggravator. Suspects are youths. Enquiries ongoing.

Serious and Organised Crime – No incidents of note.

Theft
 1 theft from a domestic garage. Enquiries ongoing.
 3 thefts from gardens. Enquiries exhausted.
 1 theft of pedal cycles from a cycle rack on an unattended vehicle. Enquiries exhausted.
 1 theft of building materials from a building site. Enquiries exhausted.
 3 incidents of shoplifting, one of alcohol. Suspect charged.
 1 theft by finding (wallet) plus related fraud. Enquiries ongoing.
 Fatality on the railway line within the town. Police Scotland assisted British Transport Police.
 1 report of youths on the railway line. Police attended.

2.02	<p><u>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) –</u> No Meeting since February 1st.</p>
3.00	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p>
3.01	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters –</u> <i>Dunbar Golf Club</i> will come to Planning Committee on October 4th. JB will represent DCC. There had been considerable public opposition to the proposals for housing to enable the improvements to the Golf Club facilities.</p>
3.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Castle Bay (Cala) – Signage still needed at the top of Beveridge Row. Signage still needed to indicate playpark. 20mph roundels needed. A footpath between Bayview Circus and Beveridge Row and Edinburgh Road is overgrown. Planning Enforcement involved. Cala have been asked for a timescale. JB had spoken to Morag Haddow on 17/6 who was to follow up signage issues. DCC and West Barns CC 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 to be presented to Cabinet on September 13th. This decision was postponed to September 27th as Cabinet business was suspended due to the death of the Queen. There are community concerns about the proposal which will need to be advertised. Cala residents to contact ELC with their concerns. 2. 15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site – Issues continue including landscaping, incomplete pathways, lack of path lighting, 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. JB had seen Morag Haddow on 17/6. Lighting on the path including under the railway under the line was a planning condition and the responsibility of Robertsons. 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 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. 7 08/00369/FUL- Request by applicant to extend Condition 1 by 1 year. This is to allow an extra year, 4 years rather than 3, to commence works from the time of consent. Consent was granted in 2009 but ratified in December 2018 on completion of a S75. Thus the request is to extend the period from 2021 to 2022. It is noted that to date the applicant has not met condition 4 (to submit plans for an archaeological study prior to work commencing) or Condition 5 (to submit a scheme of landscaping). JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined. 8 21/00676/P- Broxmouth Estate. Erection of 9 holiday lodges. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined. 9 21/00997/PM -Golf Club 78 houses, golf club house, short course and other golf infrastructure. Will come to Planning Committee on October 4th. 10 21/00949/LBC -86-88 High Street (Value Shop) Alterations, extensions to building, erection of outbuildings, forming of hardstanding areas and demolition of external staircase. JB had circulated information. DCC support submitted. Approved 9th September. 11 21/00947/P 86-88 High Street (Value Shop) Alterations to shop (Class 1), alterations and extension to part of shop and derelict buildings to form 3 houses, 4 flats and associated works. JB had circulated information. DCC support submitted. Approved 9th September.

	<p>12 21/01289/P - DunBear Park – 2 Retail Units. JB had circulated information and submitted a response. To be determined.</p> <p>13 21/01392/P – Broxmouth Park – S42 request to remove condition 2 of Application 20/00554/P which had been consented on July 28th 2021. This relates to the operation of the wedding accommodation. JB had responded. To be determined.</p> <p>14 22/00021/P – Coffee Shop Class 3 (Starbucks) , Drive Thru and associated works at land East of McDonalds. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.</p> <p>15 22/00277/P – Dunbar Tennis Club. Section 42 request to vary Condition 1 of 19/00141/P. This will increase the level of floodlighting. Views submitted to ELC. Nearby residents and Friends of Winterfield concerned and objections have been submitted. To be determined.</p> <p>16 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>17 22/00278/LBC Broxmouth House, South Lodge- Alteration to building and erection of gates. (Related to 28.). JB had submitted DCC views.</p> <p>18 22/00393/P – Bayswell Hotel – Extension. Many objections. Called in by Cllr Collins. Approved on August 16th by majority vote. The Committee discussion had ensured extra conditions.</p> <p>19 22/00766/HSC- Torness. Application by EDF to store hazardous substances at Torness. JB had circulated information. To be determined.</p>
3.03	<u>Licensing Matters to Note</u> - None
4.00	<u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u>
4.01	<p><u>Meeting on 29th August 2022.</u> JB, SB, GW and PS had attended</p> <p><i>Connected Communities Manager Report</i></p> <p>Stevie McKinlay had given feedback on the Short Term Working Group on Scrutiny and Monitoring.</p> <p>He had advised that a new part time specialist youth worker had been appointed. She would be liaising with the school, ASB Team and others regarding the challenges presented to the community by some youths.</p> <p>He had advised that his post was moving from part time to full time which would be of benefit to the Partnership.</p> <p><i>Roads Budget</i>- Callum Redpath had given a presentation on how DELAP may influence the works programme. It was felt that it would be useful to have sight of potential works on the programme. DELAP may be minded to make funding available to move some of them up the priorities.</p> <p>There was discussion about the repair of High Street lights for which parts were eon order. PS had queried the number of missing setts. It was noted that these were difficult to source from Iberia.</p> <p>Callum noted that some improvements were to be made in the Tynninghame area e.g speed reactive sign.</p> <p>PS had queried improved links to the station. JB had noted the Connecting Dunbar proposals and the work of Mike Naysmith for ELC.</p> <p><i>Amenities Budget</i>- Andrew Hogarth had given a presentation. The Petanque Piste was seen as an effective use of the Amenities budget which involves men and machines rather than capital. This had been an idea brought forward by a local resident and it was proving very popular. Again, it was felt that it would be useful to have sight of the department’s proposals and existing workload. Andrew noted the increased workload with a smaller pool of staff. He also spoke of the problems that East Lothian were facing with the spread of Ash Dieback disease which will lead to the felling of many trees in the county.</p> <p><i>VCEL</i>- Fiona O’Donnell had given information on new funding opportunities. These would be circulated. She advised members of the VCEL Poverty Conference to be held at the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club on September 8th.</p>

