



Community Council Open Meeting

MINUTES

Monday 20th February 2023

7pm Council Chambers, Town House, Dunbar

Presentation – Old Bathing Pool Project (Jo Lee)

Jo gave background to the project. In response to a query from SB she clarified that the aim is to improve the Old Gentleman’s Bathing Pool below The Rocks hotel rather than build a new outdoor swimming pool to replace the one that had been demolished some years ago.

Jo is involved with the Salty Sisters who enjoy wild swimming. She had been approached by MJ with regard to taking forward an interest by DCC in restoring the area. This followed previous contact by a member of the public with George Robertson when a member of DCC and Chair of DELAP.

Jo is now facilitating a group to progress the project.

Discussion with Neil Clark and Tara Sykes of ELC had been supportive.

Visits have been made to similar pools at Cellardyke and Pittenweem.

Discussion has been held with Kevin Thomson of AG Thomson regarding possible works. This might be in 2 stages

- a) To remove boulders brought down from the cliffs by Storm Arwen. These impede use.
- b) Repair of the old sluice.

Initial work needs to be done to maintain a level of water in the area to enable use for a feasible time and to prevent scouring.

Consideration needs to be given to a model of provision to take the vision forward. ELC would like an asset transfer to a constituted group.

Consideration needs to be given to the future of the group e.g should it become a SCIO. It was agreed that FO and JL may discuss this further. JB agreed to share their details to progress this.

Discussions are ongoing with NatureScot as to what works would be needed and are permissible.

The area is close to an SSI and in the John Muir Country Park. JB noted that the John Muir Country Park Advisory Group would have an interest in the project.

DCC members confirmed their support for the Project and asked to be kept updated.

Ref	Item	
1.00	SEDERUNT –Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair) In the Chair. Jacquie Bell (JB)(Secretary,)Terry Prior (TP), Gill Wilson (GW), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Sanchita Patjoshi (SP), Kevin Searle (KS),Anouska Woods (Community Windpower), Jo Waddell (JW) (DTA), Fiona O’Donnell (FO)(VCEL), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Jo Lee (JL) (Old Bathing Pool Project), Sheila Poulson (SPo) (Observer and prospective Community Councillor from 7.15), Mike Shaw and Peter McDonagh (Members of the public)	
1.01	Welcome GA welcomed all to the meeting.	

1.02	Apologies - Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Mark James (MJ), Cllr Donna Collins, Cllr Lyn Jardine, Stevie McKinlay (Connected Communities Manager)	
3.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
3.01	<u>Councillors declaring an interest in matters to be discussed:</u> None	
4.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – January 16th 2023	
4.01	<u>Amendments</u> - None	
4.02	<u>Adoption</u> - APPROVED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - KS • Seconded - SP 	
4.03	<u>DCC Action Review</u> With the exception of the undernoted, all DCC member action items have been attended to or overtaken by events: 6.01 a)GA to update AS on costings for proposed purchases. GA noted that he was waiting on costings from Blachere Illuminations. He had circulated ideas for summer decorations from Blachere and would appreciate DCC member views. The decorations are made of bamboo and so consideration will be needed about their resilience to Dunbar winds. They cost between £60 and £100 each. b)SP to update AS on costings for Civic Week 2023. SP advised that she had sent information to AS.	ALL
4.04	<u>Matters arising not covered in agenda –</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Changing Places Changing Room</u> – PS not present. No update information. 2. <u>Dunbar Civic Week – Update</u>(SP) A planning meeting had been held on January 23rd. Unfortunately, the event planned for the Strawberry Barn could not go ahead as the venue had closed. Another venue is being sought. A programme of events is being drawn together. Volunteers are needed for the Fun Day on June 10th. DCC members should advise SP if they can help. Further Committee members would be welcome. FO agreed to publicise the need for volunteers and Cameron Ritchie will give information in the press. JB agreed to promote on DCC and other community social media. 	ALL
5.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
5.01	<u>Cllr Norman Hampshire</u> – Not present 1.Action - Update and Matters Arising a) <i>Stench at Station/ Wider drainage matters</i> – The situation is not resolved. Residents remain concerned. JB advised that Scottish Water believe the issue is linked to the operation of the pump at Robertson Homes. The size of the pump is not sufficient. The developer has been asked to upgrade the pump. A firm IDS (Instant Drainage Solutions) tankered out material from the system at Dempster Place on 13 th February.	

	<p>KS said he had spoken to the Site Manager. He had been told that the new pump installed in 2022 was not connected to a power supply and that new cabling was needed.</p> <p><i>b) U194 Closure-</i> Note: Signage is now in place at the Edinburgh Road junctions of Bayview Circus and Beveridge Row. There is a sign to say no pedestrians at Eweford. There is still no clear permanent signage from the A1 or diversion signage at Eweford. There is no footway along the Eweford Farm field boundary as indicated in maps from September 2022. Residents still report pedestrians, cyclists and motorists using the route. ELC and Police are aware.</p> <p><i>c) Cliff Top Trail closure – Update required.</i></p> <p><i>d) Building Site Debris.</i> Note: Community Warden, Jimmy Wilson, has visited the Robertson site. The site manager has agreed to move skips and secure them and to arrange litter picking by workers. Jimmy will monitor the situation. DAL asked to stand down pro tem.</p> <p><i>e) CAPP – Future meetings?</i> Note: Meeting had been held on 9th February on Teams. (See Community Report 2.02)</p> <p><i>f) Overnight parking at Coastal Car Parks.</i> Note: Cabinet had approved measures on January 17th. Campervan parking at Whitesands and Shore Roads had been agreed subject to a community consultation process. Belhaven residents remain concerned about the proposals.</p>	
5.02	<u>Cllr Donna Collins</u> – Not present	
5.03	<u>Cllr Lyn Jardine</u> – Not present	
5.04	<p><u>Questions/Concerns to Councillors (See Community Report)</u> – No Councillors present. Matters deferred to March meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Fibre Works</i> – Can companies be asked to give better communication to the community, ensure public safety and make good the carriageway? Recent works on behalf of Virgin Media in Summerfield Road were chaotic. Residents had had no prior communication before works started. GA noted the issues for school pupils. GA will e mail NH to see what might be done. 2. <i>Rail service cutbacks</i> – What action is ELC taking on proposed rail service cut backs? (PS paper circulated).(See Community Report 8.09 and Agenda Item 10.00) 3. <i>Public Toilet proposals</i> 	GA
6.00	TREASURER’S REPORT – See Community Report 1.00	
6.01	<u>Matters arising/questions</u> – AS not present.	
6.02	<u>Requests for Support for consideration:</u> <u>Local Priorities Fund</u> - None	

