

Community Council Open Meeting

Minutes

Monday 20th March 2023

7pm Council Chambers, Town House, Dunbar

PRESENTATION- Dunbar Active Travel Project (Dunbar Station)- Emma Towle (ET) (Stantec)/Simon Law (SL) ELC

ET advised that she worked for Stantec who had been engaged by ELC to consider an active travel route to the South side of the Station.

She circulated draft design diagrams for the green area near an existing playpark close to Salisbury Walk and Retreat Crescent. ELC had now negotiated an access to the Station with a landowner close to Salisbury Walk. Planning Consent was already in place for a path.

There was discussion about the plans. ET confirmed that the playpark would not be affected. PS asked that steps be provided from the current path to the underpass as this was a desire line. GA asked about planting and how any bushes etc may find people walking through them as a desire line. It was noted that the path was zig zagged for levels to be DDA compliant.

There was discussion about the concerns of residents of Salisbury Walk and Retreat Crescent that these streets may be used for station parking.

PS noted aspirations for cycle parking etc on the south side of the station for the new platform.

JB noted that Network Rail had advised the Rail Forum meeting that there was no funding to extend the Station Car Park which is needed for the growing town. It was agreed that PS and NH would liaise to send a letter to the Minister. **(PS/NH)**

JB noted the Sustaining Dunbar/SUSTRANS Connecting Dunbar project with which she and MJ are involved to improve connectivity in the town including to the Station and the Stantec work might feed into it.

ET said that DCC comments would be used to amend the proposals which will be used for consultation with the wider community.

Ref	Item	
1.00	SEDERUNT – Pippa Swan (PS)(Chair), Graham Adams (GA)(Vice Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Kevin Searle (KS), Terry Prior (TP), Sanchita Patjoshi (SP), Mark James (MJ), Gill Wilson (GW), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ), Cllr Donna Collins (DC), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Emma Towle (Stantec), Simon Law (ELC Road Services), Anouska Woods (Community Windpower), Jo Waddell (DTA), Harry Blackley (HB)(Hallhill TRA), Ann Lyall (East Lammermuir Community Council), Sheila Poulson (Interested in joining DCC), Pamela Shields (Interested in joining DCC), Rev Keith Mills, Mike Shaw, Judy Newton (JN), Andrew Boddie (AB)(Members of the public)	
1.01	Welcome -PS welcomed all to the meeting.	
1.02	Apologies - Stephen Bunyan (SB),	

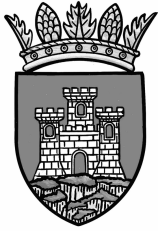
2.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2.01	Councillors declaring an interest in matters to be discussed: Alasdair Swan (Harbour Trust applications for the bridge and murals)	
3.00	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – February 20th 2023	
3.01	Amendments - None	
3.02	Adoption - APPROVED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed - GA • Seconded - SP 	
3.03	<p>DCC Action Review With the exception of the undernoted, all DCC member action items have been attended to or overtaken by events:</p> <p>Civic Week (4.04)– SP noted that she still needed help in finding a venue for the family activities following the closure of The Strawberry Barn. Members were again asked for suggestions.</p> <p>Christmas Lights(4.04) – GA advised that replacement summer bunting had been ordered. He was still seeking the views of members regarding the various decorations which can be added to the bunting. If members are in favour they could be ordered.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
3.04	<p>Matters arising not covered in agenda –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changing Places Changing Room – PS advised that the £10 million Fund was still said to be available for projects. She would wait until any changes of responsibility took place at Holyrood following the installation of a new First Minister at the end of the month. Craig Hoy MSP had offered a meeting for PS to try and help access the funding. 2. High Street Bike Racks – PS said that traditional racks had been ordered for the High Street to be located near the Town House and at Dunbar News. It may be possible to obtain further racks through CARS which has a funding element for the public realm. 	PS
4.00	ELC COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
4.01	<p>Cllr Norman Hampshire -</p> <p>1.Actions - Updates and Matters Arising</p> <p>a) <i>Stench at Station/ Wider drainage matters</i> – NH said that matters were in the hands of Scottish Water and the developer. JB noted continuing issues. Scottish Water had instructed Robertson Homes to further upgrade the pump and the electrical cabling to it. They were seeking a timescale from Robertson Homes for the work to be done. KS said that Scottish Power needed to connect the pump and there had been delays in agreement for this to be done between Scottish Power and Robertson Homes. JB said that effluent had been tankered out from the Station Road area on March 4th and on March 18th. On the latter visit workmen had only had a line to lift one manhole cover and they had described the pipe below as disgusting to JN. They had taken photos of the other areas to report back and had told JN they would be back.</p> <p>JN noted her longstanding problems as a resident living by the Station since the new housing at Newton Manor had been connected to the main system near the Station in 2021. She was unable to sit in her garden due to the stench. Other residents and the Royal Mackintosh Hotel were also impacted. She believed that there were environmental health issues from the odour given that it was related to sewage. She had had considerable contact with Scottish Water who had tried various options to try and solve the problems including replacement of the manhole covers on a number of</p>	