	<p>Health and Wellbeing- JB had given feedback from the Health and Wellbeing sub group meeting, particularly the discussion of the Planning for an Ageing Population. She had updated on Great Expectations. She had noted that Dunbar Day Centre were fundraising for a bus. She had advised of the proposals for a Health and Wellbeing Event to be held at Bleachingfield on October 22nd.</p> <p>Poverty Matters- JB had given feedback from the meetings with Paul McLennan, particularly the potential Community Windpower monies to alleviate fuel poverty across the County and initial mapping of resources that may be used as warm zones. She had noted the forthcoming Benefits take up campaign.</p> <p>Cycling- JB had noted the £10,000 per Area Partnership ring fenced funding for cycle racks. A number of suggestions had been made. Further suggestions should be made via Stevie to be passed on to Ian Lennox.</p> <p>JB had spoken of the Connecting Dunbar initiative for which an application was being made to Sustrans by Sustaining Dunbar. The proposal would be to improve connections from the A1 into town, linking in West Barns and making connections between the new estates and also to the station. Letters of support would be welcome from Community Councils. Ian Lennox had given support and there had been discussion as to how the project may link with the masterplan being drawn up by Mike Naysmith for ELC.</p>
4.02	<u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u> – 3 rd October 2022
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. Belhaven Brewery had requested information on sponsoring a display. Yvonne Wemyss had advised that they had been put on the waiting list. There is currently no capacity for further displays to be added. Pull tests will take place on 10 th and 11 th October.
5.02	<u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> – No report
5.03	<u>Dunbar Against Litter</u> – Litter picking continues on a daily basis. A fund raiser will be held at the Legion on 10 th December. The weekly tabletop sales will be held at the Legion from October.
5.04	<u>Resilience</u> <u>Twenty Miles Per Hour</u> – No further information <u>Spaces For People- Permanent Closure of Countess Crescent</u> . TRO still to be advertised. <u>Remembering Together</u> – East Lothian Covid Memorial. Barbara Gardner Rowell had held a number of activities over the summer across East Lothian. A Project information bus visited Bleachingfield 2-4 pm on September 24 th .
5.05	<u>Platinum Jubilee</u> <u>Queens Green Canopy</u> - Planting was on hold until October. JB had updated the Lord Lieutenancy on proposals. She had contacted Mike Foy for an update on the Lauderdale Park tree order and others. Information awaited on how the initiative will progress following the death of the Queen.
6.00	<u>DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES</u>
6.01	<u>Dunbar High Street</u> <i>Dunbar High Street and Friends</i> – JB continues to post on the Facebook page <i>SOLE-</i> The Project had been heavily advertised during June/July/August

	<p>The information on the Dunbar and East Linton section has remained scanty.</p> <p>Marketing- DTA continue their Our Dunbar initiative. The Community Rail Partnership are interested in promoting travel to Dunbar and onward connections by rail.</p> <p>CARS- Further information awaited on the grants process. Colin Gilmour advised on 26/9 that Project Officers are still to be appointed and a launch date agreed.</p> <p>Parking – 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.</p> <p>DTA Meeting August 31st JB had attended</p> <p>CARS – Colin Gilmour had given a presentation. Members had had a variety of questions e.g. funding for shops that are part of tenement buildings, use of grants for energy efficiency measures.</p> <p>Dunbar Music Festival – A presentation had been given by Neil Allison and James Mitchell. They had outlined the programme for 23rd-25th September. There would be a range of free gigs in local hostelryes and 2 ticketed gigs at Dunbar Parish Church Hall. Schools had also been invited to 4 creative workshops for pupils. There was a discussion as to how the Festival may further develop. DTA members agreed to give £300 sponsorship.</p> <p>Our Dunbar- There was an update on the initiative and a discussion on how it may be further developed.</p> <p>Visit Scotland marketing- This had proved positive.</p> <p>Summer Trade. This had picked up with the sunnier weather. Some businesses were having issues with staffing. There was a discussion about information sharing on opening hours e.g where people may find a coffee if the first café of call was closed.</p> <p>SOLE- It was noted that this had been heavily advertised over the summer. However, the website remained clunky in function and limited in content. It was noted that the Music Festival, who had used SOLE for ticket sales in 2021 had moved to a different ticket promotor for 2022. Concerns were reiterated about the way in which SOLE had obtained UK Government Funding supported by ELC Officers when the Dunbar pilot had failed.</p> <p>ELC Parking Consultation- JB noted that this was still to be launched.</p> <p>High Street Lights- JB noted that units had been ordered in March for a short term repair as so many lights were broken. ELC officers were chasing delivery. A business case is to be prepared for a longer term solution as the light standards are old.</p> <p>Energy Developments – Jo Waddell of DTA and JB had given feedback from the Energy Meeting arranged by Paul McLennan MSP in June. A further meeting would be held on September 12th. There was a discussion about the number of Energy proposals in the pipeline for the area. These would have significant impact. There was particular concern about how all the workers would be accommodated. It was proving difficult to get clear timescales from each of the developers to have an idea of how they may all fit together. There had been some discussion of an eco village but it was not clear where this may be located. A request had been made by those at the June meeting for dialogue with the Energy Minister. It was felt that there was a need for clear plans to be made sooner rather than later and that the Scottish Government needed to play a part in that planning in discussion with the affected communities.</p> <p>Autumn and Winter Promotions – There was a discussion about Festive opening and marketing.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Event- There was a discussion about this. There could be consideration of a related event to promote pampering aspects of Health and Wellbeing. This would be given further thought.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – TBA</p>
6.02	<p>A1</p> <p>Upgrade – No further information.</p> <p>Litter – Continues to be an eyesore . JB continues to chase Phil Hinchliff at Transport Scotland.</p>