	<p><u>Community Benefits Fund</u> <i>European Land Arts Festival</i> - £4000. AS not present. Members had had mixed views. Deferred to March meeting.</p>	
7.00	<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> 	
7.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters:</u> Queens Green Canopy (See 5.04) JB noted that cherry trees (a suggestion of Herbert Coutts) had been planted at Queens Road and a Tulip Tree at Lauderdale Park. They will be registered by Mike Foy of ELC with the Queens Green Canopy Project and plaques will be provided to designate them as Jubilee trees.</p>	
8.00	<p>PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)</p>	
8.01	<p><u>Planning Applications for consideration/Discussion – 23/00062/P – 144 High Street (Former Coast Gallery)</u>- Change of Use from Retail (Class 1) to hot food takeaway(Class 1) and Café (Class 3). Also repainting. JB had circulated information. JB noted that work had begun on the property and jobs have been advertised for a business called Parkers. There was a discussion. Members had concerns regarding the loss of the site for general retail given the number of other cafes on the High Street. There was concern about the operation of any ventilation extractor and about the position of a toilet off the food preparation area. It was agreed that JB would submit DCC concerns to ELC Planners.</p> <p><u>Fred Olsen Renewables- Crystal Rig Solar Farm</u> – JB noted that there would be a Public Exhibition from 3-7 pm at Innerwick Village Hall on 28th February. This is a proposal for a 131 hectare site with 50,000 panels linked to the current windfarm. The Community benefit will be £13750 per annum. An application will be made to the Scottish Government in late 2023.</p> <p><u>Sustaining Dunbar Community Owned Solar Farm. (See Community Report 9.01)</u> JB had circulated links to a survey being conducted by Master Students from Flensburg University. A meeting was being held this evening and the students will give feedback to a meeting at 5 pm on February 24th at the Dolphin Inn. DCC members are invited to attend.</p>	JB
8.02	<p><u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion</u> - None</p>	
8.03	<p><u>Local Place Plan 2025- 2035 (PS)</u> A successful event had been held at the Strawberry Barn on January 17th with a workshop on community views of the pros and cons of the area. The DTA/DCC LPP Steering Group had met further. West Barns reps have joined the discussions. Community Engagement events are planned for 25th March at Bleachingfield, Hallhill and West Barns Village Hall.</p>	ALL

	DCC Volunteers are needed to man Hallhill and Bleachingfield on March 25 th from 10 until 3. Volunteers should contact PS.	
9.00	<p><u>High Street Bike Parking (PS/MJ) –</u></p> <p>PS had circulated a discussion paper prepared by herself and MJ. Although neither were present MJ had asked for views from DCC as ELC will be imminently submitting orders. Cycle racks are already being ordered by ELC for the Leisure Pool area and the Harbour.</p> <p>JW advised that she had circulated the paper to DTA members. They had concerns that the placing of racks should not impede pedestrians e.g those with sight impairment. They did not feel the shiny finish matched other street furniture. They had concerns about the large containers although it had been seen that these were for residents at the Abbeylands car park.</p> <p>GA said that further information was needed on locations and dimensions to ensure there were no issues with use for Christmas Lights.</p> <p>There was a discussion.</p> <p>Members were supportive of further cycle racks.</p> <p>Members wished further consideration of spaces to ensure that there were no conflicts with Christmas Lights operations.</p> <p>Members wished design to match that of existing street furniture.</p> <p>Members opposed the Marine stainless-steel finish. It was felt that this was not in keeping with other High Street furniture and that it would be more expensive to maintain.</p> <p>GA and JW agreed to feed back to PS and MJ.</p>	GA/JW
10.00	<p><u>Cross Country Rail Service (PS) (See Community Report 8.09)</u></p> <p>PS had circulated a note on proposed changes to rail services provided by Cross Country.</p> <p>JB had attended the East Lothian Rail Steering Group on 15th February where concerns had been raised. Paul McLennan MSP will be arranging a meeting with Cross Country to which DCC will be invited.</p> <p>Members discussed the situation and were concerned by the proposed reduction in services. Although other operators may fill gaps Cross Country is the only one to offer services to places like Leeds, Birmingham and the South West. This leads to connection issues across stations between operators. SB noted issues faced by his daughter today.</p> <p>It was agreed that JB would draft a letter of concern to Cross Country to be agreed with PS and GA.</p>	JB/GA/PS
11.00	<p><u>DCC – Communicating with our Community (PS)</u></p> <p>PS had circulated a discussion paper.</p> <p>JB had suggested a separate meeting with an independent facilitator to look at this topic and general team building. However, members felt that the matter could be dealt with in house.</p> <p>Further discussion deferred to March 2023 meeting.</p>	
12.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
12.01	Vacancies – Continue to be advertised on social media. PS had had contact from 2 residents interested in joining. They had received written information and been invited to attend meetings. SPO had attended tonight and she will consider if she wishes to apply to be a member.	
12.02	CARS Launch (See Community Report 6.01)	

	The Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme was formally launched on 15 th February by ELC. AS, PS and JB had attended the meeting. DCC members will be kept informed. KS and PS are the DCC reps for the Steering Committee which will be set up to oversee the Scheme.	
12.03	DELAP AGM - 7 pm on 22 nd February at Bleachingfield. This is a public meeting. All welcome.	
13.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
13.01	March 20 th – 7 pm at Town House	



DUNBAR
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL

COMMUNITY REPORT February 2023

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations and fund raising income in the month was £320 • A further £1039 will go into the account from VAT Recovery <p>Civic Week Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bank balance at the month end was £7,608.87 <p>Dunbar against Litter Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bank balance at the month end was £2,692.89 • A further £3 will go into the account from VAT Recovery <p>Covid Fund- had been transferred to The Ridge during January to contribute towards the cost of Support staff to meet the needs of those referred to The Ridge post covid who are affected by the combined effect of the Pandemic and escalating energy prices.</p>														
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2.00	<p>COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT</p>														
2.01	<p><u>Police Report</u> - Between 1st and 31st January there had been 195 calls to the area. This resulted in the Police recording 38 crimes.</p> <p><i>Protecting the Most Vulnerable</i></p> <p>4 x sexual offences 1 x communications 1 x domestic assault 3 bail offences (domestic)</p>														

	<p>Reducing Violence and ASB</p> <p>4 x vandalism 5 assaults 2 threatening/abusive behaviour 1 breach of alcohol bylaw 1 urinating in public 1 possession of an offensive weapon</p> <p>Reducing Acquisitive Crime</p> <p>5 thefts 1 shoplifting 1 housebreaking (business) 1 theft from ATM 1 theft from a vehicle 1 fraud</p> <p>Road Safety</p> <p>3 accident offences 1 careless driving</p> <p>Serious Crime</p> <p>1 possession of drugs</p>
2.02	<p><u>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)</u> Update on Priorities set on October 13th</p> <p>Speed checks had been carried out in Queens Road, Spott Road, Kellie Road and Brodie Road with several driver warned regarding their speed. ASB patrols had been carried out at the Jam Pot and nearby woodland. There had been no further reports of youth issues in the area. Police had engaged with cyclists riding on pavements or without lights and this will continue to be monitored.</p> <p>Meeting on February 9th - JB and PS had attended</p> <p>PRIORITIES SET</p> <p><i>Speed Checks</i> (High Street, Belhaven, High Street, Back Road) <i>Vehicle ASB</i> (High Street) (Police will conduct extra patrols. The public are encouraged to report any concerns with the Registration Number via 101).PS agreed to deign a poster for social media etc. <i>Youths climbing on Scaffolding</i> at Westgate</p> <p>Other issues were also discussed e.g. road safety following the closure of the U194, parking. There was a long discussion about the Robertson building site debris. JB noted the daily work of DAL in clearing it up. Community Warden Jimmy Wilson had been in contact with the site manager and had been told that workers would do litter picking. Jimmy will monitor the situation. PS said that she would ask DAL to stand down from litter picking the site. She would also ask KS to stand down from monitoring the site on behalf of DCC.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting</i> – TBA</p>
2.03	<p>Police Staffing – PC Tait is moving to a new role at the end of February. He will be replaced by PC Laura Jackson.</p>
3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	<p><u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u> – None</p>
3.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <p>1 08/00369/FUL- Request by applicant to extend Condition 1 by 1 year. (Broxmouth Estate) 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. 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). To be determined. JB contacted Planning on 29/12/22</p>

to see if the application had lapsed as work had not commenced. Planning had advised that work must start before the end of July 2024. However, Conditions 4 and 5 are still to be met.