	<p>occasions. She had been told that the pumps were insufficient to move effluent the distance required along the system. Also, that the pipes were too small. She said that Scottish Water would not adopt the Robertson system until it was of sufficient standard.</p> <p>Members expressed sympathy to JN for the situation. GA suggested that JB might write to Scottish Power and Robertson Homes to request resolution of the situation. KS said that there may be other issues e.g. a blockage closer to the Station and JN's home. He offered to visit JN to make checks.</p> <p><i>b) U194 Closure-</i> JB said that there was still no signage from the A1 (apart from a small red sign on the slip road to say "Beveridge Row now closed") or diversion signage at Eweford. Residents still reported pedestrians, cyclists and motorists using the route. ELC and Police were aware. In the meantime, Taylor Wimpey had advised that pedestrian access had been closed off near the roundabout at the Albany Grange end of Yosemite Park since 13th March. Construction traffic would use Yosemite Park for the next 6 months. There would continue to be deliveries of timber pack units throughout the construction phase along Yosemite Park.</p> <p>JB noted that East Lammermuir and West Barns Community Councils shared concerns. There had been an increase in traffic along Eweford Road into West Barns over the rail bridge which has poor visibility. West Barns Community Council were seeking safety improvements by ELC along the route.</p> <p>JB noted that there had been recent concerns regarding traffic for Hallhill Centre using the U194 and the Concrete Road although signage was in place. TP and HB said they had not been aware of problems. TP said that a brown sign on the A1 would be beneficial to advise divers to stay on the main road until Spott Roundabout rather than take the Belhaven exit and go through the estate.</p> <p>JB said that Taylor Wimpey were still to agree a Construction Management Plan with ELC and Transport Scotland. She will continue to pursue this being put into place.</p> <p><i>c) Cliff Top Trail Closure</i> – There had been a substantial collapse of the closed off section of path on 13th March. NH noted that a further section had needed to be cordoned off. Structural engineers are assessing the situation. The path is likely to remain closed for some time and a diversion is in place. It was noted that the area is unstable and that the public should not try to access the closed section.</p> <p><i>d) Overnight parking at Coastal Car Parks.</i> JB noted that Belhaven residents remained concerned about the proposals to allow charged bookable campervan parking at Shore Road. The proposals followed approval of a report at Cabinet on January 17th. There had been no consultation with Friends of Belhaven despite the Public Participation Request made by the Group in 2021. Concerns included road safety, lack of facilities for chemiloo disposal and a previous history of problems in the residential area. HB said that as a local Conservation Volunteer he was aware of litter issues. NH said that the proposal was a trial. Once in place residents should contact ELC with any issues.</p> <p>2.Report</p> <p><i>Council Budget-</i> NH said that the budget had been set. There was a significant deficit of £27 million which would be balanced by the use of reserves. Tough choices had had to be made. He and LJ noted that there was ongoing cross party working to consider the way ahead.</p> <p>NH noted the responsibilities of the local authority to provide statutory services. GW referred to Health and Social Care. TP spoke of the need to work in a Smart way and of the need to work in co production to develop preventative services in the community.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>KS</p> <p>JB</p>
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4.02	<p>Cllr Donna Collins – .Report. DC reported on her liaison with the fishing community. Police and other authorities regarding thefts of equipment and poaching from creels of shellfish including lobsters and crabs. She noted legislation which restricts the catches of non licensed (hobby) fishermen e.g. to 1 lobster or 5 crabs. The public should ensure that they only buy from licensed fishermen and report attempted sales by others. Marine Scotland, the Police etc will be conducting extra patrols.</p>	
4.03	<p>Cllr Lyn Jardine – Report <i>Tennis Club Lights</i> - LJ spoke of her work with the Tennis Club and local residents to try to find resolution of the issues created by lighting levels at the courts for those living nearby. The Planning application of March 2022 is still to be determined.</p>	
4.04	<p>Questions/Concerns to Councillors (See Community Report)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fibre Works – GA had passed on concerns about the recent issues with the Virgin Media works in Summerfield Road. NH acknowledged the situation that had arisen. He said that it was not easy to deal with the companies who had a right to install Fibre but that they should do this in a responsible way that took account of public safety needs. Residents should be informed of the start date for works which had not happened on this occasion. 2. Cross Country Train Service- JB noted that despite the concerns of Community Councils, RAGES, Community Rail Partnership and the wider community Cross Country still proposed to reduce the service from May. There were concerns that the passenger counts had been done in September at a time when there had been engineering works and strikes and thus RAGES did not feel they were accurate. Cross Country had said the reduction would be reviewed in a few months. PS commended the work of RAGES on the matter. JB said that RAGES had written further to elected members and had asked DCC to also write. It was agreed that JB would do this. 3. Parking Restrictions at Queens Road (Newhouse Terrace) – It was noted that residents (including AB) and Philip Mellor of the Dunmuir Hotel had raised concerns in June 2022 with NH and ELC officers about proposals for a crossing funded by a Developer Contribution for Hallhill North from Taylor Wimpey. Concerns had now been compounded by the approval by Cabinet on 14th March to progress the crossing and related parking restrictions without further dialogue with affected residents who would have nowhere to park near their homes which did not have off street parking. They would be unable to receive home deliveries. AB noted that there was no history of problems in the area and that the proposals would create them. NH said that ELC had taken advice from a Consultant. The road was becoming busy with traffic from new housing along Queen's Road and there was a desire to make the route safer for pedestrians. DCC members shared the concerns of residents. It was agreed that PS would write to NH to object to the proposals. 	<p style="text-align: center;">JB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PS</p>

