



## Community Council Open Meeting

### Minutes of Open Meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

7pm Council Chambers, Town House, Dunbar

Ref	Item	
1.00	<b>SEDERUNT</b> – Pippa Swan(PS)(Chair), Alasdair Swan(AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell(JB)(Secretary), Stephen Bunyan(SB), Gill Wilson (GW), Terry Prior(TP), Kevin Searle (KS), Mark James (MJ)(Left 7.40), Paul McLennan MSP (PMc)(Left 8pm), Cllr Norman Hampshire (Left 8.20), Anne Lyall (East Lammermuir Community Council )(Left 8 pm), Jo Waddell (JW)(DTA),(Philip Mellor (PM)(DTA), Anouska Woods (Be Green/Community Windpower), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Mike Shaw and Rev Keith Mills (Members of the public)	
1.01	<b>Welcome</b> – PS welcomed all to the meeting. Particular welcome was given to Paul McLennan MSP, Philip Mellor and Jo Waddell of Dunbar Trades Association and Anne Lyall from East Lammermuir Community Council.	
1.02	<b>Apologies</b> - Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Sanchita Patjoshi (SP)Cllr Lynn Jardine (LJ). Fiona O’Donnell (FO), Stevie McKinlay(SM), Catherine Dunning, Cllr Donna Collins (DC)	
2.00	<p><b><u>Paul McLennan MSP-</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Discussion on East Lothian Energy Projects</b></p> <p>PMc spoke to a presentation document which had been circulated by JB prior to the meeting.</p> <p>PMc is the Convenor of the Cross Party Renewables Group at Holyrood. He is a member of the Local Government Committee and Convenor of the Wellbeing Economy Group.</p> <p>PMc had been convening meetings of the East Lothian Energy Forum which brings together community representatives and Energy Providers. There had been 3 meetings to date and the next will be in February 2023. PS and JB had been attending.</p> <p>East Lothian has a number of existing energy providers. Further developments are expected in the future e.g. Berwick Bank Offshore Windfarm and the SPEnergy Network Eastern Link. In addition, Torness is due to be decommissioned.</p> <p>The developments bring opportunities for East Lothian. However, there will also be challenges. These have been the focus of break out discussions at the Energy Forum meetings.</p> <p>The key themes are</p> <p>a) <i>Skills</i>- having a work force available with the right skills. The Ridge may be a key local player. Also important would be Edinburgh College, Queen Margaret University, East Lothian Works and others. Consideration might also be given to other areas e.g. retrofitting of properties.</p> <p>b) <i>Supply</i> – having access to the materials needed e.g. cement. Discussions would be held on procurement.</p>	



5.02	<p><b><u>Adoption</u></b> - ADOPTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed - AS</li> <li>• Seconded - KS</li> </ul>	
5.03	<p><b><u>DCC Action Review</u></b></p> <p>All action items had been attended to or had been overtaken by events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS and JB had made various payments</li> <li>• JB had written to Jonathan Spink of Grayling to decline the offer of a presentation on the SPEN Eastern Link Project at the November meeting.</li> <li>• JB had submitted DCC views to ELC on a number of planning applications</li> <li>• JB had submitted DCC views to ELC on the Bear and Bull application.</li> <li>• AS had advised Torness of KS's appointment as DCC Rep</li> <li>• JB had advised Dunbar Scouts that JB and SB would attend the Scouts meeting on 22/11</li> <li>• SB had had contact with Gordon Whitelaw of ELC and Kate Darrah of The Ridge regarding the Anderson Grave</li> <li>• PS had submitted the DSHNG proposals to DELAP</li> </ul>	
5.04	<p><b><u>Matters arising not covered in agenda –</u></b></p> <p><b><i>AGM Minute – Viridor Liaison Group Rep.</i></b> It was agreed that JB would continue to represent DCC at the quarterly meetings. Stephen Bunyan would no longer be a Rep. The next meeting would be on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p>	JB
6.00	<b>ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
6.01	<p><b><u>Cllr Norman Hampshire</u></b> -</p> <p><b>1. <u>Action - Update and Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>a. <i>Stench at Station/ Wider drainage matters</i> – NH said that the issues now seemed to be resolved. JB advised that there were still concerns expressed by residents. A resident had advised that they had been asked to keep a log of incidents and that Scottish Water were intending to make contact with Robertson Homes. KS advised that he had recently detected odours in the Station Road area.</p> <p>b. <i>Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane Pavement</i>- NH spoke of updated proposals to widen the pavement on the opposite side of Edinburgh Road. JB advised that affected residents had already raised concerns about this proposal with ELC Transportation e.g. about loss of parking outside their homes and the displacement of parking in an already pressured area. Residents wished community engagement on the suggestions in the preparation stage rather than after ideas were in place. NH said that community consultation would take place</p> <p>c. <i>Station Car Parking</i> – PS had worked on a response to the cancellation of works by Network Rail. NH advised that Network Rail had agreed to progress with works for the car park extension and south platform access. This was subject to confirmation.</p> <p><b>2. <u>Report</u></b></p> <p><i>Council Finances/Special Council Meeting</i>- NH noted that a Special Council meeting was to be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Council finances were under extreme pressure and efficiencies would be needed to preserve the continuation of essential services to vulnerable groups. Some difficult choices would need to be made.</p> <p>NH noted that Dunbar, like the rest of East Lothian, had seen significant housebuilding in recent years. This added to the pressures on Council services like Education.</p>	
6.02	<b>Cllr Donna Collins</b> – Not present	
6.03	<b>Cllr Lyn Jardine</b> Not present	

6.04	<p><b>Questions/Concerns to Councillors</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closure of U194 between Cement Road and Eweford Road</b> – JB noted that closure had been due from 31<sup>st</sup> October but it had been delayed. Once closed there would be an impact on other road infrastructure. Information was sought on what was happening. NH advised that further detail was required on road closure permissions. JB said that she had heard of issues with water culverts/drainage at the Hallhill North site. NH agreed to get further information on the situation and advise.</li> <li><b>Idling Engines.</b> Mark James had expressed concerns about vehicles idling in the High Street. JB noted previous actions by DCC with ELC Environmental Health (Transport Compliance) and Tom Burr the Environmental Enforcement Officer for the 4 Lothians authorities. Tom Burr had erected signs at the Station and on the High Street. NH advised that idling was an Environmental Health matter and offending vehicles should be reported to ELC via the Contact Centre. Civil penalties can be applied.</li> </ol>	NH
7.00	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT – See Community Report 1.00</b></p>	
7.01	<p><b>Matters arising/questions</b> - None</p>	
7.02	<p><b>Requests for Support for consideration:</b></p> <p><b>Local Priorities Fund –</b>  <i>The Ridge</i> - £700 towards Community Christmas Lunch – AS had circulated information. Approved by e mail and paid.  <i>Dunbar Battery</i>- £950 for mulch and plants. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Community Benefits Fund</b>  <i>European Stone Stacking Competition 2023</i>– Preliminary Query. AW suggested that other costs should be considered for funding rather than accommodation.  <i>Dunbar Battery</i> – Renewal of Interpretation Panels- £2060. Agreed</p> <p><b>DELAP Budget</b> – AS noted that Yvonne Wemyss, on behalf of Dunbar Harbour Trust had also submitted an application for £1210 to improve the accessibility of the steps at Dunbar Battery.</p>	
8.00	<p><b>COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended</b></p> <p>The Community Report provides information and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>DCC Finances</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Police</i></li> <li>• <i>Planning</i></li> <li>• <i>DCC Initiatives/Projects</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Projects</i></li> <li>• <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i></li> <li>• <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i></li> <li>• <i>Record of meetings attended</i></li> <li>• <i>Correspondence received</i></li> </ul>	
8.01	<p><b>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters:</b></p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing (For Noting)</b>  <i>Happy and Healthy Communities Day</i> 10-3 on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Bleachingfield Centre. JB asked members to attend.  <i>Planning for An Ageing Population</i> - JB had shared the Report based on the Summer Community Consultation. It would be presented to the IJB in due course.  <i>Meeting Centres</i>- Arrangements had been made to use Belhaven Church Stables. Meetings to discuss planning would I start at The Stables from 21<sup>st</sup> November. The sessions will run on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Karen Shires is now employed as a Development worker for Dementia Friendly East Lothian.  <i>Belhaven Hospital</i>- Works were still ongoing and patients/residents remained in Haddington Community Hospital.  <b>A1 Action Group</b> – JB advised that a meeting had been arranged for December 15<sup>th</sup> after many requests. Attendance by Community Councils and other relevant groups</p>	