	<p>A1 Action Group – Has not met since October 2021. JB chasing a meeting 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.</p> <p>Roadworks- 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.</p> <p>Accident- There had been a serious accident at the Oldhamstocks junction on September 23rd involving a car and a Police vehicle.</p> <p>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project – This has been progressed over the Summer by Directors of Sustaining Dunbar (including MJ and JB) in Co-operation with Consultants Philip Immirzzi and Crispin Hayes who had worked on the original Spott to Dunbar Paths Project. An application had been submitted to Sustrans in August with a view to developing ideas to improve connections from the A1 at Eweford Underpass into Dunbar, including access to the south side of the station and connections between housing developments. Also, to consider connections into Dunbar from West Barns. The proposals include signage improvements. MJ had had initial discussions with Mike Naysmith who has been preparing a Dunbar Masterplan to consider how the 2 workstreams might link together. Further discussion will be held with him and other ELC Officers if the funding bid is successful. A draft of Mike Naysmith’s Masterplan will be available for consultation with community stakeholders in due course. Ian Lennox of ELC had given support to the Sustaining Dunbar application. It had been hoped that DCC, West Barns CC and East Lammermuir would also be supportive of the Project. JB had noted the Project at the DELAP meeting on 29th August. She had been in contact with East Lammermuir CC who had offered a letter of support. Following submission of the application there had been contact with the Funders to give further information on timings and costings of the Project. An outcome is awaited. The Construction Works for Hallhill North starting on September 12th have implications for part of the route over the next 5/6 years. Mark James to give a presentation to the DCC September meeting.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 22nd August – JB, DW and TP had attended (Minutes will be circulated)</p> <p>Planning for an Ageing Population – Much of the meeting had been a discussion with ELHSCP staff regarding the consultation. There had been on line sessions across the county and an on line consultation was ongoing. There was discussion about the provision of care home and community hospital beds – were they in the right places. There was also discussion about the different kinds of intermediate care and the need for preventative services. There was also discussion of the difficulties in obtaining care at home services, particularly in the villages. Findings from the consultation will be drawn together into reports for the IJB. Further steps will need to be taken to progress service planning based on the findings. It was agreed that proposals needed to be tailored to the different needs of communities. JB noted that it would be useful to have links to the live streaming of IJB meetings such as were available for those of ELC.</p> <p>Great Expectations 2- TP had noted the difficulties in collating data. Some statistics that would have been helpful were not available in the public domain. He had written to the Minister to request a meeting several times without any response.</p> <p>Belhaven Hospital- There was discussion about the temporary closure of wards at the hospital due to a contaminated water supply in August. All patients, residents and staff had been moved to Haddington Community Hospital. ELHSCP staff advised that investigations were still ongoing into the source of the contamination. There would need to be a programme of works to remedy any issues. It was not known how long this may take. Staff ensured that it was intended for all patients, residents and staff to return to Belhaven as soon as it was safe to do so.</p>

JB had noted that the water contamination issues had also impacted on the therapeutic and intergenerational work at Dunbar Community Garden. ELHSCP staff agreed to liaise with Community Garden.

Community First East Lothian- This is a new ELHSCP funded service that will be provided by VCEL. It will build on the hospital discharge service and community support programme and make use of volunteers to give supports like shopping or company. Staff had been recruited and details were being finalised for a launch.

Poverty/Cost of Living Crisis - JB had given feedback on the Poverty Forum meeting hosted by Paul McLennan.

She noted the discussion on warm Zones and that she and Stevie McKinlay were to map potential community resources as well as ones that already gave food and social provision around the ward.

JB advised of the new ELC advice leaflet on the Cost of Living crisis and the forthcoming VCEL Poverty Conference.

JB advised of the discussions with Community Windpower regarding a £1 million per annum fund initially to alleviate fuel poverty for some target groups.

Health and Wellbeing Event – JB and Jo Waddell of DTA had outlined ideas for an event to give information on different aspects of Health and Wellbeing in the Ward. It was agreed to progress this.

Group Remit – JB had done some work on this over the summer. It is to be developed further taking into account those of the other Health and Wellbeing Groups.

Date of Next Meeting - TBA

Meeting Centres- for People With Dementia – Dunbar discussions are still to resume.

Intergenerational Working

Meeting on 18th August – JB had attended

There had been a general discussion on good practice in intergenerational work.

Kirstie McLuckie had given further information on the work being done at Dunbar Grammar School.

Date of Next Meeting – 12th October at QMU

Great Expectations 1/ELHSCP- Meeting with Laura Kerr 6th September. JB, TP,AS,PS, GW had attended. There was a discussion about the Document and how DCC and ELHSCP may work together in progressing care models for older people. Areas discussed included models of care both buildings based and in the community, communications, innovative preventative work. Laura Kerr had noted intentions to widen the membership of IJB Change Boards and Reference Groups. The implications of the National Care Service proposals for future service delivery were noted.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Group Chairs

Meeting on August 31st – JB had attended. Laura Kerr had been present from ELHSCP

Planning for an Ageing Population – Laura Kerr had given feedback on the consultation to date.

Poverty/Cost of Living – There had been a general discussion. JB had given information on the meetings with Paul McLennan and the proposed funds from Community Windpower.

There was a discussion about warm zones and community provisions to support the most vulnerable residents. It was noted that it would not be possible to use Day Centre buildings due to the conditions set by the Care Inspectorate.

JB had noted the discussions at the Friendly Food Network regarding the increasing demand on foodbanks and that heating costs would impact on those who had previously been coping.

Dunbar Health and Wellbeing Event – JB had spoken of the proposals. It was thought similar events might be useful elsewhere to give information on services.

GP Linkworkers – There was a discussion about the need for accessible public information on services. It was felt that the Link Workers might do more in some areas. It was noted that they

were run by a number of organisations and that there had been a turnover of staff. It was felt that it would be useful if there was more co-ordination of what they were doing. Their links with Health and Wellbeing Groups were variable and it was felt that there could be improvements. Laura Kerr agreed to take this up with Primary Care Colleagues.

Group Support- To date much of the work in organising the Joint Meetings had fallen on Hilary Smith of North Berwick. Laura Kerr had agreed to ask if VCEL might be able to assist with facilitation.

Date of Next Meeting – October 26th

Dunbar Day Centre

Meeting on August 24th – JB, SB and GW had attended

Trustees- Further Trustees would be welcome. Sadly, Lesley Stocks had had to withdraw on health grounds. Co-Chair, Andrew Brown had been in hospital.

Funding- The extra funding for Outreach provision was aiding finances. The IJB had agreed that there would be a light touch approach to arranging funding matters for Day Centres across the county until 2026.

Staffing- New staff had been appointed. It was agreed to recruit another part time care worker. At the end of the meeting Jamie McNeill (Manager) advised that he had been offered another post. There was discussion as to how this may be managed in the short term. Further consideration would be needed.

Referrals- These have been steady but more would be welcome both for building based services and Outreach. It was noted that the GPs referred fewer people. The turnover of GP link workers who signpost patients to services was noted. It was felt that the DELAP Health and Wellbeing event may be helpful in promoting the work of the Centre.

Buildings Maintenance- There have been problems with the boiler for some time. However, ELC have been reluctant for it to be replaced. Work is to be done on outside painting . The kitchen refit is still to commence- Andrew had been the main person dealing with this. There was discussion about the lease which only sees ELC as being responsible to keep the building wind and watertight.

Bus Appeal. The cost of taxis is high (£175 a day). It was agreed to launch an appeal to buy a dedicated bus for the Centre which would give more flexibility.

Date of Next Meeting- 14th September

Meeting on 14th September – JB had attended

Staffing- Manager, Jamie McNeill's last day would be 16th September. There was discussion about managing the staff establishment in the near future pending longer term planning.

Trustees- Further Trustees would be welcome.

Building Maintenance- There are issues with external fabric and also the heating system.

Bus- There was further discussion about fundraising for a bus.