5.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – See Community Report 1.00	
5.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions</u> <i>Civic Week</i> – SP updated on arrangements. A variety of activities are planned throughout the week with a number of organisations taking part. Volunteers will be needed to help with the Parade, Fun Day etc. Arrangements are being made to select the Royal Court. SP noted that the Sea Cadets were not able to assist with First Aid support. DC suggested that the First Responders might be contacted.</p>	
5.02	<p><u>Requests for Support for consideration:</u> <u>Local Priorities Fund –</u> <i>Local Place Plan</i> (Printing of posters/postcards etc) - £1000 - Approved <i>Salvation Army Debt Advice Service</i> - £1418 for 4 laptops for volunteers- Application considered for a Community Benefits Grant. (See below) <i>Christmas Lights- Annual Grant</i> - £2000 - Approved <i>Civic Week – Annual Grant</i> - £2000 - Approved <i>Coronation Picnic (Rotary)</i>-£500 - Approved</p> <p><u>Community Benefits Fund</u> <i>European Land Arts Festival</i> - £4000 - £2000 agreed <i>Dunbar Music Festival</i>- £3500 – Deferred for more information. AS will ask the Group to attend the next DCC meeting. <i>Dunbar Harbour Bridge (Dunbar Harbour Trust)</i> - £2500 - Approved <i>Dunbar Harbour Murals (Dunbar Harbour Trust/Rotary)</i> - £800 – Approved <i>Salvation Army Debt Advice Service</i>- £1418- Approved</p> <p><i>Post Meeting</i>- Some members had noted concerns during the meeting about discussing some applications in public where there may be questions about business models or other financial aspects of the organisations making applications for DCC funding. It was agreed that when AS circulates applications prior to meetings members should indicate if they are happy to discuss within the main meeting/discuss in closed session at the end of a main meeting or hold a separate online meeting.</p>	AS
6.00	<p>COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended The Community Report provides information and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DCC Finances</i> • <i>Community Police</i> • <i>Planning</i> • <i>DCC Initiatives/Projects</i> • <i>Community Projects</i> • <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i> • <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i> • <i>Record of meetings attended</i> • <i>Correspondence received</i> 	
6.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters:</u> <i>Health and Social Care (For Noting)</i> <i>Belhaven Hospital</i>- There are delays with the reopening of Ward 3 due to continued issues with water quality following the remedial works. This adds to delay on works on the ward 2 Community Hub (base for OTs, home care etc) and the outside area used by Belhaven Community Garden.</p> <p><i>East Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB)</i> are advertising for a Service User Rep. The closing date is 27th March.</p>	