	<p>was being pursued by JB and AELCC. At present the invitation was limited to one per Area Partnership.</p> <p><b>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project-</b> Funding had been approved (subject to offer and acceptance) for the first phase from SUSTRANS. This includes public consultation. Consideration will need to be given to any restrictions created by the closure of the U194 and any land ownership changes e.g. between Hallhill Developments and Dunbar Community Development and Heritage Trust.</p>	
<b>9.00</b>	<b>PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)</b>	
9.01	<p><b><u>Planning Applications for consideration/Discussion</u></b></p> <p><b>a)Developments at DunBear Park.-</b> There were concerns about the Impact on Town Centre businesses following the approval of 2 retail units (Lidle and B and M) and Starbucks on 1<sup>st</sup> November. There were also concerns about the impact on roads infrastructure, particularly on Spott Road, Spott Road roundabout and the A1. There was a general discussion about concerns. NH said that he hoped that there would be benefit from local people not going to discount supermarkets elsewhere in East Lothian. He hoped that people would spend locally. This would need to be monitored. Members and DTA Reps remained concerned, particularly in the light of forthcoming discussions on town centre car parking charges.</p> <p><b>b)Local Development Plan/Local Place Plans –</b> Information from the AELCC meeting (See Community Report 9.04)on 14<sup>th</sup> November had been shared by JB. Attention was drawn to this information. It was agreed that DCC should take a proactive part in the preparation of local documents. ELC had been asked for further information. It was agreed to set up a Steering Group to consider ideas further. PS would convene a meeting of interested people from DCC and other Groups e.g. DTA, DELAP, Sustaining Dunbar.</p>	<b>PS</b>
9.02	<b><u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion - None</u></b>	
<b>10.00</b>	<p><b><u>Changing Places – Dunbar Leisure Pool Project Update (Pippa Swan)</u></b></p> <p>PS updated on the work to date. Members agreed that the facility would be of great benefit. PS advised that the UK Government had committed £30 million to provision and this was being put into use. In contrast, the Scottish Government had committed £10 million to provision and mechanisms for it to be put into place were still awaited. As noted at Agenda Item 2 PS would discuss further with P Mc.</p>	<b>PS/PMc</b>
<b>11.00</b>	<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>	
11.01	<p><b><u>East Lothian Community Benefits (Information from AELCC Meeting) (See Community Report 9.04)</u></b></p> <p>Further discussions will be needed between developers, ELC and local communities. Chris Bruce, Chair of East Lammermuir Community Council will speak with Paolo Vestri of ELC and bring forward further ideas to AELCC members.</p>	
11.02	<b><u>Vacancies –</u></b> There were still 2 vacancies. Members should seek recruits.	<b>ALL</b>
11.03	<b><u>Anderson Monument at Dunbar Kirkyard –</u></b> SB advised that he had had a positive discussion with Kate Darrah of The Ridge regarding works required. In the meantime, Belhaven Hill School pupils will attend to weeding.	<b>SB</b>
11.04	<b><u>DCC Public Profile-</u></b> GW suggested a review of DCC's public profile and information sharing with the community. This will be on the January Agenda.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>12.00</b>	<b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b>	
12.01	December 19th 2022 – Dunbar Town House -7pm Social Evening January 17 <sup>th</sup> 2023- Dunbar Town House- Open Meeting	



	<p><b>Civic Week Account:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bank balance at the month end was <b>£7,688.07</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Dunbar against Litter Account:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bank balance at the month end was <b>£2,423.34</b></li> <li>The grant from Be Green (Community Windpower Ltd) for £4986 was received during the month. Litter bins had been purchased and installed by ELC.</li> </ul>										
1.02	<p><b><u>Local Priorities Fund</u></b></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>£5,708</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities Fund available</td> <td>£7,969</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maximum Budget Total</td> <td>£13,677</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Application</b>  <i>The Ridge</i> - £700 for a Community Christmas lunch. Approved by email and paid in October  <i>Dunbar Battery</i>- £950 for mulch and plants</p>	The Current Year Fund	£10,200	Brought forward fund	£3,477	Committed or under review	£5,708	Local Priorities Fund available	£7,969	Maximum Budget Total	£13,677
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1.03	<p><b><u>Dunbar Community Benefit Fund</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Applications</u></b>  <i>European Stone Stacking Competition 2023</i>- Initial Enquiry. Seeking payment of accommodation for a longer period.  <i>Dunbar Battery</i> - £2060 for renewal of interpretation panels.</p>										
<b>2.00</b>	<b>COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT</b>										
2.01	<p><b><u>Police Report – November 2022</u></b>- based on incidents reported between 7<sup>th</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> October. (The period covered in reports will now be monthly rather than in relation to Community Council meeting dates as the writer covers 7 Community Councils.)</p> <p><b><i>Road safety</i></b>  1 driver charged for driving without a licence or insurance. Vehicle seized.  1 minor injury Road Traffic Accident  4 damage only Road Traffic Accidents</p> <p><b><i>Violence and Anti Social Behaviour</i></b>  1 Recorded Police Warning issued for a minor assault within retail premises.  1 call out to youths throwing stones  Several calls regarding a large scale disturbance involving youths on Halloween. Youths were also reported to be egging properties and vehicles resulting in one adult being issued a Recorded Police Warning for a minor assault on one of the youths involved.</p> <p><b><i>Serious and Organized Crime</i></b>  1 remotely perpetrated fraud with financial loss</p> <p><b><i>Theft</i></b></p>										

	<p>3 shoplifting incidents- known suspects  1 theft of lead flashing from the roof of a property  1 theft of fishing equipment from a vessel in the harbour  1 theft of benches from playing fields  1 theft from a secure locker at the swimming pool.</p> <p><b>Other</b>  Several calls received regarding ex prisoners door to door selling household items as part of their rehabilitation and integration back into society. From a Police perspective their may be licensing offences e.g. no pedlar's certificate. Householders are encouraged to ask to see these certificates.  Halloween saw few ASB incidents with only the one serious incident (noted above) on Countess Road.</p>
2.02	<p><b><u>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) – Meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>PRIORITIES SET</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Speeding</li> <li>2) Youth Issues at the Jampot</li> <li>3) Visibility including bike lights</li> </ol> <p><b><i>Date of Next Meeting</i></b> – 1<sup>st</sup> December</p>
<b>3.00</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
3.01	<b><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u></b> – None
3.02	<p><b><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Castle Bay (Cala)</b> – Give Way and Change of Priority signage still needed at the top of Beveridge Row. Signage still needed to indicate playpark. 20mph roundels needed. Cala have been asked for a timescale. JB chasing Roads as the estate road is getting busier. DCC and West Barns CCs still wish the pavement between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane (subject of Condition 14) to be constructed as a safe route. Belhaven Village residents are concerned about the proposal to widen the existing pavement on the other side . Some will lose parking outside their homes from such a proposal. There would be implications for village bus stop safety. Residents wish ELC officers to consult with the community. TRO for Beveridge Row to be one way Southbound is still to be advertised. Bayview Circus residents will object to it. Reps had met with Council Officers on November 3rd regarding their concerns. 80 letters of concern had been sent to Cllr Hampshire.</li> <li>2. <b>15/00630/PM Robertson/Avant Site</b> – Issues continue including landscaping, incomplete pathways, sewage issues, displacement of the Dunbar name sign, incomplete fencing between Avant and Walker Homes Other departments aware of the sewage issues. Lighting at the path including under the line was a planning condition for the housing and the responsibility of Robertsons (15/00630/PM and 17/00020/AMM, 19/00796/AMM). KS has made a complaint about the failure to reinstate the land used for the Fair Acres sales hut which was meant to be restored and landscaped. Planning Enforcement involved with various issues including lighting, planting and fencing between Avant and Walker Homes, and displacement of the Dunbar sign. KS dealing with the Network rail fencing issues. Ken Ross has advised that the lighting issues are in hand,</li> <li>6 <b>Access routes from Albany Grange.</b> The path link to the Hospital Road from Brand Court still needs to be completed. Planning Enforcement involved. The route to Edinburgh Road will be impacted by proposals for construction of Hallhill North where a temporary path will be built.</li> <li>7 <b>08/00369/FUL- Request by applicant to extend Condition 1 by 1 year.</b> This is to allow an extra year, 4 years rather than 3, to commence works from the time of consent. Consent was granted in 2009 but ratified in December 2018 on completion of a S75. Thus the request is to extend the period from 2021 to 2022. It is noted that to date the applicant has not met condition 4 (to submit plans for an archaeological study prior to</li> </ol>