Date of Next Meeting – 19th October

Consultations

Planning for an Ageing Population-

The Dunbar in person event planned for 5th September had been cancelled due to lack of take up.

JB had attended an online discussion on 18th August. Topics covered included access to quality affordable care homes and the disparity across the county, transport to centralised hospital services, access to respite, the lack of overnight care at home services e.g. for toileting or dementia supervision, difficulties in accessing care at home services in rural areas.

Belhaven Hospital- Services remain suspended at the site.

Initial investigations into the water contamination issues have concluded.

A programme of remedial works is being drawn up.

Priority will be to reopen Ward 1, Blossom House (Care Home).

Initial projection is that remedial works may take 2 months. This may be extended, if required, once works start.

	<p>Being a construction site, the area is closed to public access. DGS pupils have been advised not to use it as a route to school.</p> <p><u>Belhaven Community Garden</u></p> <p>Due to the ongoing water quality situation at the Hospital site access to the Community Garden had been curtailed. This has impacted on the therapeutic work of the Community Gardener with people with disabilities and mental health needs and also the intergenerational work linking school pupils with the patients and residents. Following discussions with ELHSCP, it has been agreed that, although the water is turned off and there is no toilet access that limited access may be available via the Plane Street gate and a gate on Hospital Road.</p> <p>Robertson Trust have given funding to support links between the Belhaven Community Gardener and BCG/DPS and Hospital.</p>
8.00	ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE
8.01	<p>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> –Remains in bad condition. Complaints continue. Situation will be impacted by further vehicular accesses onto the road from Hallhill North. 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 commenced on 29/8 and will take 4 weeks The work has raised a number of issues including lack of communication on access to their homes with some residents, issues for recycling and bin services, bus stop safety, road safety due to parked cars and speeding through rat runs. JB had liaised with residents, ELC officers and the recycling contractor. 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> – Still needed. ELC have advised that it will not now go ahead due to technical difficulties, increased costs and proposals for a crossing at the junction of Beveridge Row/Edinburgh Road/Shore Road. JB had discussed with Liz Hunter of ELC on 4/7. 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</p>

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.

Lack of dropped kerbs 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,

Pedestrian safety in Bayswell Road- 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.

Beveridge Row/Hospital Road/Bayview Circus pavements and Access. 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.

Potholes – Many potholes have been reported and need repair.

High Street Setts – Many remain missing. Gaps have been filled with tar. ELC have advised that replacement setts are difficult to source from Europe.

Spott Road Pedestrian Crossing – Now in place near the business centre. The lights are still to be made functional. Proposed switch on on August 2nd did not take place. Callum Redpath of ELC has advised that Scottish Power had identified equipment issues. Switch on now proposed for September 28th. JB had noted that nearby tree branches needed to be cut back as they are obscuring the lights. This had been done.

Pavement in Poplar Street- 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.

Proposed traffic Lights/crossings at Spott Road/Queens Road junction. These have been funded by S75 from Taylor Wimpey as a Planning condition for Hallhill North. Much concern from nearby residents about the lack of consultation. Contact made with Ian Lennox requesting meeting. No further information.

Quality of Installation Works for new High Street bus stops. Remedial works still required.

Markings at Harbour area. Keith Scott had met with Eric Robertson on Harbour Trust and Dave Anderson of RNLI in 2021. He had promised to refresh yellow cross hatching near the lifeboat station and parking bays. Also to paint a white line from Victoria Street to Victoria Place. Work completed September.

New pavement by cemetery extension- This has been built across the vehicle entrance point for the new cemetery. Thus, there is no entrance point for hearses. On 15/8 Andrew Hogarth advised that an entrance will be provided into the new cemetery during the current financial year. This will require digging up of the new pavement. Initially vehicle access will be through the wooden gate near Broxburn Cottages. Coffins will need to be carried from the entrance to the burial site until the permanent access point is in place. JB had liaised with funeral director.

Pavement at Parsons Pool. This was damaged by an uprooted tree during Storm Arwen. The tree root still needs to be removed and the pavement repaired. JB chasing.

Unsafe surface for cycling at ASDA Mini roundabout. Passed to ELC 21/8.

Hallhill North-Variou – Concerns from the community about short notice of commencement of construction works and lack of communications with West Barns and East Lammermuir Community Councils whose residents are impacted.

	<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>Signage</p> <p><i>Lack of Signage at new estates.</i> This is causing issues for delivery drivers and emergency vehicles. Provision is the responsibility of developers. Planning Enforcement involved. Signs still needed at Robertson.</p> <p><i>Vandalised signs (graffiti at junction to Belhaven on Eweford Road, Beltonford Roundabout and elsewhere)-</i> Reported 17/4/21. Cleaned August 2022.</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>
8.03	<p>Structures</p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons).</i> Still to be repaired. Lee Jenkins of Four Seasons is awaiting a quotation from The Ridge. Frank Fairgrieve of ELC involved in pushing for repairs to be made.</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. Some work had been done on the tree roots during May. The fence was repaired in August. Debris piled up beside the fence of another property allowing youths access into the resident's garden had been removed in August. 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 has asked Environmental Health to contact the elderly resident affected in the first instance as Frank Fairgrieve of Building Control on holiday.</p> <p><i>Storm damaged fence at Floors Terrace/Park Avenue.</i> The Park Avenue metal fence had been damaged when the integral bus shelter was destroyed in Storm Arwen. The other fence, which offers security to the amenity flats, was also damaged. A resident had put up temporary Herres fencing. The high fence was repaired in August. 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>

8.04	<p>Drainage</p> <p><i>A drain near 105 Summerfield Road</i> is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing trip hazards for pedestrians. Passed back to ELC 1/1/20 ,4/1/21. And 5/2/22.They are still to follow up.</p> <p><i>Flooding near Lethendry, North Road.</i> Issues have exacerbated in recent heavy rains. On a list of ELC works. JB liaising with resident. It seems that the drain is only a soakaway and thus not sufficient to cope in heavy rain.</p> <p><i>Drainage/Sewage for Robertson 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. 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.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Old Eden Hotel</i> – Issues continue. On a list of ELC works. JB liaising with resident.</p> <p><i>Drainage issues from new DELAP path beside Winterfield Golf Course</i> – There had been further flooding on 31st May. Stevie McKinlay had met with Calum Redpath of Roads who will discuss further with the Golf Club and Amenities.</p> <p><i>Blocked gully near Belhaven House-</i> Had been blocked solid for many months. Cleared 10/8. There had been roadworks in Belhaven prior to the High Street resurfacing to make repairs to the gully and another in Brewery Lane as they had not been functioning for some time. JB had liaised with residents regarding the nature of the works.</p> <p><i>Blocked outlet at Home Avenue SUDS pond.</i> Responsibility of Persimmon. Persimmon had instructed a contractor to clear the obstruction August 2022. Cleared September 2022.</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.</p>
8.05	<p>Vegetation</p> <p><i>Condition of Woodland between James Court and Spott Road Wall.</i> JB had chased Mike Foy, Tree Officer, on 1st April. He had advised that he hoped that intern tree Inspectors would be able to do this work. The woodland vegetation has now grown over the wall and is blocking the footpath on Spott Road. Passed to ELC 10/8. Mike Foy had arranged to inspect and arrange cut back. The woods are to be inspected as part of a survey of ash health.</p> <p><i>Overgrown path between Cala and Beveridge Row/Edinburgh.</i> Responsibility of Cala. Passed to them and Planning. Factor chased August 2022.</p> <p><i>Abandoned/overgrown allotments at Elm Street.</i> Passed to ELC (Jennifer Lothian/Andrew Hogarth) August 2022. Jennifer Lothian had advised that the plots had been allocated to people from the allotments waiting list in August 2022.</p>