7.00	PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting as part of COMMUNITY REPORT (JB)	
7.01	<p><u>Planning Applications for consideration</u> PS asked members to submit any views to JB. 23/00248/ADV- Advertising Consent for the Team East Lothian Structure at Hallhill which is currently awaiting determination. JB had circulated details of the application.</p> <p>23/00035/COM (Subject to Validation)- Advertising Hoarding (Retrospective) for Taylor Wimpey Belhaven Way Development. The sign has been up at the junction of Brodie Road and Spott Road since late 2022. JB said that she would circulate information for comments once available on the Planning Portal.</p>	
7.02	<u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion</u> - None	
8.00	<p><u>Local Place Plan 2025- 2035 (PS)</u> PS updated on the initiative by Dunbar and West Barns Community Councils in Partnership with the DTA A Survey was available online. Paper surveys were also available in a number of locations with boxes for their return. Postcards had been delivered with information about the Survey and the in person events on March 25th. DCC Volunteers were needed to man Hallhill and Bleachingfield from 10-4 on March 25th. The survey would close on April 14th. Responses would then be collated into a report. Findings would be shared with the public. JB and TP had attended a training session on Local Place Plans in Musselburgh on March 15th. JB had circulated presentation from the session to members.</p>	ALL
9.00	<u>DCC – Communicating With Our Community (PS)</u> - Deferred PS had circulated a discussion paper.	
10.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
10.01	Vacancies – The 2 vacancies had been advertised on social media and in the Courier. Sheila Poulson and Pamela Shields had both expressed an interest and were present to observe the meeting with a view to submitting an application for consideration at a future meeting.	
10.02	Craig Hoy MSP is seeking nominations for East Lothian Community Champions to be invited to a reception. Categories are Health, Sport and Wellbeing. JB had shared the link to the nomination form to members.	
11.00	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
11.01	17 th April – 7 pm at Town House	



COMMUNITY REPORT March 2023

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

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1.00	DCC FINANCE REPORT TO BE UPDATED BY ALASDAIR														
1.01	<u>DCC and Sub-Committee Accounts</u> General Account: The bank statement balance at the end of February was £137,738.78 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The restricted funds held within the General Account were, at the end of the month –<table><tbody><tr><td>Community Windpower Fund</td><td>£127,818.85</td></tr><tr><td>Access for All Fund</td><td>£759.00</td></tr><tr><td>Local Priorities Fund</td><td>£7,019.89</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td>£137,597.74</td></tr></tbody></table><ul style="list-style-type: none">The unrestricted funds held within the General Account were, at the month end–<table><tbody><tr><td>Balance in the General Fund</td><td>£ 1098.54</td></tr><tr><td>VAT Transferrable (See below)</td><td>£ 1042.50</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td>£2,141.04</td></tr></tbody></table> TOTAL FUNDS £137,738.78Christmas Lights Account:<ul style="list-style-type: none">The bank balance at the month end stood at £8,825.94February had been a positive fund raising month without significant expenses.	Community Windpower Fund	£127,818.85	Access for All Fund	£759.00	Local Priorities Fund	£7,019.89	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	£137,597.74	Balance in the General Fund	£ 1098.54	VAT Transferrable (See below)	£ 1042.50	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	£2,141.04
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- £1039 from VAT recovery will be paid in March.

Civic Week Account:

- The bank balance at the month end was £7608.87

Dunbar against Litter Account:

- The bank balance at the month end was **£2,684.80**
- VAT Recovery of £3 will be paid in March.

1.02

Local Priorities Fund

The Current Year Fund	£10,200
Brought forward fund	£3,477
Total	£13,677

Local Priorities Fund available	£7,019
Committed or Under Review	£6,658
Not yet paid	£0000
Maximum Budget Total	£13,677

Applications-

Local Place Plans- Materials - £1000

Salvation Army Debt Advice Service - £1417.12 for 4 laptops for volunteers

Civic Week- Annual Grant

Christmas Lights – Annual grant

1.03

Dunbar Community Benefit Fund

Applications

European Stone Stacking Competition 2023- £4000

Dunbar Music Festival- £3500

Dunbar Harbour Bridge - £2500

Dunbar Harbour Murals - £800

Small grants fund	£20,485.84
Large grants fund	£ 6,184.64
Accrued grant fund	£101,147.37
Not Yet Paid	£0000
Total Available	£127,818.85