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

- 8 **21/00676/P- Broxmouth Estate.** Erection of 9 holiday lodges. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.
- 9 **21/01289/P** - DunBear Park – 2 Retail Units. JB had circulated information and submitted a response. On expedited list 20/10. Called in by Cllrs Collins and McIntosh. Approved (8-1) on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- 10 **21/01392/P** – Broxmouth Park – S42 request to remove condition 2 of Application 20/00554/P which had been consented on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. This relates to the operation of the wedding accommodation. JB had responded. To be determined.
- 11 **22/00021/P** – Coffee Shop Class 3 (Starbucks) , Drive Thru and associated works at land East of McDonalds. JB had submitted DCC views. On Expedited list 20/10..Called in by Cllr Collins and McIntosh. Approved (7-2) on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- 12 **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.
- 13 **22/00279/P** – Broxmouth House, South Lodge- Formation of decked area and erection of gates. JB had submitted DCC Views. To be determined.
- 14 **22/00278/LBC Broxmouth House, South Lodge-** Alteration to building and erection of gates. (Related to 13.). JB had submitted DCC views.
- 15 **22/00852/PPM** – Scottish Power Energy Network – Eastern Link Project. Converter Station and associated works. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.
- 16 **22/01164/P, 22/01011/LBC, 22/01010/ADV-** Castle Hotel -Repainting, new lighting and external adverts. JB had submitted DCC Views. To be determined.
- 17 **22/01158/P** – Shore Road Snack Van- Request to extend the permission granted by 21/01195/P by a further 3 years. JB had submitted Views to ELC. To be determined.
- 18 **22/01196/P-** Scottish Water bottle top up point near Bayswell Road toilets. JB had circulated information. DCC Views sent to ELC.
- 19 **22/01255/P, 22/01251/ADV, 22/01221/LBC.** Repainting and new Sign at Sue Ryder shop (61 High Street) JB had circulated information. DCC Views sent to ELC.

**Broxmouth Estate Applications** – JB had contacted Planning for an update given the number of outstanding applications, some of which have been waiting on determination for over a year. Planning have been asking the estate owner for a Masterplan of proposals for some time as have DCC. ELC have advised that they still need information from the applicant in order to progress.

**Scottish Government/Improvement Service Workshop 9<sup>th</sup> November** JB had attended. Also present were reps from community councils in other local authority areas, Clare Symonds of Planning Democracy and David Wood of Planning Aid Scotland. The workshop was led by Chris Sinclair of Scottish Government Planning and Architecture.

The Scottish Government, are considering implementing mandatory training for Councillor which would need to be completed before they were able to sit on a Planning Committee. Workshops were being held with a number of stakeholder groups to consider views on whether this was desirable and the way in which training may be delivered for consistency across Scotland.

There was a general discussion. All present felt that training was essential. It was also thought that there should be a greater level of attainment required for Planning Convenors and their deputies. There was discussion about the areas that training should cover e.g. Climate Change, Infrastructure, Planning law, adherence to Local Development Plans, NPF4, quality community engagement.

The findings of all stakeholder workshops will be collated and a public consultation will be brought forward in the Spring.

	<p><b>Local Development Plan/Local Place Plans</b> – ELC are commencing work on the next LDP. This will be a 10 year Plan. The Plan will be written in light of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) which has an environmental protection stance. The latest NPF4 document has been issued and it should be ratified by the Scottish Government in early 2023. The LDP will have 3 stages. An evidence report to be completed by Autumn 2023. A proposed plan for consultation by Autumn 2024. The Final Plan by Autumn 2025 which will need to be approved by Scottish Government.</p> <p>As part of the LDP process local communities may produce Local Place Plans which the local authority should consider when producing the LDP. These can be produced by any community body.</p>
3.03	<p><b><u>Licensing Matters to Note</u></b> -  <b><i>Bear &amp; Bull. Application for Major variation of Premises Licence.</i></b> JB had submitted DCC Views to ELC Licensing. Awaiting decision at November 2022 Licensing Board.</p>
4.00	<p><b><u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u></b></p>
4.01	<p><b><u>Budget Applications – 9</u></b> applications for General Fund monies will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Suggestions had been made for the 2022/23 Roads Budget. The Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group Roads proposal had been received. Dunderpender CC have applied for part funding of an EV Charging Point which may be match funded as part of an ELC Scheme. Further ideas are welcome for the 2023-24 Budget . It has been suggested that DELAP should work on a forward priorities wish list for a number of years. Suggestions for the Amenities Budget are welcomed. Again a forward programme will be considered.</p> <p><b><u>Local Area Plan</u></b>- This needs to be updated. It is linked to the recently approved ELC Plan for Priority setting. A small Working Group from across the ward is to be set up.</p>
4.02	<p><b><u>Date of Next Business Meeting</u></b> – 28<sup>th</sup> November</p>
5.00	<p><b><u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u></b>  <b><i>Dunbar Community Council manages a number of projects and initiatives throughout the year.</i></b></p>
5.01	<p><b><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team</u></b></p> <p>The lights had been erected on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks given to the many traders and other organisations that helped out.</p> <p>Switch on will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November. A full programme of activities for the afternoon and evening has been published.</p> <p>A fundraising on line Auction is ongoing with new lot each day. Many thanks to local Traders for their generous prizes.</p> <p>A Quiz Night was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Christmas cards are on sale in a number of town outlets. A photography competition is being held to find a picture for the 2023 cards.</p> <p>A best dressed street competition is being held.</p>
5.02	<p><b><u>Dunbar Civic Week</u></b> – No report</p>
5.03	<p><b><u>Dunbar Against Litter</u></b> –</p> <p>Litter picking continues on a daily basis.</p> <p>Weekly table top sales at Dunbar British Legion will end after November 27<sup>th</sup>.</p>
5.04	<p><b><u>Platinum Jubilee</u></b>  <b><u>Queens Green Canopy</u></b> - Further information awaited from Mike Foy on Dunbar tree orders. Ken Ross had updated JB on plans to plant trees at DunBear Park. He will negotiate with the Lieutenancy team.</p>