- 2 **21/00676/P- Broxmouth Estate.** Erection of 9 holiday lodges. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined. ELC are waiting on information from the applicant.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **22/00279/P – Broxmouth House, South Lodge-** Formation of decked area and erection of gates. JB had submitted DCC Views. To be determined.
- 6 **22/00278/LBC Broxmouth House, South Lodge-** Alteration to building and erection of gates. (Related to 5). To be determined.
- 7 **22/00852/PPM – Scottish Power Energy Network – Eastern Link Project.** Converter Station and associated works. JB had submitted DCC views. To be determined.
- 8 **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. In the meantime, an area of hardstanding has been built for the van after it had to be towed out of the mud in 2022.
- 9 **22/01196/P-** Scottish Water bottle top up point near Bayswell Road toilets. Approved 17th January. Scheduled Monument consent to be obtained from HES.
- 10 **22/01336/ADV-** Advertising hoarding at the Area Z housing site (Lochford Gardens). JB had circulated information. DCC views submitted to ELC. Approved 30th January until 2028 or the last property is sold.
- 11 **22/01357/ADV – Advertising sign at Spott Road for Lochford Gardens.** Consent refused., The support poles are still to be removed.
- 12 **22/01320/P-** Foxlake – New Lake with aquapark equipment. JB had circulated information and submitted views to ELC. Approved 17/2.
- 13 **23/00042/P-** Change of Use of Masonic hall to form Children’s Nursery. JB had circulated information. DCC views submitted . To be determined.
- 14 **22/01380/P (Retrospective)** Siting of container for sports training facility for a temporary period of 36 months. JB had circulated information. Planning are considering if a retrospective advertising consent is also required. To be determined.
- 15 **23/00062/P – 144 High Street, Dunbar.** Change of Use of Shop to Hot Food Take Away (Class 1) and Café (Class 3). Also repainting. JB had shared information.

Broxmouth Estate Applications –ELC have advised that they still need information from the applicant in order to progress the various applications.

Local Development Plan/Local Place Plans – Sub committee meetings continue. West Barns reps have joined the discussions. The DTA had hosted an event on 17th January. An online consultation will take place. Community Consultation events will take place on 25th March at Bleachingfield Centre, Hallhill and West Barns Village Hall.

SP Energy Networks – Eastern Link – Fresh public consultation had been held on revised proposals for a substation at Branxton near Innerwick. JB had attended. Public views will be incorporated in a new planning application in Spring 2023.

Fred Olsen Renewables- Crystal Rig Solar Farm- Community Consultation events to be held. 28th February 3-7 at Innerwick Village Hall.

	<u>Sustaining Dunbar Community Solar Farm.</u> Survey ongoing. Students from Flensburg University doing a feasibility study.
3.03	<u>Licensing Matters to Note</u> - None
4.00	<u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u>
4.01	<u>Local Area Plan</u> - This needs to be updated. It is linked to the recently approved ELC Plan for Priority setting. Initial discussion meetings had been held in December. There will be further consideration following the AGM.
4.02	<u>Date of Next Meeting – AGM</u> 22 nd February 2023 This is a public meeting. All DCC members welcome.
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> Work continues. Dunbar High Street Co-op are hosting a fund raising book stall. Consideration is being given to summer decorations.
5.02	<u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> – A Planning Meeting had been held on January 23 rd .
5.03	<u>Dunbar Against Litter</u> – Daily litter picking continues. Following the CAPP discussion on Robertson site waste DAL had bene asked to leave clearance of the area to Robertson workers under the monitoring of Community Warden Jimmy Wilson.
5.04	<u>Platinum Jubilee</u> <u>Queens Green Canopy</u> - Cherry trees, which had been suggested by Herbert Coutts, had been planted at Queens Road in January 2023. They had been welcomed by members of the public. A Tulip tree had been planted at Lauderdale Park on February 10 th . The trees will be registered with the QGC Project via the Lieutenancy and plaques will be provided to denote them as Jubilee trees.
5.05	<u>Remembering Together</u> - Barbara Taylor Rowell had produced a Final Report on the first phase of consultation which JB had circulated. <u>Meeting 17th February</u> . JB had attended. Barbara had reported back on her community engagement. Further thought still needs to be given to the kind of memorial. Suggestions include walking trails, archive materials for the John Gray Centre, tile murals for High Streets, labyrinths, thoughtful places with benches. Further thought is still needed on whether there should be one central memorial or a number in the 6 wards/Area partnership areas. Funding remains £100,000 per local authority. John Saich of Greenspace Scotland who are managing the project for the Scottish Government said that East Lothian is ahead of some other authorities in its planning. It has been agreed that projects across Scotland will be extended until June 2024. It was agreed that an application will be made for the Stage 2 funding. Barbara will remain as lead artist and others may be brought on board. A further meeting will be held in due course to approve the funding proposal for Stage 2.
6.00	<u>DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIAVES</u>
6.01	<u>Dunbar High Street</u>