2.00	COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT
2.01	<p>Police Report -</p> <p>General – Prior to leaving PC Tait had carried out a number of speed checks when duties permitted. No offences had been detected. PC Jackson had held a meeting with local fishermen, the harbour master and Cllr Collins regarding the theft of creels etc. Crime prevention advice had been given and all parties were encouraged to report any theft/vandalism. PC Jackson will work with Marine Scotland regarding the issue. Youth related ASB calls have been increasing, particularly egging. Increased pro-active patrols will take place to tackle this. Anyone with CCTV footage is encouraged to pass on to PC Jackson.</p> <p>Incidents- Between 1st and 28th February there were 159 calls to the area. This resulted in the Police recording 34 crimes.</p> <p>Protecting the Vulnerable 2 x communications (hate aggravator) 2 x assault (domestic aggravator) 1 x attempted extortion (cyber, child aggravator)</p> <p>Violence and ASB 4 x vandalism 6 x assault 1 x threatening/abusive behaviour 1 x possession of offensive weapon 1 x resit/obstruct Police 1 x culpable and reckless discharge of a firearm 1 x breach of interim ASBO 1 x fire raising</p> <p>Theft 3 x theft 2 x shoplifting 1 x theft from ATM 1 x attempted extortion (cyber)</p> <p>Road Safety 2 x driving under the influence of drink/drugs 1 x driving without a licence 1 x driving without insurance 1 x driving without MOT 1 x vehicle registration fraud</p> <p>Serious and Organised Crime No crimes recorded</p>
2.02	<p>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)</p> <p>PRIORITIES SET FROM FEBRUARY 9th</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 design a poster for social media etc. <i>Youths climbing on Scaffolding</i> at Westgate</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – TBA Cllr Hampshire had suggested 3 monthly meetings with the next meeting on May 11th. However, PC Jackson has advised that meetings should be 6 weekly and has requested an earlier date.</p>
2.03	<p>Police Staffing – PC Laura Jackson has replaced PC Tait. PC Jackson has 20 years of policing experience with the last 4 years covering East Lothian.</p>

3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	<u>Particular Planning/Licensing Matters</u> – None
3.02	<p><u>Other Planning Matters to Note</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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. Update requested from ELC 21/2 as residents remain concerned. 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. Planning have advised that the owner has decided to give up his Linkfield pitch (which had 3 years permission) and concentrate on Shore Road. Approved March 15th. 9 23/00042/P- Change of Use of Masonic hall to form Children’s Nursery. JB had circulated information. DCC views submitted . To be determined. 10 22/01380/P (Retrospective) Siting of container for sports training facility for a temporary period of 36 months. JB had circulated information. To be determined. 11 23/00248/ADV- Advertising consent for the Team East Lothian branding on the Container at 10. 12 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 submitted DCC views. On expedited list 16th March with recommendation of approval. Conditions include that there should be no shallow or deep fat frying on the premises in the interests of the amenity of residents. 13 23/00035/COM (Retrospective) (Subject to validation) Advertising Hoarding for Taylor Wimpey Belhaven Way development at Kellie Road <p><u>Broxmouth Estate Applications</u> –ELC have advised that they still need information from the applicant in order to progress the various applications.</p> <p><u>Local Development Plan/Local Place Plans</u> An online survey is ongoing until April 14th. Paper surveys are also available with posting boxes at key locations e.g. Bleachingfield. Postcards about the survey have been delivered.</p>

	<p>Public consultation events will be held at the Bleachingfield, Hallhill and West Barns Village Hall on March 25th. Information from the surveys will be used to feed into the Local Place Plan.</p> <p>JB and TP had attended a training session Musselburgh on March 15th. Presentations from the evening will be circulated. Local Place Plans are needed by ELC by Spring 2024. ELC will be working on their LDP at the same time. There is a potential for tensions e.g if a community says they wish no further housing but housing land is identified by Planners. NPF4 came into force in February and is now the main policy document although the 2018 LDP will be in place until replaced by the new one in 2025/6.</p>
3.03	<u>Licensing Matters to Note</u> - None
4.00	<u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u>
4.01	<p><u>AGM 22nd February</u></p> <p>There had been a report back on works funded between 2021-22.</p> <p>JB had been re-elected as Chair. Allison Cosgrove from Dunderpender CC had replaced Barry Craighead as Vice Chair. Existing noncore groups (DTA, Support from the Start, The Ridge, Sustaining Dunbar, Day Centre, VCEL) had been reconfirmed as members and Friends of Winterfield, Climate Action East Linton and Rotary had been appointed as members.</p>
4.02	<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.
4.03	<u>Date of Next Meeting – 27th March</u>
5.00	<p><u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u></p> <p><i>Dunbar Community Council manages a number of projects and initiatives throughout the year.</i></p>
5.01	<p><u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team</u></p> <p>Maintenance work continues.</p> <p>VAT refund of £1039.16 had been paid on March 20th.</p> <p>Replacement bunting has been ordered.</p> <p>DCC members had been asked to comment on the proposed extra decorations that can be attached to the bunting.</p>
5.02	<p><u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> – Planning work continues. To date around 20 groups are planning activities during the week.</p> <p>An alternative venue is being sought for the family event to replace the Strawberry Barn.</p>
5.03	<p><u>Dunbar Against Litter</u> –</p> <p>Daily litter picking continues.</p> <p>Fund raising Table top sales will begin at the Legion on March 26th and continue on a fortnightly basis until November.</p> <p>VAT Refund paid on March 20th of £3.34</p>
5.04	<u>Remembering Together</u> No further information
6.00	<u>DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES</u>
6.01	<u>Dunbar High Street</u>