6.00	<b>DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES</b>
6.01	<p><b><u>Dunbar High Street</u></b>  <b>SOLE</b>-Sole had won the Scottish Towns Partnership Scotland Loves Local Award in the Digital Town Category. ELC have commissioned a small scale evaluation of the project (20 interviews across the county). JB and DTA members had been interviewed.  <b>Our Dunbar</b> – Expansion of the site offering is being considered.  <b>Shop Local- Win Local.</b> This is a new initiative to encourage High Street shopping.  <b>Your Town Audit</b>- This has been offered to Dunbar by the Scottish Towns Partnership. It seems Jamie Baker of ELC Economic Development had had contact about this with the STP before Covid but it had not progressed. DTA/DCC/DELAP would like ELC to pay for the Audit. If ELC do not they will be seeking other funding. Letter sent from DCC/DTA/DELAP to ELC to request funding. The information would be beneficial for producing future Local Place Plans etc.  <b>CARS</b>- Further information awaited on the grants process</p>
6.02	<p><b><u>A1.</u></b>  <b>A1 Action Group</b> – After much lobbying by JB and reps from other Ward community councils a meeting has been called for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Concerns had been expressed that, unlike the previous Scottish A1 Action Group, that last met in October 2021, the scope only covers East Lothian and that community group invitations have been limited to 1 per Area Partnership. Key reps from Transport Scotland have also not been invited. Concerns were raised at the AELCC meeting where it was felt that Community Councils with a proximity to the A1 should be able to attend if they wished.</p>
6.03	<p><b><u>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project</u></b>- Initial funding had been awarded by Sustrans. Some aspects of the proposed route have been impacted by Planning decisions made since the application was submitted e.g. closure of the U194. A resident of Bayview Circus has suggested footpath/cycle linkages which may be relevant to the work.</p>
7.00	<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE</b>
7.01	<p><b><u>Health and Well Being Sub Group-</u></b>  <b>Meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>.</b> JB, TP and GW had attended.  <i>GP Linkworker, Dorothy Gascoigne</i>, had spoken of their role at the medical centre in Dunbar and in East Linton.  Catherine Dunning, the new Chair of <i>Dunbar Patient Participation Group</i> which is linked to the Health Centre had spoken of their work. The PPG is reforming and seeking new members.  Sue Northrop of <i>Dementia Friendly East Lothian (DFEL)</i> had updated on the work of the meeting centre in Musselburgh and proposed arrangements in Dunbar. She had introduced Karen Shires who has been funded to expand dementia Friendly Communities in East Lothian including Dunbar.  There had been an update on <i>Intergenerational Work</i> including at DGS and Belhaven Community Garden.   <b><i>Health and Wellbeing Event</i></b> will be held at Bleachingfield on 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the community to find out about resources/activities to promote wellbeing and for service providers from the voluntary sector to share information/network and find volunteers.   <b><u>Joint Meeting of Health and Wellbeing Group Chairs – 26<sup>th</sup> October</u></b>- JB had attended <i>Public Access to IJB Meetings</i>. JB noted that prior to Covid meetings had been in public. Unlike ELC Meetings, which were webcast and recorded, there was no opportunity for the public to see the proceedings. Only DCC seemed to get information on meeting dates and Agendas. JB agreed to share with other Chairs. Hilary Smith agreed to raise this with Laura Ker of ELHSCP.  <b><i>Community Hospitals.</i></b> There was a discussion about the continued closure of Edington. There is no certainty of what future plans will be as NHS Lothian staffing issues continue. The closure also means that there is no minor injuries service for all ages., a service which had been used by people from Dunbar as well. JB noted the ongoing situation at Belhaven which impacts on the care home, the NHS beds and the Community Garden. She noted that the care home residents were being charged to stay in the NHS beds at Haddington Community Hospital.</p>

*Winter Supports.* JB noted the work being done to map warm places in the Ward. Fiona O'Donnell advised that VCEL had obtained supplies of hot water bottles and low energy lightbulbs. Some of these would be provided to Dunbar Foodshare.

*DELAP Health and Wellbeing Event on December 3rd.* JB outlined plans. She agreed to share information with Hilary.

*Community First-* Fiona O'Donnell updated on this ELC funded VCEL initiative. 3 staff have been appointed to work in the different localities. They will co-ordinate local volunteers to support people in the community. Initially referrals will only be taken from Social Workers and OTs/Physios.

*Link Workers* – There was discussion about how these posts are working across the county. Experience was variable as to how effective they were. Laura Kerr had advised that a steering group was being set up to explore their work . it was felt that Health and Wellbeing Groups should have a role within this if possible. Hilary would liaise with Laura Kerr.

*Walking Festival.* Hilary reported back on this. There had been a good response although there were lessons to learn. She hoped to run a further event in 2023.

*Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.* This was being administered by VCEL and was open to applications. Closing dates in November.

*Great Expectations 2-* JB advised that Terry Prior was still working on this.

*Next Meeting-* TBA

### **Meeting Centres For People With Dementia**

Sue Northrop of DFEL will be starting a drop in at Belhaven Church Stables. This will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 21<sup>st</sup> November. It is hoped to use the sessions to further explore development of a Meeting Centre. DGS had decided against becoming a meeting centre hub. The intergenerational meals at the school will continue and they will link into other plans.

### **Dunbar Day Centre** –

***Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>*** – JB, SB and GW had attended.

New staff are settling in.

It was agreed to consider the employment of further staff to enable the expansion of the service. This would make use of monies from the Scottish Government Carers Act.

Fundraising continues to buy a mini bus. Monies will also be needed for a new boiler.

Staff and Centre users had welcomed the resurfacing of the Westgate pavements.

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

New volunteers and Trustees are welcome.

Next Meeting – November 30<sup>th</sup>

***Inspection Visit-*** An unannounced visit had been made by the allocated Care Inspectorate Inspector. The Report back had been very good (Grades 5 and a 4).

***Future Funding*** – ELHSCP had advised that ongoing funding will be dependent on Trustees undergoing regular training. Trustees had attended training on November 17<sup>th</sup>

**Belhaven Hospital-** JB had circulated an update. Services remain suspended at the site. Work has been ongoing on Ward 1 (Blossom House Care Home). Further issues have come to light which will need resolution. It is now hoped that residents will return home in January 2023. Work is yet to start on Ward 3 and the outdoor buildings that are the source of water for Belhaven Community Garden.

**Carers of East Lothian-** AGM will be held at 2pm on November 28<sup>th</sup> at Ravelston House Hotel in Musselburgh.

**Planning for an Ageing Population Consultation** – JB had circulated the Report from the consultation in the summer. The Report will be presented to the IJB in November.

**VCEL Conference-** JB had attended. There had been much discussion regarding a variety of issues affecting the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector e.g Short term funding, staff recruitment and retention. Fiona

	Wilson, Chief Officer of IJB had noted the importance of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector and this should be continued.
<b>8.00</b>	<b>ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE</b>
8.01	<p><b><u>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</u></b></p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> –The road was due to be closed on October 31<sup>st</sup> between the junction with Eweford Road and the cement road. This will be until April 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 in the first instance. This will put pressure on other parts of the Dunbar and West Barns road network. ELC have advised that the closure has been delayed by a number of weeks for Taylor Wimpey to resolve some technical matters. This seems to be related to a culvert which runs through the site.</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 slopes to crossings in West Port and High Street.</i> ELC still to programme works.</p> <p><i>Belhaven High Street</i> – Resurfacing work completed. Most White lining and repainting of the bus box was completed on November 10<sup>th</sup>. However, the parking area on the south side of High Street could not be completed due to a parked car. This may have been abandoned. ELC have been asked to check. Cycle lanes still need repainting. JB chasing.</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 and the availability of ELC legal staff. Network Rail have advised that there is no funding for works within the station boundary.</p> <p><i>Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane</i> –. DCC and West Barns CC still wish for completion of this important safe route. Local residents wish community engagement on proposals.</p> <p><i>Lack of dropped kerbs</i> between Robertson/Avant Homes and the new Sustrans funded path at Deerpark. Crossing the road difficult for pushchairs/wheelchairs etc. Passed to ELC. There is also a shortage of dropped kerbs at other new estates e.g. Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey where the roads and pavements are still to be adopted by ELC. JB had passed to ELC and Mike Naysmith. This will be a consideration for the Connecting Dunbar Project if funding is approved by Sustrans,</p> <p><i>Pedestrian safety in Bayswell Road</i>- A member of the public had expressed concerns about the safety of those trying to cross the road between the swimming pool and Our Lady of the Waves. Passed by JB to ELC. In addition, a resident had requested provision of a crossing between The Glebe and Lauderdale Park. JB had contacted ELC.</p> <p><i>Beveridge Row/Hospital Road/Bayview Circus pavements and Access.</i> Signage to designate the Give Way and change of road priority still to be put into place by Cala. Planning Enforcement involved.</p> <p><i>Spott Road Pedestrian Crossing</i> – Now in place near the business centre. The lights were switched on on 27<sup>th</sup> October.</p>