	<p><i>Overgrown gardens</i> in Pine Street (also full of junk) and Seafield Crescent. Passed to ELC. Housing Officer followed up with tenants. Seafield Crescent garden was cleared August 2022. Pine Street garden still overgrown.</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 trees at Belhaven High Street.</i> Passed to Belhaven Hill School 4/7. Cut back 19/8.</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 Belhaven Road-</i> This is from a garden in Wingate Crescent. Reported to ELC as it is blocking the pavement. Cut back August 2022.</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>Overgrown footpath at South Street , Belhaven. Chased with ELC on 29/8 as the path is impassible.</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>
8.06	<p>Coastal</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>Erosion by Horses/Access issues at Belhaven Bay-</i> JB had passed to Neil Clark on 10/7. On 15/7 Neil had advised that horses can make use of the wooden bridges. Works to deal with the erosion/access matters have been delayed due to ongoing sickness of a key member of staff. Work still needed.</p> <p><i>Barriers at Shore Road Car Park-</i> had been left behind after the car park works-Removed August.</p> <p><i>Restoration of the Gentleman’s Bathing Pool-</i> JB had advised Neil Clark that the Salty Sisters are interested in being Community Project Champions. She and MJ had had contact with Jo Lee of the Group. A visit had already been made to a similar pool at Cellardyke in Fife. Salty Sisters have a wide geographical base with local members which may help to attract funding. MJ is DCC link to the Project.</p> <p><i>Linkfield Notice Board</i> has weathered. Some important information eg JMCP bylaws are illegible. Neil Clark will arrange refresh.</p> <p><i>Coastal car parking.</i> There have been complaints about machines being out of order and the distance needed to go to another machine e.g. Whitesands to Barns Ness. The information on the notice board at Whitesands was found to be out of date by JB on 9/7. Neil Clark will arrange for it to be updated.</p> <p><i>Parking for Winterfield Park Events</i> . The music festival had been cancelled. A further request may be made for an event in 2023.</p>

	<p><i>Blocked drain with flooding at Linkfield toilets.</i> Kevin Searle had alerted Scottish Water who had attended. JB had advised ELC Officers as situation related to toilet blockage. The blockage had been cleared.</p>
8.07	<p>Lighting/Electrical <i>Lighting within the Pool area</i> –Units to be installed by the contractor in October/November. <i>High Street Lighting</i> Retrofit units due from supplier on 14/9. To be fitted asp after that date. Long term solution still to be sought and costed. <i>Lighting failure at Spott Road-</i> lights are out on both sides of the road. JB had passed to ELC 15/3 <i>Storm Damaged substation at Countess Crescent-</i> The Roof was blown off by Storm Arwen. Permanent repair still needed by First Mile. <i>Lighting failure in West End.</i> Many lights out including all in Letham Place. Passed to ELC 19/8. Lighting restored 25/8. <i>Lights Out at Dunbear Park-</i> making it very dark under the railway underpass. Passed to Hallhill Developments August 2022. Chased 8/9.</p>
8.08	<p>Litter/Graffiti/Vandalism/Abandoned vehicles <i>Graffiti</i> -on Bridge Near Beltonford, Signage to Belhaven from Eweford Road and other locations. Cleaned off August 2022. <i>Abandoned Vehicles-</i> A motor scooter had been parked near the High Street vets for a number of months. It had had a number of parking tickets. Reported to ELC 13/6.Chased 15/7. Craig Smith advised on 18/7 that the scooter was currently taxed and tested and so could not be removed until the tax ran out. Removed August. <i>Wingate Crescent Playpark-</i> Surface safety matting had been ripped up. JB had reported to ELC on 2/8 and the damaged area had been removed that day. Gordon Whitelaw has advised that it will be repaired in due course. <i>Youth ASB.</i> Continuing issues. DCWG had been informed of fires in the woodland behind Brunt Court and agreed to remove logs that were attracting youth gatherings. Problems at Belhaven Church garden had been passed on to Community Warden/Police August 2022. Community Warden, Jimmy Wilson linking with the Church. <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. <i>Fly tipping at Elm Street Allotments-</i> Passed to ELC Community Warden and cleared August 2022.</p>
8.09	<p><u>Transport</u> <u>Trains</u> <u>Services</u> There had been a number of strikes with further industrial action due in September 2022. Some strikes had been cancelled due to the death of the Queen. There will be further strikes in October.</p>

Rail Steering Group – Meeting August 30th JB had attended

May 2023 Timetable – Information not available. Decisions need to be taken by Transport Scotland and UK Department for Transport. Delays linked to the installation of a new Prime Minister and Transport Minister.

Cross Border Services- Action is still required on the Union Connectivity Review. Kenny MacAskill MP had agreed to progress this at Westminster.

Dunbar Station – Paul McLennan MSP had agreed to action discussion with Network Rail on the cancelled car park extension at Foggo's Yard and overgrown trees at Dunbar Station. The car park extension was thought to be vital to alleviate parking issues in the expanding town and to encourage people to travel by train rather than car.

Date of Next Meeting – TBA

East Lothian Community Rail Partnership- Meeting 22nd September- JB had attended

Constitution – A new constitution is being drawn up. It will be presented for ratification at the AGM.

Prestonpans Murals- The Project is continuing.

North Berwick Station – The cabin still lies empty. Harry Barker (CRP Chair) had spoken to Scotrail staff about it being taken on by the community for toilets. However, it is now To Let. Harry thought it was unlikely to be taken up. Shops have closed at other Scotrail stations.