	<p>SOLE-No further information on the external evaluation that JB had taken part in. Jo Waddell of DTA has been told by the Consultant that a report may not be available until summer. The site content remains limited. It is not known how widely used the app is. The Facebook page has limited material and following.</p>
6.02	<p>Windfarm Benefits for Communities – JB and TP had attended a further meeting of the working group. Another session will be held on March 29th before feeding back to AELCC.</p>
6.03	<p>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project (Sustaining Dunbar)(JB and MJ are involved)- Meeting 21st February with Colleen Trousdale , Crispin Hayes and Philip Immirzzi. There was discussion about the initial stages of the project.</p> <p>There was discussion about the Eweford Underpass not being included as it is a main link between Dunbar and the villages. It had been part of the Spott to Dunbar Project.</p> <p>There was discussion about including West Barns which had been part of the initial project. It may be possible to include them as there are key connections. The paperwork could be varied. A minute from WBCC would be beneficial.</p> <p>Links with ELC remain essential. MJ will try to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>Meeting sought with Rachel Towle of Stantec who has been doing work on this area.</p> <p>Next Meeting – 21st March</p> <p><i>POST MEETING</i>- West Barns CC had agreed to support the Project in Principle.</p>
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<p>DELAP Health and Wellbeing Sub Group Meeting 8th March</p> <p><i>Dentistry</i>- There is now no NHS dental service in Dunbar and East Linton Ward. Services are commissioned by NHS Lothian. Jamie Forrester of ELHSCP will seek a name to write to with concerns.</p> <p><i>Blue Health</i>- Dr Simon Bell of the Estonian University of Life Sciences had given a presentation. Tools used for the EU funded research may be of benefit in forming a Local Place Plan. Students from the Edinburgh University MA programme in Landscape, Health and Wellbeing will be looking for projects to their dissertations. Previously 2 students had done projects based on Belhaven Community Garden.</p> <p><i>Next meeting</i>- 19th April</p> <p>Dunbar Day Centre</p> <p>It has been agreed to obtain a bus by leasing. This will give more flexibility to take service users on trips etc.</p> <p>Discussions continue on moving to be a SCIO.</p> <p>Belhaven Hospital- There have been continued issues with water quality on Ward 3 following disinfecting and testing. Further checks are to be made which may include the plumbing system of the whole building. There will then be further disinfecting and testing. NHS patients cannot return until there have been 3 satisfactory tests.</p> <p>Work on the Ward 2 Community staff hub is delayed whilst work continues on Ward 3.</p> <p>Work on the outside areas used by the Community Garden is also delayed.</p> <p>Planning for an Ageing Population (Community Hospitals and Care Home Project) – The Report had been approved at the IJB meeting on February 28th. Next steps are still to be agreed by the March IJB meeting.</p> <p>IJB Membership- Applications are to be sought for Service User and Carer Reps. The service user post had been advertised and JB had circulated information.</p> <p>East Lothian Carers' Strategy. JB and GW had attended a drop in at Bleachingfield on 23rd February with Strategy Officer Maria Burton. The consultation on the draft strategy closed on 26th February. Areas discussed included access to respite, access to care packages particularly</p>