	<p><i>Pavement in Poplar Street</i>- Being damaged by vehicles mounting the pavement on the narrow street. The vehicles are also a pedestrian hazard. Passed to ELC May 2022. Chased September 2022.</p> <p><i>Proposed traffic Lights/crossings at Spott Road/Queens Road junction</i>. These have been funded by S75 from Taylor Wimpey as a Planning condition for Hallhill North. Further monies had been a condition of the Golf Club Planning consent. Much concern from nearby residents about the lack of consultation. Contact made with Ian Lennox requesting meeting. No further information.</p> <p><i>Quality of Installation Works for new High Street bus stops</i>. Remedial works still required.</p> <p><i>New pavement by cemetery extension</i>- Hearse and vehicular access still needed across the pavement.</p> <p><i>Pavement at Parsonspool</i>. This was damaged by an uprooted tree during Storm Arwen. The tree root still needs to be removed and the pavement repaired. JB chasing.</p> <p><i>Hallhill North</i>-Various – Concerns continue about impact on local roads of construction work.</p> <p><i>Pavement at South Street</i>. Vegetation had been removed leaving large roots as trip hazards. Mike Foy's Forestry team have treated the roots to prevent regrowth but large sections remain.</p> <p>.</p>
8.02	<p><b><u>Signage</u></b></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. Will be needed once retail outlets at DunBear Park in place.</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. Still needed.</p> <p><i>Damaged sign at one way system</i>- has a significant lean. Reported 28/1.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Gateway Sign</i>- Planning Enforcement involved regarding removal of the sign and demolition of the decorative planter (a planning condition) by Robertsons</p>
8.03	<p><b><u>Structures</u></b></p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons)</i>. Still to be repaired. Lee Jenkins of Four Seasons is still awaiting a quotation from The Ridge. Frank Fairgrieve of ELC involved in pushing for repairs to be made. JB had spoken to Andy of the Ridge who was still to draw up a quote.</p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDHT)</i>. Work still needed to make it safe. The Ridge had looked into some funding options previously on behalf of DCDHT. However, DCDHT need to progress any applications. Building Control investigating.</p> <p><i>Unsafe wall alongside path between Home Avenue and A1</i>- Passed to ELC 17/3. Frank Fairgrieve of Building Control involved. He is trying to determine ownership although it is thought to be Persimmon or Hallhill Developments.</p> <p><i>Storm Damaged Council House/damaged pavement in Parsonspool</i>. JB had referred to ELC. A contractor had been appointed in September to repair the house roof and that work ongoing. Pavement still to be repaired. Paul Grant of ELC involved.</p> <p><i>Storm damaged fence at Floors Terrace/Park Avenue</i>. The metal fence will be repaired once the bus shelter is restored in the next financial year.</p> <p><i>Co-op Dovecot</i>- Masonry had fallen from this on 8/10. JB had spoken to shop staff who had reported to Co-op Estates. JB had alerted ELC. The structure is the responsibility of Co-op Estates. Repaired October 2022.</p>

	<p><i>Portocabin at Hallhill (DCDHT property)- This structure remains incomplete and the rear is vulnerable to vandalism following the removal of Herres fencing. Building Control investigating.</i></p> <p><i>Wall Along Cement Road. This belongs to Hallhill Developments /Taylor Wimpey. It is part of the land transfer discussions with DCDHT. Parts of it have collapsed. Members of the public are concerned about safety. Passed to ELC Building Control.</i></p>
8.04	<p><b><u>Drainage</u></b></p> <p><i>A drain near 105 Summerfield Road is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. A temporary repair has eroded causing trip hazards for pedestrians. ELC still to follow up.</i></p> <p><i>Flooding near Lethendry, North Road. Issues have exacerbated in recent heavy rains. Flooding now crosses the pavement and enters the driveway. 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.</i></p> <p><i>Drainage/Sewage for Robertson Newton Manor Estate and wider area Issues continue between Newtonlees Steading and the Station/Kings Court. JB still chasing.</i></p> <p><i>Flooding at Old Eden Hotel – Issues continue. On a list of ELC works. JB liaising with resident.</i></p> <p><i>Damaged sewer following flooding at Elder Street green space- Manhole Cover had dislodged, area had subsided and foul water had escaped. Reported to Scottish Water 17/9. Repair still needed. JB chasing.</i></p>
8.05	<p><b><u>Vegetation</u></b></p> <p><i>Condition of Woodland between James Court and Spott Road Wall. JB had chased Mike Foy, Tree Officer, The woods are to be inspected as part of a survey of ash health.</i></p> <p><i>.Overgrown vegetation at Hospital Road obscuring the traffic lights heading South and the 20 mph sign heading North. JB chasing Roads.</i></p> <p><i>Overgrown vegetation on path between Queens Road and East Links Road- Gordon Whitelaw has added it to his list for cutting.</i></p> <p><i>Overgrown vegetation between Dempster Place and railway underpass. Passed to Robertson Homes September 2022. KS involved.</i></p> <p><i>Hogweed at Broxmouth Estate – 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.</i></p> <p><i>Hogweed on railway land near footpath from Spott Road to Dempster Place- Network Rail had advised that they would do further eradication work on the railway embankment in 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Overgrown path at South Street, Belhaven- This had become impassable. Cleared by ELC Amenities October 22. ELC Forestry will need to remove large roots which are trip hazards on the pavement.</i></p>

8.06	<p><b>Coastal</b></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>Access issues at Belhaven Bay-</i>Works to deal with the erosion/access matters had been delayed due to the illness of a key staff member.</p> <p><i>Restoration of the Gentleman’s Bathing Pool-</i> Neil Clark will make contact with Jo Lee of Salty Sisters. Salty Sisters to take the project forward and approach DCC/DELAP if any funding needs.</p> <p>.</p>
8.07	<p><b>Lighting/Electrical</b></p> <p><i>Lighting within the Pool area</i> –Lighting unit installation began in October 22. However, Paul lanetta of ELC has advised that, issues had arisen due to the corroded condition of the gantry. Alternatives now being considered e.g. wall mounted units.</p> <p><i>High Street Lighting</i> Some units had been installed but other lights remain broken e.g. outside St Anne’s Church, outside the Post Office. ELC officers have advised that some units need replacement rather than repair and further work will be undertaken. Long term solution still to be sought and costed.</p> <p><i>Storm Damaged substation at Countess Crescent-</i> The Roof was blown off by Storm Arwen. Permanent repair still needed by First Mile.</p> <p><i>Lights Out at Dunbear Park-</i> making it very dark under the railway underpass. Repaired October 2022.</p> <p><i>Lighting on path between Dempster Place and ASDA.</i> The path and lighting were planning conditions of the Robertson estates. It was to have been completed before the start of the Newton Manor development. Responsibility of Robertsons. Planning Enforcement involved. Ken Ross has advised that the matter is in hand.</p> <p><i>Lack of Lighting on Hospital Road-</i> Concerns had been raised about pedestrian safety, particularly that of school pupils using the route from the Hallhill estates following the blocking off of access across the field by construction work and the closure of the route across the Belhaven Hospital site. JB had passed to Taylor Wimpey for their consideration. ELC also informed.</p>
8.08	<p><b>Litter/Graffiti/Vandalism/Abandoned vehicles</b></p> <p><i>Wingate Crescent Playpark-</i> Surface safety matting still to be repaired following vandalism.</p> <p><i>Youth ASB.</i> Issues at the Jampot area of Lochend woods. Raised at CAPP meeting.</p> <p><i>Issues in Rigg Park-</i> passed to ASB Team.</p> <p><i>Fly tipping at 36 High Street-</i> DAL frequently report issues at the homeless unit. Romie Blair had suggested reinstatement of gates. JB contacted the housing provider. Response awaited.</p> <p><i>Housing/flytipping Issues in Poplar Street-</i> A non resident of a property had removed a fence and parked an old van in the garden of a property where the owner had died in 2021. Passed to ELC and Police. Craig Smith is looking at the legality of the vehicle but needs permission from the legal firm dealing with the estate. JB linking with neighbours.</p> <p><i>Overgrown garden with considerable rubbish/old van in Pine Street.</i> The fence damaged in Storm Arwen had been mended by ELC in summer 2022. However, the</p>