BBC had wanted to film a piece for the One Show at the station to show the work of North Berwick in Bloom who had recently won a national award. Scotrail had wanted to charge the BBC £500. Following intervention Scotrail had relented and not charged.

Dunbar Station Car Park Extension- Concerns were shared about the cancellation of the project on grounds that the cost of £1.5 million in addition to that spent on design etc to date was not good value for money. Harry had attended a recent parking strategy event in North Berwick. Network Rail have taken on John Lauder of Sustrans to improve sustainable access at stations. East Lothian has been suggested as a partner for pilot projects. It seems that at present those using active travel modes in East Lothian is 1.9%. London is 2%. Transport Scotland aim to increase this to 19%.

There was discussion as to what may be done about the Dunbar Station car park where there is not easy access by bus etc for many residents, particularly from the outlying parts of the Ward and wider East Lothian. The car park extension is important as the town increases in size. Harry had suggested contact with the 2 list MSPs and the Transport Minister.

Date of Next Meeting – AGM. TBA.

Buses

Bus Stops–. Perspex has been replaced in a number of stops. Bus operators have been asked 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.

Reinstatement of the pavement at the new High Street bus stops is still required. Callum Redpath has advised that the work will be done once there are a few areas to be worked on around the county.

	<p>Parking</p> <p><i>Abbeylands Car Park</i> ELC Cabinet in May 2021 had agreed to a TRO consultation on a 90 minute limit. This is still to be progressed by Keith Scott. In the meantime, it has been noted that a nearby garage is parking cars in the car park.</p> <p><i>Parking at Castle Street Sheltered Housing-</i> Day Centre Manager had noted that 2 cars belonging to a non resident were being constantly parked at the block. This was causing issues for the day centre bus and for health professionals visiting the residents.</p> <p><i>Consultation</i> – ELC Consultation still to go live.</p> <p><i>Parking on Belhaven High Street-</i> continued issues exacerbated by roadworks.</p> <p><i>Parking beside widened pavement beside Dunbar Primary school.</i> A number of people have reported safety issues due to parking which further narrows the area. This is at school times but also overnight. JB has advised ELC. Cabinet are to consider extending parking restrictions to this area at the meeting on 27th September. A TRO will be needed to enforce this.</p> <p><i>Harbour Area-</i> ELC had repainted yellow lines to prevent blocking of the Lifeboat House.</p> <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. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>JB had spoken to Peter Forsyth of ELC on 26/9. He had understood community concerns. He had suggested that DCC might make representation to MSPs and the Minister. The need for the parking as required infrastructure to enable further growth of Dunbar might be noted in any DCC response to the forthcoming Local Development Plan.</p>
8.10	<p>Postal Services</p> <p>Box Still required at Comrie Avenue. It is on order from Royal Mail. Installation being chased by JB.</p>
8.11	<p>Other</p>
	<p>Issues at New Robertson site – Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Broxburn residents have also raised concerns.</p> <p>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.</p>

There have been many complaints about mud on Queens Road connected to the site. In addition, the Dunbar name board has been moved away from the road by the developer. Concerns have been passed to Planning Enforcement.

A new site entrance was created with no warning signage. This is now in place.

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.

On 15/7 a complaint was made that hours of operation at the site were 7 days from 7.30 am. Planning Enforcement were involved as this was out with the approved hours of operation as per the Planning approval.

In August concerns were noted that there were no details on Health and Safety signage at the compound entrance. This was passed to Robertsons and ELC by JB. JB continues to support residents.

Lauderdale Park Field in Trust status. ELC had agreed to progress this on 23/8.

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.

First Responders have arranged a defibrillator for the park. Located at the café.

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.

Derelict Communal Area between East Links Road and Woodbush Court. Complaints from members of the public about the unkempt area – broken fencing, weed infested, damaged wall etc. Passed to ELC 15/7. Andrew Hogarth advised on 18/7 that the fence and lower retaining wall belonged to ELHA. Amenities had been asked to attend to the landscaping over the winter.

ELHA repaired part of the fence and some of the wall on 13/9. However, other work, including repair of a retaining wall is still needed.

Travellers- Members of the public reported a new encampment at Skateraw on 18/8. JB had advised ELC and Police. Paul Iannetta and Police Officer had visited on 19/8 and had advised the people that they were trespassing on public land and asked them to move on. The travellers had replied that further vans were expected and that they expected to be in the area for 2-3 weeks for wheeling which they did every year.

The travellers had moved to another Skateraw site in August before moving back to the original site and then leaving on 13/9. Paul Iannetta had advised that the encampment would be monitored. In the longer term a solution will be needed to prevent further encampments in the area.

Car Charging Points- PS had contacted Morag Haddow for an Update on any requested master planning. Morag had advised that she would be contacting DELAP regarding funding for identified sites, both in East Linton.

Morag had advised JB (as DELAP Chair) that the national funding was coming to an end. ELC were trying to find places to use up the money in the most efficient way. They were giving priority to ELC owned or adopted sites. There had to be easy connection to a supply and some narrow pavements proved difficult to utilise. The national funding was being reduced to 60% . Thus, DELAP would be approached to fund 40% towards 2 sites in East Linton.

Regarding the Pine Street site, Morag had advised that she was hoping to create a bus stop build out before the end of the financial year. Chargers would be laid out around that.