	<p>in rural areas,, need for care management by named workers, carers caring for both grandchildren and older parents, access to day services, access to sitter services, need for overnight care, health and wellbeing of carers.</p> <p>The final Strategy will be published in due course.</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, signage still needed from the A1 and diversion signage at the point of the closure at Eweford Road. 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 who are still to have their Construction Management Plan approved. Noted at CAPP meeting. Also raised with Cllr Jardine at West Barns CC meeting. Vehicles were using the route on 12/3 to try and access Hallhill Sports Centre.</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. Cllr Jardine aware.</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> – White and yellow lining and cycle box at pinch point completed 23/2. Double yellow lines had been incorrectly painted outside Kilrush and Dovea. They will be removed.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Road-</i> Resurfacing required. Cycle lanes need the red blaze to be renewed.</p> <p><i>Cycle/pedestrian paths around housing south of the railway line.</i> Still required. To be considered as part of the Connecting Dunbar Project. Access has been agreed to the station boundary with the landowner. Emm Towle of Stantec has been working on this.</p> <p><i>Active travel to Railway Station.</i> Emma Towle of Stantec has been working on this.</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. Emma Towle of Stantec has been working on active travel routes for the area. Local residents wish community engagement on the proposals.</p> <p><i>Lack of dropped kerbs</i> 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. Dropped kerbs are also needed around the older part of town e.g. North Road.</p> <p><i>Pedestrian safety in Bayswell Road-</i> Members of the public have 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>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. Cabinet on March 14th discussed a TRO to impost waiting restrictions in the area despite the concerns of residents in 2021. JB had updated residents who were to contact ELC officers.</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 pavement still needs to be repaired. Residents remain concerned about the safety to users of the busy pavement which includes residents of Letham Gardens sheltered housing. JB chasing ELC.</p>

	<p><i>Pavement at South Street.</i> Large sections of root are still to be removed by the Forestry team.</p> <p><i>Pot Holes at Entrance of Winterfield Car Park</i> – passed to ELC 16/1Chased 10/2. A member of the public has sustained tyre damage related to the surface condition.</p> <p><i>Lovers Lane-</i> 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.</p> <p><i>Old Spott Road-</i> 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.</p> <p><i>DeLisle Street-</i> the pavement by Friarscroft is very narrow. The situation is compounded by the position of a lamp post. Passed to Roads 23/2 after a resident reported narrowly being missed by a passing car. Morag Haddow of ELC had agreed that the path is very narrow at that point but widening would be expensive. Lighting were asked if moving the lamp post may be an option but this was not thought to be feasible. Morag had met on site with the resident. Consideration of means to mitigate the situation will be given once it is known what Active travel monies will be available (possibly in May).</p> <p><i>Sinkhole-</i> has appeared in the pathway near Dunbar Golf Club. Responsibility of the Golf Club.</p> <p><i>Footpath Sinton Park to Comrie Avenue-</i> This was a planning condition for the Fair Acres estate. It is now being constructed following intervention by Planning Enforcement.</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. Amelia Smith advised on 10/3 that Robertsons are to restore the planter and sign once some drainage works are completed. 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 awaiting validation.</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.</p>

	<p>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>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> <p><i>Belhaven Hill School wall-</i> A member of the public has noted concerns that there are new cracks. Passed to School 12/3.</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. Cllr Jardien also aware.</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. Cllr Jardine also aware.</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 install a larger pump with new cabling. JB in contact with residents, Scottish Water and ELC. KS in contact with Robertsons Site manager. Effluent was tankered out from near the station on 4/3 and again on 18/3. On 18/3 the men only had a line to clear one pipe which they described as disgusting. They had taken photos of the other pipes to report back. Garry Kirkwood of Scottish Water is chasing Robedrtsons for a timescale.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Old Eden Hotel –</i> Issues continue. On a list of ELC works. JB liaising with resident. Cllr Jardine also aware.</p> <p><i>Drainage/ sewage issues at Summerfield Road-</i> Sewage comes out of the ground in heavy rain. ELC had done works in 2022 but still an issue.</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. Repaired 3rd March.</p> <p><i>Drain at Old Spott Road</i> was blocked by soil being washed into it from where anti social driving had damaged the grass. Cleared by ELC 22/2.</p>
8.05	<p><u>Vegetation</u></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>Coastal</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> The spike has been removed from one of the boulders. Longer term ideas still to be taken forward.</p> <p><i>Collapsing path on clifftop trail near Dhu/Doo Rock.</i> Repair work ongoing. A substantial section of he closed section collapsed on 13th March. ELC engineers are to survey the site further.</p> <p><i>Overnight parking at coastal car parks.</i> Belhaven residents remain concerned and wish to be consulted.</p> <p><i>Sewage leak at Belhaven Bay.</i> Reported by a member of the public on 4/3. Scottish Water had attended and repaired a fault at the pumping station near Belhaven Caravan Park. Countryside Ranger Tara Sykes had been to visit.</p>
8.07	<p>Lighting/Electrical</p> <p><i>Lighting within the Pool area</i> –Paul lanetta of ELC has advised that the condition of the gantries has led to a rethink of how lights may be installed at the deep end of the pool. Options are being considered.</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. 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. Lights installed on the path March 2023. Further lights to be installed under the railway.</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>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. ELC are progressing this situation via abandonment of property Housing Act legislation.</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 Jenni Brown had contacted JB for more information. Site staff had said that high wind on 16/2 had damaged the litter fencing on the edge of the site. However, JB had noted the situation had been ongoing with considerable litter out with the site. Litter out with the site is a breach</p>