	<p>property remains in poor condition. Neighbours report that the property may be empty. Passed to ELC.</p> <p><i>Bayswell Road toilets-</i> The gents toilet had been vandalised (broken cubicle locks and cigarette burning of sinks etc). Passed to ELC 5<sup>th</sup> November. They will arrange repairs.</p> <p><i>Abandoned (?) car at Belhaven High Street.</i> The vehicle is preventing completion of white line painting. JB has passed to ELC to check.</p> <p><i>Dog activity</i> at Winterfield Golf Course is damaging the greens, especially when the ground is wet. Green keepers are having to repair.- JB had responded.</p>
8.09	<p><b><u>Transport</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Trains</u></b></p> <p><b>Services</b></p> <p>Strikes had continued in October and November.</p> <p><b>East Lothian Rail Steering Group with Paul McLennan MSP – Meeting October 25<sup>th</sup></b> JB had attended</p> <p><i>May 2023 timetable</i> – There was no further information. Decisions had been delayed as the timetable has to be agreed with the UK department of Transport and there have been a number of changes in recent months. Information awaited on the new Transport Minister as a new Prime Minister installed on the day of the meeting was still to name his Cabinet. It is now unlikely for it be possible to make all the changes in time for commencement in May.</p> <p><i>Dunbar Station- Car Park and Access from the South.</i> There was discussion about the cancellation of the car park and of the internal works to enable access to the platform by Network Rail on the grounds of costs. JB agreed to send information to Paul McLennan.</p> <p>Reston Station Services. There have been issues with services related to the ASLEF members employed by Transpennine Express not doing extra shifts on their days off. Negotiations are ongoing. Dunbar services have also been affected.</p> <p><i>East Linton Station.</i> Building works are progressing well. However, work still needs to begin at Markle level crossing and Network rail still have to agree to the level crossing being closed on a permanent basis. Without that work being completed trains will not be able to stop at East Linton. It is intended that East Linton will see Cross Country, Transpennine express and Scotrail services.</p> <p><i>Haddington Station-</i> There has been much support for this from the community. Assessment work is ongoing into the possibilities.</p> <p><i>Next meeting</i> - TBA</p> <p><b>Community Rail Partnership(CRP)</b></p> <p><b>CRP AGM</b> – This will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.</p> <p><b><u>Buses</u></b></p> <p><i>Bus Stops-</i> Missing Perspex reported at a number of stops. Keith Scott had replaced the panels. Bus operators are still to provide fresh timetables.</p> <p>Park Avenue Shelter still to be repaired.</p> <p>The flag on the High Street bus stop near Hector’s is now missing. Repair still needed.</p> <p>Bus stop box at Belhaven High Street was repainted on November 10<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>Reinstatement of the pavement at the new High Street bus stops</i> is still required.</p> <p><b>Bus Forum Meeting – November 4<sup>th</sup></b>- JB had attended</p> <p><i>Service Challenges-</i> Operators noted the continued issues for all. They varied in the level of post Covid recovery on passenger numbers. The loss of the financial support from the Scottish Government was a concern. Support had continued elsewhere in the UK. There were financial impacts from increased costs of fuel.</p>

There were issues in driver recruitment, training and retention. This impacted on returning some services e.g. to Innerwick. It was important that if services were provided that they were used.

*Demand Responsive Transport (DRT).* Prentice were running a plot in the Gifford area. There was discussion about the PINGO facility out of Reston Station. JB had queried provision to the Lammermuir Villages. Again, this could only be considered if it would be used. The previous Gaberlunzie had ceased because it was not being used sufficiently for it to be economically viable. Andrew McLellan of ELC Transport noted that a DRT taxi had been put into place for Innerwick to cover roadworks but nobody had used it.

*Bus Stop Maintenance.* There had been an audit of all stops. New shelters had been put into place on some High Streets. The contractor had now resolved problems of the flags not fitting the poles when new flags were required as in Dunbar. Further replacement stops will be needed e.g. at Park Avenue. JB noted the need for the bus stop box to be repainted at Belhaven High Street. Morag Haddow had noted the backlog of white line work.

*Bus Services to New Housing Developments.* This continues to be an issue as road layouts are not conducive to bus movements. There were noted to be problems at the new town of Blindwells. JB noted the requests for a bus service to the Yosemite Park area of Hallhill. This might be provided by Eves but it may only ruin on an adopted road. A turning point had been identified at the foot of Brodie Road. However, there are car parking issues to be resolved which may need yellow lines to be put into place. JB noted the potential for construction lorries in the area.

JB noted the Transportation hub and electric bus charging facility that featured in the Dunbar Park Masterplan which had been presented at the Planning Committee on November 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the discussions on new retail stores and coffee shop at the site. ELC staff were clear that there had been no discussion with ELC Officers about the feasibility of such a proposal. Both Eves and Prentice noted the high costs of electric buses (at least £300k per vehicle) and the costs of building infrastructure at their bases. Government grants for vehicles were insufficient. It was noted that diesel vehicles had become more efficient and less polluting.

*Under 22 Travel.* This was causing problems with some unruly youngsters misusing their free travel passes. Some problems were related to young people coming to East Lothian from out of area. East Linton was a particular problem area. JB had noted the CAPP meetings. She agreed to inform Stevie McKinley who manages Youth Services in the Ward. There was discussion on how to manage the problem. Feedback may be needed to Young Scot who provide the passes.

*Bus/Rail Connectivity.* This is a problem. The cancellation of the Dunbar Station car park extension and the link from housing south of the railway to the new platform were seen as major problems on the grounds of financial pressures were identified as examples working against encouraging people on to public transport and encouraging people to use more active forms of travel. New housing at Haddington would suggest a new rail link but again there are financial constraints to any provision in the near future. Transport hubs were being developed in some parts of the county e.g. in Musselburgh.

*Go SESTRAN-* This is a new app to allow people to plan and pay for journeys across a range of transport modes. It is being piloted in East Lothian. A launch ad had appeared in the Courier on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*253 Route change-* The service will travel via Fort Kinnaird from the end of November.