	<p>SOLE-No further information on the external evaluation that JB had taken part in. The site content remains limited.</p> <p>CARS- Launch on 15th February. JB , PS and AS had attended. Colin Gilmour had updated on the Scheme which is now open for applications. The CARS area covers High Street and West Port. Lucy Schofield and Wendy Malkin have been appointed as Project Officers with Colin as overall Project Lead. A Community Steering Group is to be set up. The total fund for 2022-27 is £2,588,527. £431,882 is ringfenced for priority buildings. The owners will be engaged with separately. They include the Lothian Hotel, Old Value Shop, 1650 building and Jack and Ivy building. There will be some money for training in traditional skills. There will be some money for public realm projects e.g. the DTA wish to take forward a Closes project. £405,365 will be in a general fund to enable residents and businesses to make repairs to exteriors of traditional buildings using traditional materials. 70% grants will be made available to cover things like roof repairs, rainwater goods, windows, pointing. Applicants will need to find match funding. The funding will be offered in rounds. Round 1 will close on 24th February with assessment on March 23rd and grants awarded on March 31st. Round 2 will run from May 1st to 31st with assessment on June 23rd and grants awarded on June 30th.</p>
6.02	<p><u>Windfarm Benefits for Communities</u> – JB , PS, AS and TP had attended a number of meetings for members of the Association of East Lothian Community Councils to consider an approach to share windfarm benefits more equitably than at present where some Community Councils like East Lammermuir receive substantial amounts and other none. There is an awareness that further windfarms are to be being built both onshore and offshore and thus there could be an opportunity to develop a beneficial model. Paolo Vestri of ELC is also involved in the discussions.</p>
6.03	<p><u>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project (Sustaining Dunbar)(JB and MJ are involved)</u>- The SUSTRANS funding award had been accepted. An initial meeting with SUSTRANS staff Colleen Trousdale and Niahm Kavanagh had been held on January 24th. It has been agreed that the role of consultants may be awarded to Crispin Hayes and Philip Immirzzi who had previously worked on the Spott to Dunbar Project for which this is the successor. A meeting had been held with them on 10th February. It is hoped to set up a Community Steering Group. <i>Next meeting</i> – February 21st</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p><u>Health and Well Being Sub Group- Meeting on 6th February</u> – JB and GW had attended. Shine The main item was a presentation by Martin Hayman of Shine. JB had previously met with him and invited him to attend the meeting. Shine is an IT system which can encourage people to be more active and link them to activity groups in the community. There had been engagement with attendees at the Haddington Vaccination Centre in the Autumn and it is hoped to gain funding from ELHSCP and the Area Partnerships/Community Councils etc to enable expansion of the Project. There was discussion about how Shine may be promoted locally e.g Videos on the waiting room screen at the Medical Centre, making visits to particular groups e.g. Fishermen, West Barns Bite and Blether. There was consideration as to how facilities at the library may be used to enable people to access the IT e.g. access to shared computers, digital buddies. Dentistry- Concerns about loss of local NHS services were discussed. Laura Kerr of ELHSCP is following up with NHS Lothian following the discussion at the Joint H and W meeting. Link Workers- Both Sarah Tomlins and Dorothy Gascoigne are to reduce their hours. A 21 hour a week post is currently being advertised. Closing date 23rd February. Date of Next Meeting – 8th March.</p>

Joint Meeting of Health and Wellbeing Sub Group Chairs with Laura Kerr of ELHSCP on January 25th- JB had attended

Dentistry- Concerns were noted about access to NHS dentistry. Laura Kerr was to seek information from NHS Lothian.

Link Workers- Experience of the service which has a number of different providers across the county has been mixed. A steering group has been set up to monitor provision. Hilary Smith of North Berwick Coastal AP will join the group.

Care Home Provision- There had been discussion about the permanent closure of Esk Green (ELC) in Musselburgh. The Care Inspectorate had raised concerns about the building and its fitness for purpose to meet care standards which would have needed significant ELC investment to overcome.

Health pressures- there had been discussion about ongoing issues including A & E waiting times, delayed discharge and staffing recruitment/retention.

Shine- Martin Hayman had given a presentation followed by discussion.

Date of Next Meeting – March 15th

Meeting Centres For People With Dementia

The Musselburgh Meeting Centre is operational.

Karen, the DFEL Development Worker who was to progress proposals for a Dunbar Meeting Centre based initially at Belhaven Church Stables has left.

Sue Northrop will continue discussions with interested parties in Dunbar with initial consideration of training on dementia friendly communities.

JB and Sue have been maintaining contact about progress.

Dunbar Day Centre

The new boiler had been fitted and the kitchen had been refurbished.

Claire Ainslie who had been Acting Manager following the departure of Jamie McNeil has been appointed as Manager. Tracy Mackie has been appointed as Outreach Co-ordinator.

A Special General Meeting had been held to commence the legal process of conversion to a SCIO.

Fund raising continues for a Centre bus. Table top sales are being held fortnightly at the Day Centre. The High Street Co-op had held a raffle on February 10th.

Belhaven Hospital- Residents had returned to Blossom House (Ward 1) on 18th January. Staff are asking for a joiner to make a pergola for the proposed garden area.

Work is still to be completed on Ward 3. New basins and taps have been fitted in the patient rooms and toilets. A new water tank and booster will be fitted. Bathrooms will have tiles replaced by wet wall panels. It is hoped that patient services will resume at the end of march provided there are sufficient staffing levels to support the move.

Work on the Ward 2 Community Hub is not likely to be completed until April. Until then the Home Care, physio, OT, Hospital to Home and other teams are working from other bases. It is hoped that they can return to Belhaven as soon as possible to minimise travel times. The water supply at the outside area used by Belhaven Community Garden will be the last to be completed.

Planning for an Ageing Population (Community Hospitals and Care Home Project

The report from the summer engagement had been published and circulated by JB. Findings are included in a Report for the IJB meeting on 23rd February also circulated by JB.

The summer engagement had been a mixture of on line and in person events and an online consultation. The latter had been affected by significant autobot interference. In all there had been around 400 engagements.

The general finding was that people wanted to stay at home as long as possible. Investment will be needed in a variety of intermediate care. There are limiting factors on such provision e.g. financial, staffing, geographical.

	<p>Consideration will need to be given to the future sites for hospital bed and care homes including continuation of ongoing resources and replacements. This will need consideration of private and statutory services. The IJB provides the services but it does not have control of capital resources like buildings which may belong to NHS, ELC or private/voluntary providers. JB had attended an Integrated Impact Assessment Meeting on February 8th. The meeting considered the impact the recommendations in the report may have on various groups. It will form part of the documents presented to the IJB for its approval.</p> <p>Should the proposals be approved further work will be needed on models of care and consideration of funding models etc. JB had requested co-production with communities in taking any proposals forward.</p> <p><u>Shifting the Balance of Care Change Board Presentation 7th February</u> JB had attended. The meeting was led by Fiona Ireland of NHS Lothian and Co Chair of the IJB Shifting the Balance of Care Change Board and Lorraine Cowan the ELHSCP Chief Nurse. A number of videos had been shown to demonstrate various aspects of work including OT services, emergency response services e.g. for falls, Hospital to Home and Hospital and Home, use of technology to enable independent living, services which have been moved to Haddington from Edinburgh and St Johns and a new app to enable people to view and order smart technology devices. JB will circulate the videos once they are made available.</p> <p>A new Smart centre to demonstrate devices is still to be opened at James Court in Dunbar. Its opening has been delayed as Change of Use has needed to be obtained through Planning. Hospital to Home/Home Care and other services will be returning to the Ward 2 hub at Belhaven once the work on the plumbing system is completed. It is hoped staff may be back at Belhaven by Easter.</p> <p>There was a discussion about further services which may be of benefit at Haddington, particularly blood transfusions and Minor Injuries.</p> <p>There was a discussion about access to palliative care services with the suspension of beds at Belhaven Ward 3 and Edington. There are 2 beds at The Abbey.</p> <p>There was a discussion about access to Care at Home services, particularly in rural areas</p> <p>There was discussion about the ongoing problems of car parking at the hospital and the poor access by public transport.</p> <p><u>East Lothian Carers' Strategy.</u> An online consultation is ongoing. An in person event will be held at the Bleachingfield Centre 11-1 on 23rd February.</p> <p><u>Fishermens' Mission-</u> Donna Schwarz is the new support worker for fisher families. JB had met with her and spoken of useful local connections, funding sources etc. Donna will give a presentation to a future meeting of the DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group.</p>
8.00	ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE
8.01	<p><u>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</u></p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> – Issues continue. Signs had been erected in January 2023 at Edinburgh Road junctions with Beveridge Row and Bayview Circus. However, permanent signage still needed from the A1. A path along the field boundary at Eweford farm has not been created Cones and Herres fencing are being removed and people still driving, walking and cycling in the area. ELC taking up with Taylor Wimpey. Noted at CAPP meeting.</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> – Painting work underway 20/2.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Road-</i> Resurfacing required. Cycle lanes need the red blaze to be renewed.</p>

Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line. Still required. To be considered as part of the Connecting Dunbar Project. Access has been agreed to the station boundary with the landowner.

Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane –. DCC and West Barns CC still wish for completion of this important safe route. Local residents wish community engagement on proposals.

Lack of dropped kerbs on estates where roads are still to be adopted by ELC and between Fair Acre and the new Sustrans cycle path. JB had passed to Mike Naysmith at ELC in June 2021. May be considered as part of the Connecting Dunbar Project.

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.

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. 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.

Quality of Installation Works for new High Street bus stops. Remedial works completed January 2023.

New pavement by cemetery extension- Hearse and vehicular access still needed across the pavement.

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.

Pavement at South Street. Large sections of root are still to be removed by the Forestry team.

Station Road. Responsibility of Network Rail. Long standing concerns about condition had been passed on by DCC and RAGES. Discussed at Rail Forum meeting on 20th January. Repairs underway 19th February.

Pot Holes at Entrance of Winterfield Car Park – passed to ELC 16/1 Chased 10/2. A member of the public has sustained tyre damage related to the surface condition.

Lovers Lane- Bollards have been removed from the path leaving holes. A member of the public had been injured by falling into one in February. JB checking responsibility for the route.

Old Spott Road- There have been problems with anti social drivers going over the grass at the end of the cul de sac and driving on the pavement to access Spott Road. A wall had recently been demolished by a car. Other drivers are turning down by mistake. The speed of some traffic is not thought to be safe for the locality. There is a blind access from Belleview Avenue. Residents of Belleview Avenue are asking for safety measures. Passed to ELC 15/2.

East Lothian Road Safety Group -19th January JB had attended

This meeting is linked to the work of the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership *Enforcement of Speed Limits/CAPP Efficacy.* There was a general discussion about this. CAPP seems to vary in the regularity of meetings and there was a variability in the follow up of Priorities, particularly speeding. JB had noted the issues with Police staffing in Dunbar and East Linton Ward with the knock on effect on CAPP work.

Dunbar Area Issues – JB had noted a number of issues e.g. junction safety on A1, Litter on A1, parking, building site mud and parking, parking near Dunbar Primary School, lighting and pedestrian safety at Yosemite Park, pedestrian and cyclist safety related

	<p>to the closure of the U194, pedestrian and cycle safety on Spott Road, safety around West Barns Primary School, proposals for the Belhaven area. Alan Stubbs of ELC had agreed to follow these up off line with JB JB noted in particular the requests from friend of Belhaven to be included in the development of proposals for the area with Stantec and ELC Officers as per the Participation Request of 2021.</p> <p><i>Markle Level Crossing</i>- There was discussion about proposals for a safer road network to replace the level crossing which has seen a number of fatalities. This work will need to be completed before East Linton Station can open.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i> – Approx 6 months.</p>
8.02	<p><u>Signage</u></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. DCC have suggested that Robertsons should fund a new sign as the existing one is damaged.</p> <p><i>Taylor Wimpey Advertising Hoarding</i> for Belhaven Way at Brodie Road. Planning application remains outstanding.</p>
8.03	<p><u>Structures</u></p> <p><i>Queens Road Wall (Four Seasons)</i>. Still to be repaired. Four Seasons are seeking a contractor. Meanwhile, the plastic barriers are regularly thrown over the wall.</p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDHT)</i>. Work still needed to make it safe. Building Control involved. Dunbar Community Woodland Group (who manage the woods on behalf of DCDHT) will speak to Kate Darrah of The Ridge about access to funding to repair and perhaps convert into a DCWG base.</p> <p><i>Unsafe wall alongside path between Home Avenue and A1</i>- Passed to ELC 17/3/22. 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 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>Portacabin at Hallhill (DCDHT property)</i>- This structure remains incomplete and the rear is vulnerable to vandalism following the removal of Herres fencing in October. There is no outer roof JB has updated Planning / Building Control as the building is no longer in use by SESCOT Radio.</p> <p><i>Wall Along Cement Road</i>. This belongs to Hallhill Developments /Taylor Wimpey. Parts of it have collapsed. Members of the public are concerned about safety. Passed to ELC Building Control.</p> <p><i>Fencing at DunBear Park</i> has been blown over further times in winds. Construction firm and Taylor Wimpey seeking a solution.</p> <p><i>Wall at Shore Road</i>- This has been leaning for some time. A member of the public reported masonry having fallen from it with no evidence of impact on 12/2. Reported to ELC who inspected on 13/2. Safety barriers are now in place. ELC Estates have contacted Belhaven Caravan Park who are responsible for the wall.</p>
8.04	<p><u>Drainage</u></p> <p><i>A drain near 105 Summerfield Road</i> is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. Frost has broken up the temporary repair. JB chasing ELC.</p> <p><i>Flooding near Lethendry, North Road</i>. 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.</p>

	<p><i>Drainage/Sewage for Robertson Newton Manor Estate and wider area</i> Issues continue between Newtonlees Steading and the Station/Kings Court. Scottish Water believe the pump at Robertson Homes is the source of the issue. Robertsons have been asked to upgrade it. In the meantime IDS (Instant Drainage Solutions) were tankering out effluent that had built up in the tanks and flushing them out on 13/2.</p> <p>On 20/2 Garry Kirkwood of Scottish Water gave an update from their Developer Operations team who had been in contact with Robertson Homes. The Robertson Contractor IDS had confirmed that sub contractor Underground Inspection Services had washed out the break pressure chamber and cleaned out a large portion of the rising main backwards towards the pumping station. Upon inspection of the break pressure chamber they had found a build up of wate, most likely to the self cleansing flows not being met and potentially causing sewer odour.</p> <p>Works are progressing on a kiosk change over to address the issue. In the meantime, the manhole at the break pressure chamber will be monitored.</p> <p>The Developer Operations Team have requested a timescale from Robertson Homes. JB in contact with residents, Scottish Water (has given the history of issues since 2014) and ELC.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Old Eden Hotel</i> – Issues continue. On a list of ELC works. JB liaising with resident.</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. JB had chased Scottish Water and had a conversation with them on 13/2. Barriers removed 18/2. ELC updated.</p> <p><i>Loose Manhole Cover near Post Office</i>- This makes considerable noise as vehicles drive over it. Reported to Scottish Water 4/2. An operative had inspected on 10/2. Repair work awaited.</p> <p><i>Drain at Old Spott Road</i> is blocked. It may be related to soil being washed into it from where anti social driving has damaged the grass. ELC have been asked to clear it.</p>
8.05	<p><u>Vegetation</u></p> <p><i>Condition of Woodland between James Court and Spott Road Wall.</i> Mike Foy has advised that this has had to be deferred as priority has had to be given to work to remove trees diseased by ash dieback around the county. Ash trees in the area will be felled as part of that programme.</p> <p><i>Tree Planting at Yosemite Park.</i> This is a planning condition. The tree guards have been neglected and are a danger due to the failed lighting. Planning Enforcement involved.</p>
8.06	<p><u>Coastal</u></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>- Presentation this evening from Jo Lee of the Old Bathing Pool Project.</p> <p><i>Collapsing path on clifftop trail near Dhu/Doo Rock.</i> Repair work ongoing.</p> <p><i>Overnight parking at coastal car parks.</i> Cabinet on 17th January approved proposals to bar overnight parking at coastal car parks. Further consideration is being given to provision of pre bookable campervan parking at Shore Road and Whitesands. Belhaven residents have concern, having had previous issues with overnight campervan parking. They wish to be consulted.</p>
8.07	<p><u>Lighting/Electrical</u></p>