	<p>Short Term Lets- Cabinet are to consider a £390 fee for a 3 year licence for short term lets. This has been postponed from September 13th to 27th.</p>
9.00	<p>MEETINGS ATTENDED</p>
9.01	<p><u>Poverty Matters</u></p> <p><i>Dunbar Poverty Forum – Meeting on August 19th</i>. JB had attended Paul McLennan MSP had updated on discussions with Community Windpower regarding funding for support with fuel poverty, initially for target groups like Young Carers and those on specific benefits. It was hoped that arrangements may be made with other energy companies.</p> <p>There was further discussion on retrofitting of properties to improve energy efficiency. JB had noted proposals from Insulate Innerwick.</p> <p>There was discussion about Warm Zones. JB and Stevie McKinlay had spoken of their work to map possible venues across the ward. This was to be progressed.</p> <p>There was discussion about promotion of information on supports and consideration of an event. JB had advised of proposals for a Health and Wellbeing event. This was to be supported.</p> <p>There was discussion about further groups to be invited to meetings.</p> <p>Phil O’Kane, Client Support Team Leader of the East Lothian Local Delivery Office had given information on the work of Social Security Scotland and the expansion to disability benefits for new claims from August 2022.</p> <p>Benefits Training – August 23rd. JB had attended. Information had been circulated on the presentations.</p> <p>Information was given on the East Lothian Poverty Plan and the work of the Poverty Working Group.</p> <p>There was discussion about access to information on benefits and services available to give support in claiming benefits including the ELC Income Maximisation Team and the CABx. It was noted that the services have small Teams and thus there may be waiting lists for assistance. ELC are to fund extra advice work at Haddington CAB.</p> <p>ELC would be promoting a benefits uptake campaign, particularly for underclaimed benefits like Pension Credit. This would be from 8th September to 9th October.</p> <p>ELC had produced an information leaflet on assistance available with the Cost of Living Crisis. There had been information on the role of Social Security Scotland which was expanding with the inclusion in its remit of adult disability benefits.</p> <p>VCEL Poverty Conference – September 8th- JB had attended</p> <p>Over 120 attendees had taken part.</p> <p>Paulo Vestri of ELC had given a presentation on poverty in the County and actions to help. ELC had drawn up a new Poverty Pan and it was expected that this would be incorporated into new local planning.</p> <p>There was an increase in in work poverty and more people seeking support from Foodbanks. ELC were planning a take up campaign in September/ October. This would include funding over a 2 month period for additional staff at Haddington CAB . It was noted that services were under pressure.</p> <p>There was a discussion about Period Poverty and the issues facing WASPI women.</p> <p>JB had highlighted work ongoing in Dunbar including the mapping of Warm Zone venues.</p> <p>A number of workshops looked at areas including Fuel and Food Poverty, the impact of Climate Change on Poverty, Tackling the stigma of poverty.</p>
9.02	<p><u>Energy Matters</u></p> <p><i>AELCC Community Benefits Meeting August 23rd</i>. JB had attended</p> <p>This had been an introductory meeting. There had been discussion about the variable access of Community Councils to community benefits. Some like East Lammermuir, had extensive</p>

	<p>monies made available to them. Others like West Barns or Dunpender had no access to funding.</p> <p>There were also variations in the level of delegation of decision making on grants. Community Windpower may influence some decisions in Dunbar but Olsen Renewables gave all decision making over spend to East Lammermuir.</p> <p>JB had given information on discussions at the East Lothian Energy Forum hosted by Paul McLennan regarding community benefits.</p> <p><i>Further meeting - TBA</i></p>
9.03	<p><u>Food Matters</u></p> <p><i>East Lothian Friendly Food Network</i> – Meeting on August 23rd JB had attended <i>Sustainable Food Places</i> – Funding had been agreed for ELFFN to develop a county wide network and to progress the remit of the Good Food Charter which had been adopted by ELC. There was discussion of the need by ELC and partner groups to ensure that paper promises were put into practice.</p> <p><i>Good Food Nation</i> – The Bill had been approved at Holyrood and arrangements will be made for enactment. It will be important to put into place local developments into a National Food Plan.</p> <p><i>School Food</i>- There was discussion on the mapping of breakfast and other school food supports. There was a discussion about the quality of school food and resultant waste. JB noted the related issue of the quality and waste from food supplied to care homes.</p> <p><i>Poverty Supports</i>- There had been discussion. Calls on Foodbanks were increasing as were calls for other supports like Fuel Poverty. JB had given information on discussions in Dunbar. Information had been shared on the VCEL Poverty Conference.</p> <p><i>Warm Zones</i>. There had been discussion. JB had noted that she was working on mapping in Dunbar and East Linton Ward.</p> <p><i>Publicity</i>- Facebook and other social media accounts were being established.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting</i> – September 28th</p> <p><i>Dunbar Community Bakery</i>- Both the Baker, Colin McLennan and the Manager, Stella McLennan, had resigned in August. There had been considerable discussions by the Trustees regarding the viability of the business. It had been agreed to advertise for bakers and a shop manager. Interim arrangements to enable the business to continue had been put into place. Stella the shop manager had returned under a new contract. Limited bread baking is taking place using volunteers including Mark James.</p> <p>An application to the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the premises is continuing.</p>
9.04	<p><u>East Lothian Educational Trust</u></p> <p><i>Meeting on August 18th</i>- JB had attended</p> <p>There had been discussion with Elaine Allsop, the current Independent Examiner, regarding future administration of the Trust. This was a positive discussion and will be considered further between ELC, Trustees and Elaine.</p> <p>There was discussion about future promotion of the Trust.</p> <p>A number of grants had been awarded.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting</i> – September 29th</p>
9.05	<p><u>Friends of Winterfield. Meeting on August 23rd</u>. JB had attended.</p> <p><i>Membership</i>- This had increased since the AGM in May.</p> <p><i>Promotion</i> – This was discussed. Social media needed to be expanded.</p> <p><i>Projects</i>- Members would like to see park improvements. The past public consultation through DELAP, which had seen no action due to lack of available funding, was noted. The Committee works in co-operation with Gordon Whitelaw. JB had noted that Andrew Hogarth would be attending the DELAP meeting on August 29th with regard to the Amenity Budget which would be relevant to the Group. She agreed to seek agreement for FOW to attend. (Post Meeting – Esther Hughes had attended the DELAP Meeting)</p>