*Next Meeting - March 2023*

	<p><b><u>Parking</u></b></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 a number of bays are out of use due to repairs on a wall.</p> <p><i>Parking on Belhaven High Street-</i> continued issues.</p> <p><i>Parking beside widened pavement beside Dunbar Primary school.</i> Cabinet on 27<sup>th</sup> September had approved a TRO process to restrict parking. Still to be advertised.</p> <p><i>Station Car Park Extension-</i>still required.</p>
8.10	<b>Other</b>
	<p><b><i>Issues at New Robertson site</i></b> – Problems of sewage, drainage, mud, noise, dust etc continue. Newtonlees residents remain unhappy. Broxburn residents have also raised concerns. Planning Enforcement involved with some issues. No response from Robertson Regional Manager, John Murphy to concerns. JB supporting residents.</p> <p><b><i>Issues at Albany Grange-</i></b> A play pitch and playground which were Planning Conditions of the development are still to be completed. Residents of Brand Court still wish footpath completion and a street light at the path connection to Hospital Road. This will open onto the area of road closed for construction works.</p> <p><b><i>Lauderdale Park</i></b> Field in Trust status. Further information awaited on the outcome of the application by ELC.</p> <p>A member of the public had noted disability access issues- no disability parking and the paths are rough for those with poor mobility. JB had passed to Amenities/Stevie McKinlay as a possible option for use of the DELAP Amenities Budget.</p> <p><b><i>The Space Multi Use /Skatepark/Pump Track facilities/Youth Hub.</i></b> Further information awaited. The Space proposals are for Phase 2 at DunBear Park. There has been little information on the Hallhill North Youth Hub. DCDHT are currently negotiating land transfer. Both the developers of Hallhill North and Dunbar Golf Club had been required to provide S75 monies toward a new pitch and changing rooms at Hallhill Centre as part of the Developer Contribution Framework linked to the 2018 LDP which foresaw increased pressures on the sports facility at Hallhill. £50,000 grant has recently been awarded towards the cement pump track.</p> <p><b><i>Derelict Communal Area between East Links Road and Woodbush Court.</i></b> Complaints from members of the public about the unkempt area – broken fencing, weed infested, damaged wall etc.</p> <p>Further work awaited by ELHA on fence and wall. ELC to tidy the planting.</p> <p><b><i>Anderson Grave at Parish Kirkyard-</i></b> SB had contacted Gordon Whitelaw who had advised that he did not have the budget to pay for this. SB will approach Alasdair Swan re DCC monies. In the meantime, it has been arranged that Belhaven Hill pupils will keep the area tidy as part of their community initiatives.</p> <p><b><i>Idling Engines in High Street.</i></b> MJ had raised new concerns. JB had had much previous involvement since 2018. Tom Burr , Emissions Officer for the 4 Lothians authorities had installed signs in the High Street, at the Station and at Hallhill Sports Centre and done spot checks pre Covid. Alan Kelly, ELC Transport Compliance officer had also had contacts with taxi Operators. Some drivers had been warned.</p>
9.00	<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
9.01	<p><b><u>Sustaining Dunbar – Meeting October</u></b> 24<sup>th</sup>. JB and MJ had attended Committee. Following the AGM on September 27<sup>th</sup> Officer roles were agreed. Chair- Jo McNamara, Treasurer- Tim Green, Secretary- Philip Revell.</p>

	<p><i>Belhaven Community Garden</i>- The Community Gardeners are continuing to work hard. Carey Douglas-Carnegie has been doing much work with the nursery school on a buddy project with Grammar School pupils. Naomi Barnes has been making funding applications in order to be able to continue the work. A 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Ceilidh was being held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>Insulating Innerwick</i>- There have been discussions with The Ridge about retrofitting. Funding applications are being made.</p> <p><i>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project</i>. Information is awaited from Sustrans on the funding application. There was a discussion regarding potential impacts on the routes e.g the closure of the U194, access to the Southern Platform of the station being held up by cancellation of Network Rail project funding. It was agreed that JB would write to the Transport Minister.</p> <p><i>Planning</i>- There was a discussion about the large number of planning proposals impacting on the Ward. JB noted the concerns of a number of environmental and planning campaign groups regarding a number of the decisions made. She advised that Planning Democracy and other groups were forming a complaint to the Aarhus Convention regarding the lack of 3<sup>rd</sup> party right of appeal in Scotland and some Dunbar examples were being used. JB spoke of Local Place Plans within NPF4 and there was discussion as to how Sustaining Dunbar might best contribute to the process.</p> <p><i>ELCAN</i>- Members had been to the launch. There was discussion as to how ELCAN may work to support those concerned with the environment and work together on common concerns.</p> <p><i>Sustaining Soup</i>. There was a discussion about the number of initiatives in the area. MJ had suggested a monthly climate discussion over a bowl of soup. He was to explore a venue.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> – December 5<sup>th</sup>. ELC Climate Change Officer, Hannah Lindstrom has been invited to attend.</p>
9.02	<p><b><u>Energy Matters</u></b></p> <p><b><i>East Lothian Energy Forum October 31<sup>st</sup></i></b> – JB and PS had attended  The meeting had further considered the topics of discussion raised at the June meeting. There were some new attendees and thus some of the discussion had repeated areas of concern. Much of the concern by the community relates to how the number of large Energy projects expected in the area over the next decade or so will be managed. Those present expressed a desire for clear information and joined up thinking by stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Skills</i>- A clear idea of what skills will be needed is essential. It was noted that there are labour shortages in some fields which have been increased by Brexit. There was discussion about the opportunities that may need to be created for local training.</p> <p><i>Accommodation</i>- The request was repeated for developers to give clear information on expected needs. A timescale was given for this information to be made available so that it might be collated.</p> <p><i>Community Benefits</i>- There was further discussion on the need for equitable distribution. It was noted that community Windpower were in negotiation regarding a donation of £1 million per annum to alleviate fuel poverty. There was also conversation as to how this Energy Forum talk of Community Benefits may relate to the AELCC sub group discussions on community benefits.</p> <p><i>Manufacture and Supply</i>- Potential issues in obtaining materials for construction were noted.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> - TBA</p> <p><b><i>Torness Public Meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup></i></b> – JB, PS and AS had attended. The meeting had considered a number of aspects of the work of the Power Station with presentations from a variety of people. There had been opportunity for members of the public to ask questions.</p> <p><i>Paul Winkler- Station Director</i> had outlined the general work of the station. The Plant had been operating well with 660 megawatts of electricity produced by Unit 21 and 500 by Unit 2. He spoke of the incident in the summer where a Scottish Power Transformer located on the site had blown leading to oil getting into the sea. All partner agencies had worked together in dealing with the incident which had had no relation to the nuclear power work on site. There had also been injuries to workers related to equipment used for fire practice. This equipment would no longer be used.</p>