	<p><i>Lighting within the Pool area</i> –Improved lighting is still to be arranged. The corroded gantry has created issues in developing a solution. Options are being considered by ELC.</p> <p><i>High Street Lighting</i> Replacement of some units still required.</p> <p><i>Storm Damaged substation at Countess Crescent-</i> The Roof was blown off by Storm Arwen in November 2021. Permanent repair still needed by First Mile. JB chasing.</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.</p> <p><i>Lighting at Yosemite Park.</i> This is the responsibility of Persimmon. A number of lights have been out of order for several years. The area is very dark. Residents are needing to use torches. Some have fallen into the unplanted tree grates. ELC chasing Persimmon to rectify.</p>
8.08	<p>Litter/Graffiti/Vandalism/Abandoned vehicles</p> <p><i>Wingate Crescent Playpark-</i> Surface safety matting has been repaired following vandalism.</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 has established the legal status of the vehicle but needs permission from the legal firm dealing with the estate to remove it. JB linking with neighbours.</p> <p><i>Overgrown garden with considerable rubbish/old van in Pine Street.</i> The state of the garden is getting worse. Neighbours are concerned about vermin.</p> <p><i>Building Site litter-</i> This remains a problem, particularly from the Robertson Homes site where a DAL volunteer has cleared regularly. Robertsons have agreed to arrange litter picking following contact by the Community Warden who will monitor. DAL had been asked to stand down.</p> <p><i>Landfill Litter-</i> Concerns from the public about extensive litter near the landfill site. The landfill is now Valencia rather than Viridor. Discussed at Viridor Liaison meeting on 15/2. Concerns passed on to SEPA. SEPA Inspector Jenny Brown had contacted on 20/2. Any litter outside the boundary of the landfill is in breach of the SEPA licence. She has a pre planned inspection visit on 21/2. She had spoken to Valencia who noted high winds had blown litter on 17/2. They had halted deliveries on 17/2 and 20/2. They would be litter picking on the site.. JB noted that the issue has been ongoing for some time and litter has blown over a wide area beyond the landfill.. This will be followed up and Jenny Brown will report back.</p>
8.09	<p><u>Transport</u></p> <p><u>Scottish Annual Transport Conference 17th January</u> – JB had attended.</p> <p>The conference had focussed on the challenges to all aspects of transport post Covid and in the light of tightened finances.</p> <p><i>Transport Minister, Jenny Gilruth,</i> had given a pre recorded address.</p> <p><i>Fiona Docherty of Stagecoach</i> had spoken of the challenges facing bus companies. JB had noted issues facing local companies including driver recruitment and retention as well as the service needs of rural communities around Dunbar.</p> <p><i>Philip McKay</i> of the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland had spoken of the pressures on local authorities for maintaining the roads network. This had led to a discussion on the condition of roads in many areas and the cost of repairing them.</p> <p><i>Cllr Scott Arthur,</i> Transport Convenor for City of Edinburgh Council lhad spoken of the wider transport economy- demand and affordability. JB had noted issues for communities out with</p>

city areas where there is need for effective transport links into the cities to alleviate use of the car.

There were presentations on ways in which to encourage the take up of active travel.

Trains **Services**

Strikes had continued. Further strikes will be held in March.

Cross Country Services- RAGES have intimated proposed reductions to Dunbar services from Cross Country, Discussed at Rail Steering Group on 15/2. Meeting to be arranged with Cross Country and Community stakeholders by Paul McLennan.

East Lothian Rail Forum January 20th. JB had attended.

Reston Station – The station had been welcomed. However, there were concerns that some services, particularly by Trans Pennine Express were being cancelled for operational reasons e.g. manpower. The Pingo demand responsive transport service was proving useful. It was thought to be something that could be replicated in East Lothian.

East Linton Station- Work is progressing well. However, the opening date is dependent on the construction of a new road and bridge to replace the Markle level crossing.

Haddington Station/Services to Blindwells- These are being discussed but are some time off being delivered.

Dunbar Station – An access route to the south of the station from the path network that had been given planning approval some time ago has been agreed with the landowner. It is also hoped to have a route from the east. However, Network Rail staff (Emma Watson) and Peter Forsyth of ELC said there was no funding for any works within the station curtilage from the access point to the platform. They also said that there was no funding for the car park extension in response to a query from Tom Dickson of RAGES.

Network Rail staff did say that there was money budgeted for the repair of Station Road although they did not know when work would take place.

Cross Border Connectivity and Journey Time Improvements – there was no update.

Community Rail Partnership- JB had given an update on the work of East Lothian CRP including the Prestonpans Station Murals, proposals for a toilet facility at North Berwick and a guide to East Lothian Services. RAGES member from the Borders suggested that Reston Station should be included in the East Lothian CRP remit. JB had noted that this would need to be discussed with CRP Chair, Harry Barker.

Next Meeting – approximately 3 months.

East Lothian Rail Steering Group – 15th February JB had attended.

There is still no clear information on the May 2023 timetable. Rail operator proposals and business plans still need to be agreed by Department for Transport.

Rail operators noted their continued developments post Covid. They vary in the recovery of passengers. All noted that leisure travel has outstripped commuter travel as people continue to work from home.

There was discussion about the reliability of Trans Pennine Express services, particularly at Reston.

There was an update on East Linton Station and Markle Crossing.

There was a long discussion about proposed reduction in services by Cross Country. It was suggested that there might be some pick up by Trans Pennine and passengers could change in order to go towards Birmingham or the south West. Concerns were noted about changing as connections may be missed if trains are late or there may be difficult transfers across stations. It was agreed that a follow up meeting would be arranged with Cross Country to discuss concerns.