	<p><i>Events-</i> There was discussion about the arrangements for groups like the Circus to use the Park. There had been parking problems. There was discussion about the use of the park for a Music Festival. JB agreed to get an update on this as there were concerns from residents and ELC Roads about parking. (Post Meeting – The music festival had been cancelled. Parking arrangements will need to be considered for any future booking by the organisers).</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting - TBA</i></p>
9.06	<p><u>Sustaining Dunbar -9th September</u> – JB and MJ had attended</p> <p><u>Energy Project-</u> Philip Revell had given an update on discussions regarding a solar power initiative.</p> <p><u>Belhaven Community Garden.</u> Naomi Barnes had given an update on access to the site whilst the buildings remain closed. The water supply and toilets were out of use until further notice. JB noted agreement for the use of gates at Plane Street and Hospital Road. The closure of the facilities impacted on some of the therapeutic work.</p> <p>Naomi had secured money from the Robertson Trust to support the Community Gardeners. Carey Douglas was working on an intergenerational project between young people from DGS and Dunbar Nursery. Unfortunately, a project between DGS students and Belhaven Hospital patients could not progress whilst the Hospital buildings are closed.</p> <p>JB had reported on the meeting with Laura Kerr and Bruce Dickie on 6th September. The importance of the green space at the Hospital had been noted.</p> <p>Belhaven Brewery had agreed to increase funding for Una at the brewery garden.</p> <p>Naomi had met with CCM, Stevie McKinlay regarding DELAP funding options.</p> <p><u>Dunbar Connections Paths Project.</u> JB and MJ had given an update on the application to SUSTRANS. Proposals for major construction works between the A1 and Hallhill could potentially impact on the proposals. MJ had spoken with Mike Naysmith of ELC regarding his masterplan work. It seemed that any funding SF might be able to obtain would be beneficial. Mike’s masterplan is still to be signed off prior to community stakeholder engagement. Concern was noted that ideas were being drawn up for consultation without co-production with the community.</p> <p><u>Crown Estates Funding-</u> Jo McNamara had given an update.</p> <p><u>Planning Matters-</u> JB had given information on a number of planning proposals likely to impact on the environment including Hallhill North and Dunbar Golf Course.</p> <p><u>Insulate Innerwick-</u> JB had given information. She had spoken of Paul McLennan MSPs ideas for support with fuel poverty and retrofitting of homes. She had given feedback on the Poverty Conference.</p> <p><u>AGM-</u> September 27th</p> <p><u>Next Meeting</u> – October 24th</p>
9.07	<p><u>Belhaven Hill School – Meeting on September 22nd</u> – JB had met with Headmaster, Olly Langton and teacher, Rachel Gibson.</p> <p>The school are keen to be more involved with the community. JB gave some suggestions for the school to contact and agreed to pass on details to DELAP and other groups of interest.</p> <p><u>Food matters</u> – The school are interested in linking with Dunbar Foodshare and East Lothian Friendly Food Network.</p> <p><u>Warmzones-</u> The school could offer accommodation, meals etc, particularly during school holidays.</p> <p><u>Environmental Projects-</u> The School would be interested in maintaining the Anderson monument at the Churchyard. They are progressing Queen’s Green Canopy Planting. They have made links with Sustaining Dunbar and Belhaven Community Garden.</p> <p>DELAP- The School would be interested in taking part.</p> <p><u>Maintenance-</u> A new groundsman is in post. A plan of action is being drawn up to keep trees overhanging Belhaven High Street trimmed and to further repair the walls.</p>
10,00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
	<p>Bear- Various overnight roadworks on A1</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Overgrown allotments and fly tipping at Elm Street – JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Jennifer Gibson- Failed lights at Letham Place. JB had responded</p>

Various- Issues at Robertson Homes Sites- including skip safety, signage, continued air quality and sewage/drainage problems. JB had responded.

Various- Concerns about Belhaven Hospital. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various – Travellers at Skateraw. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Russell Topping- Unsafe surface at ASDA Mini roundabout – JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Youth ASB issues at Belhaven Church garden. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Various- Youth issues in various locations including fire raising. JB had responded.

ELC Roads- Information on roadworks at Belhaven

Via Facebook- Various- Concerns about Belhaven Roadworks e.g. access to homes, implications for bin collection, bus stop safety. JB had responded.

Various- Concerns about hogweed at Broxmouth estate. JB had responded

Various- Concerns about maintenance and other issues at Robertson estates. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Kevin Searle- maintenance of lighting at Dunbear Park. Lack of lighting under the railway bridge. Maintenance of the fence and overgrown vegetation on the path between Dempster Place and the underpass. JB had responded

Various- Concerns about the Dunbar Golf Course application. JB had responded

Clare Symmons, Planning Democracy- Queries about various planning applications in Dunbar. Related to a complaint by a number of Environment Groups under the Aarhus Convention about the lack of 3rd party right of appeal in Scotland. JB had responded.

Jennifer Jarvis, ELHSCP- Belhaven Hospital Updates

Scottish Communities Alliance- Newsletters

Dunbar Community Bakery- Newsletters

Via Facebook- Blocked Outlet at Home Avenue SUDS- JB had responded

Sustaining Dunbar- Newsletter

Community Carrot- Newsletter

The Ridge- Newsletter

RAGES- Newsletter

Various- High Street lighting- JB had responded

Fiona Matheson, Brand Manager, Belhaven Brewery – Interest in sponsoring Christmas Lights display. Yvonne Wemyss had responded

Jane Ogden -Smith – Cancellation of Planning for an Aging Population Dunbar event

Ralph Averbuch – AELCC. Query about waste bin purchase for communities. JB had responded

Charles Watson, Into the Cold- Query about burial information on William Murison Neish (WW1 soldier) – JB had responded

RAGES- Update

Sue Anderson, Viridor- Leaving Viridor and thus as admin of the Viridor Liaison Group

Lesley Irvine, ELC- New PA for Councillor Collins. JB had responded

Noreen Thomson, St Anne’s Vestry- Funding for bus outing for Tuesday community coffee group. JB had responded.

Various- new lining at Dunbar Harbour

Taylor Wimpey- Construction vehicle access arrangements at Hallhill North.

Various- concerns about proposals for One Way system at Beveridge Row. JB had responded

Jo Moulin- Flag arrangements at John Muir Birthplace and Town House following the death of the Queen.

Kevin Searle- Flooding at Dunbear Park. JB had responded

RAGES- AGM in Haddington – 7pm on 29th September at Knox Academy, Haddington

Hazel Boak – ELC- Arrangements for the Haddington Proclamation of King Charles III

Jo Lee, Salty Sisters- interest in improving the Gentleman’s Pool. JB had responded.

Community Councils- Protocol for meetings and events following the death of the Queen.

Dunbar Community Bakery- Newsletter

Various- Station Stench. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Rhonda McDonald- Maintenance and repairs at Woodbush Court. JB had responded

AELCC- Query about rewilding projects. JB had responded
Chris Bruce- Newland Hill Windfarm Consultation Display- postponed until November
East Lothian Climate Network (ELCAN)- Launch event on October 5th at Fraser Centre
Ola Wotjiewicz- Seeking applications for Chair of West Barns Village Hall Committee
Via Facebook- Query about building site at Queens Road. JB had responded.
Nicole Johnston- Lothian and Borders Voiceability (Advocacy for people with disabilities
claiming Social Security Scotland payments.) PS had responded.
Via Facebook- various- damaged sewer/manhole at Elder Street greenspace. JB had
responded.
Via Facebook- various- queries about renewal of white lines and bus box at Belhaven High
Street – JB had responded
Via Facebook- various – seeking information on CARS. JB had responded
Scottish Community Councils- Newsletter
Lucy Higginson, ELC- ELC Benefits Campaign
Dunbar and District Twinning Association- Newsletter
Ralph Averbuch, AELCC-Planning Democracy Zoom event on Planning 10th October
Home Start East Lothian= Service Planning Workshops in Tranent
East Lothian Lieutenancy- Invitation to Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Queen Elizabeth II
Charlotte Armitage (Paul McLennan’s Office)- Update on Dunbar Station car park
ELC Planning - Newsletter