	<p>There was discussion about staffing recruitment and retention. There were issues in recruiting people to technical positions, exacerbated by Brexit. Training for some skills was no longer available locally with the closure of courses at Jewel and Esk Valley College. EDF had built its own training facility in England. There was a particular issue in attracting women to STEM occupations.</p> <p>There was discussion about accommodation for the regular outage periods. It was said that this had been managed to date although some workers may need to stay at a distance. Over 1000 workers had been involved in an outage in 2022.</p> <p>The Visitor Centre had reopened.</p> <p><i>Nuclear Safety-</i> Sandy Baptie of ELC had spoken of the work of the partnership which holds regular exercises. The plant is overseen by the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR).</p> <p><i>SEPA-</i> Isobel Watson had spoken of her work as the SEPA Inspector for the Plant. She makes regular visits to ensure compliance with the operating licence.</p> <p><i>The Future-</i> It was confirmed that the Station was due to cease operation in 2028. A period of decommissioning would follow. This would need workers for some time. There was discussion about the need to be clear on numbers as part of the planning required across all the energy providers planning works with regard to workforce, skills and accommodation. It was mentioned that SSE had accommodation ships for some projects. Mr Winkler hoped that employment could be found for all the Torness workforce currently at the station who wanted work. He noted that when Hunterston had closed almost all had been found alternative work. Some had chosen to retire or find other work.</p> <p>There was a discussion about new forms of nuclear energy generation e.g nuclear fission and smaller scale plants. A nuclear fission pilot plant was being considered for the EDF power station site at West Burton near Retford in Nottinghamshire. Nuclear Power may need to be part of a future palette of energy generation methods in the future along with renewables although it was recognised that the Scottish Government policy did not favour the development of new nuclear facilities.</p> <p>Those present thanked Mr Winkler and his team for arranging the session and asked that it might be repeated in the future.</p>
9.03	<p><b><u>Poverty Matters</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Dunbar and East Linton Poverty Forum- Catch up Meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup></i></b> JB had attended along with Paul McLennan MSP, Lyn Jardine and Fiona O’Donnell.</p> <p>JB had updated on her work to map warm places and food provision across the ward. Fiona had given her hot water bottles and low energy light bulbs for the Foodshare hub as part of a supply obtained by VCEL.</p> <p>There was discussion about Christmas provisions. JB had noted the work planned by The Ridge, Rotary and Others.</p> <p>Fiona was to see if Foodshare might be able to increase its days of operation although there may be accommodation issues for them due to the availability of the Parish Church Hall. JB would speak to Stevie McKinley about the possibility of the Bleachingfield being used to store some emergency food supplies.</p> <p>JB had spoken of the DELAP Health and Wellbeing Event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> which may be an opportunity to give information on supports available.</p> <p>Further date to be arranged.</p>
9.04	<p><b><u>Association of East Lothian Community Councils (AELCC) 14<sup>th</sup> November</u></b> – JB, PS and TP had attended</p> <p><i>Office Bearers-</i> AELCC had previously agreed to a rolling Chair with each CC taking turns to hold the Chair for 6 months. It was agreed that PS would assume the role of Chair with TP as Vice Chair and thus the following Chair.</p> <p><i>Presentation by East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel (ELTRP)</i> – Jim Herron and Sue Cairns had given a presentation on the work of ELTRP. There are now 24 TRPs across East Lothian. They work closely with ELC on a number of matters e.g the current rent review, road safety. JB and Chris Bruce of East Lammermuir CC had noted the issues at Thurston</p>

	<p>Manor Holiday Park. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for AELCC and ELTRP to work together.</p> <p><i>Local Development Plan-</i> Paul Zochowski of ELC had given a presentation. Work is beginning on this process. It will be developed in light of NPF4 which has key themes including protection of green spaces, supporting towns, developing 20 minute neighbourhoods. NPF4 is waiting on final approval by the Scottish Government. The development will be in stages. An evidence report should go to the Scottish Government by Autumn 2023. A proposed plan should be produced for consultation by Autumn 2024. The Final Plan should be in place by Autumn 2025 and will need to be signed off by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>There was much discussion by those present with a number of concerns e.g. the vulnerability of the current 2018 plan to applications outwith it before the new plan was in place, long term land banking e.g. at Eweford for hundreds of homes, developers moving on to new sites before previous one were completed, the types of houses being built including the shortage of affordable homes, house being built without considerable of renewables in their design, lack of infrastructure to support new housing. Paul Zochowski and Keith Dingwall did say that at present there were sufficient sites under development or to be developed in the 2018 plan. There was sufficient housing land supply. Numbers for the LDP would be awaited. However, it was hoped that East Lothian would not be expected to take the volume of new homes as previously.</p> <p><i>Local Place Plans-</i> Keith Dingwall had spoken of this new initiative in the 2019 Scottish Planning Legislation. Community bodies e.g. Community Councils may produce documents to be considered as part of the LDP development process. ELC may offer some advice. However, there would not be ELC funding or officer support in their production. Concerns were raised that this would lead to inequalities. Planning Officers, Sharon Saunders and Paolo Vestri of ELC were asked to feed this back to the Scottish Government.</p> <p><i>Community Benefits-</i> Chris Bruce of East Lammermuir CC had fed back on discussions at the Community benefits sub group. He wished Community Councils to consider the establishment of an ELC wide body to administer community benefits from windfarms etc. At present they were paid to some community councils and not others. It was intended to make access to monies more equitable. Those present were generally supportive of the idea. It was agreed that Chris would speak further with Paolo Vestri of ELC about this.</p> <p><i>A1 Action Group –</i> JB and Chris Bruce noted concerns that after much pressure from Community Councils in Dunbar &amp; East Linton Ward and Reston for a meeting to be held a meeting had been called from which community council attendance was excluded in favour of 1 rep per Area Partnership. Key staff from Transport Scotland and other regular attendees had also not been invited. Concerns were raised about this. Sharon Saunders was asked to raise the matter with Ian Lennox of Roads who had called the meeting.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting-</i> TBA in approx. 6 months.</p>
9.05	<p><b>Hallhill Tenants and Residents Association 16<sup>th</sup> November.</b> JB, TP and PS had attended. Feedback had been given by 17 people who had responded to the online survey. From a number of identified concerns the main issue was dog fouling. There was a discussion about Area Z off James Kirk Way where there were concerns about driver behaviour. The developer, Allan McMahon of PMC Commercial Ltd, was present and agreed to work with the community on issues. Parking issues for workers was discussed. There was a discussion about ongoing issues. It was noted that issues had arisen regarding the Eweford culvert which needed to be addressed. This was causing a delay to the start of house building. There had been discussion with Eves about bus services to the estate. Provision of a post box remained an issue due to the minimal use of the box at Moray Avenue. Residents asked for better communications from developers.</p>
10,00	<b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b>

ELC- TTRO for Closure of U194 Hospital Road to allow construction vehicles to Hallhill North  
Various- Concerns about closure of U194. JB had responded  
Various- Concerns about DunBear Park Planning applications- JB had responded  
Gordon Whitelaw – update on Anderson Grave  
Scottish Communities Alliance – Newsletters  
VCEL- Invitation to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Conference on 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Cllr Lyn Jardine – Information on ASDA Winter Warmer initiatives for community groups  
Via Facebook- ASB concerns- JB had responded and passed to ELC  
Community Councils- Information on proposed workshop to plan Improvement Service  
mandatory training for elected members. JB had responded and had been invited to take part.  
1<sup>st</sup> Dunbar Scouts – Confirmation of arrangements for DCC visit  
Tom Dickson, RAGES – Query regarding DCC Grants. JB had responded.  
East Lothian Police- Information on Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch Schemes  
Dawn Alexander, SOLE- Update/Seeking interviewees for Evaluation of SOLE.  
Various- Concerns about proposals for pavement between Beveridge Row and Brewery Lane.  
JB had responded  
Twinning Association Newsletter  
The Ridge- Invitation to AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Eileen Moore- Concerns about condition of wall beside Cement Road. JB had responded.  
Bear- Information on forthcoming roadworks.  
ELC- Various TTROs for remembrance parade, Christmas Lights  
Kingsmeadow Residents Association- seeking information on funding for playpark renewal  
ELC Community Councils- Funding opportunities from Naturescot for monitoring marine life.  
Colin Gilmour- Information on Tyne Esk funding for community projects.  
Scottish Community Councils, Newsletter  
Various- concerns about eviction of 125 Thurston Manor long term residents. JB had  
responded and passed to East Lammermuir CC. Situation raised with ELTRP.  
Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland- Information on their advice services  
Catherine Dunning, Dunbar Medical Centre PPG- Query about grant opportunities for the PPG.  
JB had responded  
Sarah McLeary- Wishing a 2023 Fireworks Display at Hallhill. JB had responded. Historically  
the display had been organised by Dunbar Round Table and funded from the Dunbar Common  
Good Fund.  
Donna Schwartz, Fisherman’s Mission re services – AS and JB had responded  
Dunbar Crafty Crew – Query about place to sell craft items following the end of the DAL weekly  
table tops at the Legion.  
Winterfield Golf Club – dog issues. JB had responded  
Callum Porteus –flooding issues on North Road. JB had responded.  
Jonathan Fleetwood , ELC- Weather warnings regarding heavy rain and flooding

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