Buses

	<p><i>Bus Stops</i>–. JB regularly reports missing Perspex. Bus operators are still to provide fresh timetables where Perpex has been replaced.</p> <p>Borders Buses have replaced timetables with posters that have QR Codes. Concerns have been noted to Borders Buses, ELC and RAGES that these do not provide sufficient information for those without access to Smartphones. ELC are engaging with Borders staff regarding this and other matters regarding their service which is still much depleted post Covid.</p> <p>The Park Avenue shelter is still to be replaced.</p> <p>The flag on the High Street bus stop near Hector’s is now missing. Repair still needed.</p> <p><u>Parking</u></p> <p><i>Abbeylands Car Park.</i> TRO consultation on a 90 minute limit approved by Cabinet in May 2021 is still to be progressed. A number of bays are out of use due to works by The Ridge on the wall. Members of the public are asking how long the work will take given the effect on the capacity of the car parking. Grant Talac of ELC had advised that the initial permit for the works lasted until January 31st. However, work is continuing.</p> <p><i>Co-op Car park.</i> The facility is private. A number of bays are out of operation due to construction work at The Ridge Backlands. It is not known how long this will continue.</p> <p><i>Parking on Belhaven High Street-</i> continued issues opposite the Brig and Barrel. This compounds safety issues related to speeding.</p> <p><i>Parking beside widened pavement beside Dunbar Primary school.</i> Double yellow lines to restrict parking had been painted February 9th.</p> <p><i>Station Car Park Extension-</i>still required. Network Rail have advised that there is no funding for the work. There is also no funding for works inside the station curtilage between the proposed entrance from the south and new platform.</p> <p><i>Parking on green space at Hazel Court-</i> Vehicles are driving on the pavement and parking on the grass. ELC Amenities are to install measures to prevent this.</p>
8.10	Other
	<p><i>Issues at New Robertson site</i> – Problems of sewage, drainage, mud, noise, dust, building site litter 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><i>Issues at Albany Grange-</i> 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><i>Castle Bay (Cala)</i> – Signage still needed to indicate playpark. 20mph roundels needed. Cala have been asked for a timescale as the estate road is getting busier.. TRO for Beveridge Row to be one way Southbound is still to be advertised. Bayview Circus residents will object to it</p> <p><i>Lauderdale Park Field in Trust status.</i> Further information awaited on the outcome of the application by ELC.</p> <p><i>Derelict Communal Area between East Links Road and Woodbush Court.</i> Issues continue about the unkempt area – broken fencing, weed infested, damaged wall etc. There is a dispute between ELHA and ELC as to who is responsible for the fence and wall to which no further repairs have been conducted since the summer. JB chasing ELHA Chair. Plant maintenance is the responsibility of ELC Amenities.</p> <p><i>Anderson Grave at Parish Kirkyard-</i> Funding needed for any repairs. SB leading on this.</p> <p><i>Dog Fouling.</i> Concerns raised about problems around the town. A resident asking for signage on the High Street. JB had contacted Community Warden who will follow up.</p>

	<p><i>Kingsmeadow Playparks-</i> The grants obtained have been used to renew the 2 small playparks. Ownership of the large playpark remains unclear following the sale some years ago by Greenbelt. To date ELC Officers have ruled out Compulsory purchase of the playpark.</p> <p><i>Fibre Works-</i> There had been considerable issues related to work on behalf of Virgin Media. Residents had had no warning of the works, there had been safety issues for pedestrians and unsafe parking. The matter had been raised at the CAPP meeting.</p>
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p><u>Environmental Matters</u></p> <p><i>Sustaining Dunbar – 19th January-</i> JB and MJ had attended <i>Belhaven Community Garden</i>. Naomi Barnes had updated on progress. There is still no water supply but a nearby resident is allowing access to their supply. DELAP funding had been welcomed for Belhaven Buddies and the Pledgehog Project. <i>Village Halls Network-</i> JB noted that Helen Harper was hoping to restart this . <i>Solar farm project.</i> The working groups has continued to meet. A formal agreement is still to be agreed with the landowner for an access point to the National Grid. Flensburg University Students- Were to come for a number of weeks and staying at the Dolphin Inn. A number of events will be arranged including a workshop with Dr Katherine Trebeck. The students will be involved in a range of local energy projects. <i>Date of Next Meeting – 21st February</i></p> <p><i>Wellbeing Economy Seminar – 31st January-</i> JB,MJ,PS and AS had attended There had been a presentation by Dr Katherine Trebeck an economist on aspects of the wellbeing economy’s implications for lifestyle in the future in the face of climate change. International Students from Flensburg University in Germany had spoken about the various energy projects that they will be helping with during their stay including Insulating Innerwick and a Community Solar Farm project. It was hoped that members of the public would take part in surveys and attend further events.</p>
9.02	<p><u>Spark in The Park- Seminar 3rd February</u> – JB had attended. Presentation slides circulated. This had been arranged by the East Lothian Play Association. The aim was to encourage thinking about places where children and adults go to interact and play and how to make them inclusive for all.</p> <p>There was a presentation by reps from the Catherine Street Inclusive playpark in Dumfries. This is a half acre park in a less well off part of Dumfries. An uninteresting space had been regenerated following an asset management transfer from Dumfries and Galloway Council into a space well used by people of all ages for a range of purposes e.g. skills training for hard to reach young people, activities for people with disabilities, meeting space for single dads. The Trust that runs the park employs a Development Manager and has a team of Trustees. The speakers described their park as a “community centre without walls”. There wa a discussion about the challenges of developing such a space for all age use e.g. Council support, access to funds, community engagement.</p> <p>A second presentation came from Can Do which supports play for children with additional support needs in East Lothian. They had been running pop up play sessions across the county including at the Bleachingfield. There was a discussion about means to ensure inclusive play spaces e.g. the provision of appropriate changing places.</p>
9.03	<p><u>John Muir Birthplace Trust 10th February</u> – JB had attended</p> <p><i>AGM</i></p> <p>Liz McLean and Duncan Smeed will continue as Co- Chairs.</p> <p>Toby Clark has been appointed as the new rep from the John Muir Trust.</p> <p>The Accounts, which had been independently examined, had been approved. They will be submitted to OSCR and published on the JMBT website.</p> <p><i>Meeting</i></p>

	<p><i>Activities-</i> A range of activities have been held e.g. crafts to encourage use of the Birthplace as a warm space.</p> <p>A number of educational visits have taken place to the Birthplace and more are planned. Visitor numbers have been steady. There have been many positive reviews.</p> <p>A number of people had made enquiries about holding temporary exhibitions.</p> <p><i>Permanent Exhibition Renewal-</i> Visits to the Botanic and Seabird Centre (which JB had attended) were thought to have been useful in considering upgrade of the top floor space. Visits to other museums will also be arranged.</p> <p><i>What Next-</i> There was further discussion about planning for the 20th and 21st anniversaries. There was consideration in involvement of a wider group and the possibility of community engagement in how the JMBT message may be progressed locally and internationally.</p> <p><i>Funding-</i> There was discussion about long term funding including corporate sponsorship by local businesses. A letter will be drawn up to circulate.</p> <p><i>Shop-</i> New products, particularly books, have been introduced. A visit from the ELC Shop Doctor has been arranged. There are regular problems with the electronic payment system.</p> <p><i>Building Maintenance.</i> A Building Condition Survey had been prepared which has itemised and prioritised works required. It is hoped that JMBT may be able to access support from CARS. Trustees would be attending the CARS launch on February 15th. Funds may also be needed from DCC/DELAP.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting – 20th April</i></p>
9.04	<p>Friends of Winterfield Park- 14th February JB had attended</p> <p><i>Improvements to the park-</i> various ideas were discussed e.g a sensory garden on the site of the former Squash Court, improved biodiversity, hedgehog attraction. ELC will be asked if Planning permission is required for the sensory garden. Matters like toilets would be desirable. It was noted that developer money for facilities goes to non ELC owned Hallhill Sports Centre rather than ELC owned facilities like Winterfield.</p> <p><i>Spark in the Park-</i> JB and Esther Hughes had given feedback on the seminar.</p> <p><i>Events-</i> Slaters Funfair propose to visit in August. Concerns will be taken up with ELC about issues from previous visits e.g. disposal of foul water.</p> <p>A dog show will be considered in linkage with Dementia Friendly East Lothian for Civic Week.</p> <p><i>Sports Clubs-</i> The cricket club have asked about a container to keep equipment. This will be considered. It is likely that Planning consent will be needed. Lighting at the tennis club remains an issue. The Planning application is still to be determined.</p> <p><i>AGM-</i> Proposed for 13th June.</p> <p><i>DELAP-</i> There was discussion about access to the Amenities budget for work on the park. An application will be made for voting non core membership.</p>
9.05	<p>Viridor Liaison Group – 15th February – JB had attended</p> <p><i>Health and Safety-</i> there had been no incidents since the November meeting.</p> <p><i>Reporting –</i> The Annual performance report had been submitted to SEPA.</p> <p><i>Licence-</i> The outcome is awaited of a request to increase annual turnover to 390,000 tonnes. Without the increase the 2023 tonnage will be near the current limit of 350,000 as there will be no outage in 2023.</p> <p><i>Road Safety.</i> JB reported on the A1 Action Group; and East Lothian Road Safety meetings. Viridor would still like to attend meetings. It was noted that there are still no proposals to improve the junction. There was a discussion about proposals for vehicle movements from the Scottish Power Eastern Link developments. Traffic from the south will need to go to Spott Road roundabout and turn back south. Traffic from the north will need to go to Cockburnspath roundabout and turn back north. Concern was expressed about the number of developments proposed along the A1 corridor and that junctions/roundabouts will become congested.</p> <p><i>Scottish Power Converter Station-</i> A land transfer still need to be agreed between KPR the Viridor parent company and Scottish Power.</p>

	<p><i>Litter</i>- JB noted the number of complaints from the public about litter blowing around the area including on the cycle path and towards the railway. The rubbish is related to the landfill site which is now operated by Valencia. It was noted that the problem has increased since Valencia took over the landfill in April 2022. It was agreed that Viridor should seek to ensure their communications team informed the public that the landfill is not in the ownership of Viridor. Concerns might be raised with SEPA who are responsible for inspection of both sites.</p> <p><i>Heat Plan</i>- There is still no end use for the heat 5 years post opening. There has been some discussion with Sunamp about batteries but they would take minimal heat. There was discussion about DunBear Park. JB agreed to pass on the details of Ken Ross but note that to date he had not expressed an interest in using Viridor heat and that the newly approved retail buildings would all be conventionally heated.</p> <p><i>Community</i>- There was further discussion about grants to community groups e.g. Kingsmeadow playparks.</p> <p>Arrangements are in hand for a Royal opening of the plant.</p> <p><i>Date of next meeting</i> – May 24th</p>
10,00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
	<p>Various- Concerns re building site safety at DunBear park – JB had responded</p> <p>Various- Concerns re mud on road near DunBear Park- JB had responded.</p> <p>ELC- Various TROs</p> <p>Various- Concerns re pot holes in Station Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Various- Concerns re gritting- JB had responded.</p> <p>Sustaining Dunbar- Newsletters</p> <p>The Ridge- Newsletter</p> <p>AELCC- Community benefits from renewables.</p> <p>Jo Waddell- Re SOLE evaluation. JB had responded.</p> <p>Diane Christopherson- Wilder Education information event.</p> <p>Various – Road safety in Belhaven- JB had responded.</p> <p>Various – Concerns regarding campervan overnight parking at Shore Road car park. JB had responded</p> <p>Various- Concerns about structure at Hallhill. JB had responded.</p> <p>East Lothian Play Association- Invitation to Spark the Park Seminar on 3rd February.</p> <p>SP Energy Network- reminder of Branxton Substation consultation events</p> <p>QMU- Invitation to Local Impact and Global reach stakeholder event on 22nd February</p> <p>Various- Seeking update on road markings in Belhaven. JB had responded.</p> <p>Peter Humphrey- Junction markings at Spott Road industrial estate. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various- Station Road stench</p> <p>Various- Road safety on U194- JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Chris McArthur- Request for cycle racks at Winterfield Golf Course car park- JB had responded</p> <p>Colin Gilmour- Update on CARS</p> <p>Jane Ogden Smith- Consultation on Carer Strategy</p> <p>John Robertson- Concerns at Newtonlees Steading related to Robertsons development. JB had responded.</p> <p>Scottish Communities Alliance- Newsletters</p> <p>Various – Concerns about pot holes. JB had responded.</p> <p>Various- Concerns about drainage/sewage and other outstanding planning issue at Fair Acres (Robertsons) JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Romie Blair- Query about grit bins. JB had responded.</p> <p>Unsafe parking at Hazel Court- JB had responded.</p> <p>Ian Hamilton- Query regarding container at Shore Road car park. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various. Safety at Summerfield Road related to Fibre works. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- various- Sewage/drainage issue in Summerfield Road. JB had responded.</p>

Via Facebook- Various- builders waste at Newton Manor site. JB had responded.
Bear SE- Planned road repairs on the A1 with diversions
Via Facebook- Loose manhole cover near Post Office. JB had responded
Via Facebook- various- dog fouling. JB had responded
Via Facebook- Road safety at Old Spott Road – JB had responded
Dunbar Community Bakery – Newsletter
Via Facebook- Safety issue following removal of bollards at Lovers Lane. JB had responded
Jane Ogden-Smith- Survey on Community Payback Orders
Sheila Porteus and Pauline Shields- Interest in joining DCC. PS and JB had responded.
Via Facebook- Bex Matteuchi – Extensive litter across land near Viridor. JB had responded.
Jackie Auld- Wall safety at Shore Road. JB had responded.
Via Facebook-Karen Bell- Seeking information on SESCOT Radio- JB had responded
Community Councils- Opportunities for website building support through the Scottish Tech Army.
Various – Queries about Fred Olsen Solar Farm proposals – JB had responded
Via Facebook- Both Primary School campuses have no goal posts. Query if builders might fund some. JB had responded.
Via Facebook- Kevin Searle- dumped bike at DunBear Park- JB had responded
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