	<p>of licence. Jenni Browne had visited. New litter barriers had been ordered and site staff were to litter pick. There have been further concerns from the public which have been passed on to SEPA. Chris Bruce of ELCC was to met with the landfill manager on 16/3 to discuss issues. New cages had been purchased to try and contain waste but it covers a large area.</p> <p><i>Litter on A1-</i> There has been considerable build up. Reported to Bear/Transport Scotland 5/3. Tommy Deans of Bear had advised that ELC, SBC, Bear and Transport Scotland were to meet on 16/3 to discuss mutual littering issues.</p> <p><i>Uprooted tree at Dempster Place SUDS.</i> A member of the public had reported on 20/3. Passed to Robertsons on 20/3. KS had up righted it and tamped it into the soil but it still needs new stakes.</p>
8.09	<p><u>Transport</u></p> <p><u>Trains</u></p> <p><u>Services</u> – There had been further disruption to services by strike action in March.</p> <p><u>Cross Country Services</u>- JB had written to Cross Country with DCC concerns. Alex Bray of Cross Country had noted that they were waiting on Paul McLennan MSP to set a date for a meeting to which he understood Community Councils had been invited. Subsequently he advised that a meeting had been held between Cross Country, Paul McLennan and RAGES on 7th March The proposed reductions are still to go ahead. The situation will be monitored and a further meeting held in about 6 months. JB had asked who may be contacted regarding continued concerns.</p> <p><u>Buses</u></p> <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><i>Next Bus Forum</i> March 22nd</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. The repair work on the wall was completed in February and all bays are now in use.</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>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. JB seeking an update.</p> <p><i>Problem parking in North Street-</i> Surfers are parking close to the junction. Residents wish some parking restrictions.</p>
8.10	<p><u>Other</u></p>
	<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</p>

	<p>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. The path access to the concrete road has been closed off at the end of Yosemite Park. Taylor Wimpey and ELC contacted 7/3. It seems that Yosemite Park is to be used for construction traffic and the area will be closed off for some time.</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 <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>Further work awaited on fence and wall. ELC to tidy the planting. They say the fence and wall are the responsibility of ELHA who had mended part of the fence. However, ELHA Assets have stated on 6/1 that they are not responsible. JB chasing with ELHA Chair.</p> <p><i>Former Sales Office at Fair Acres.</i> ELC Planning Enforcement are seeking a timescale for restoration of the land by Robertsons.</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. Official opening was on March 11th.</p> <p><i>Youth Provision-Ideas for the Jampot area</i> continue to be progressed. There are community concerns about the proposal. JB had found that an ecology study (for biodiversity) and a deer survey which were planning Conditions 6 and 7 for Hallhill North had been produced but they were not on the Planning Portal due to sensitive habitat information. The information is relevant to the Local Place Plan and any submission to planning on the youth facilities. In the meantime, The Space have announced developments in conjunction with Eweford Farm for an area of land off the Old A1 near Broxburn. This is in preference to the original proposals for DunBear Park. Funding has been obtained for a feasibility study etc through the Community Interventions Fund.</p>
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p><u>Environmental Matters</u> SUSTAINING DUNBAR FLENSBURG UNIVERSITY WORK ON COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM Community Discussion – 20th February. JB had attended This had been led by the students from Flensburg University. They had given an update on the Solar Farm project.</p>

	<p>There was then a group exercise regarding community wellbeing and development based on the Doughnut economics model. There were general concerns expressed about pressure on environment and green space, pressure on infrastructure, access to affordable housing ,social inclusion and democratic deficit. JB had suggested that paperwork generated should be submitted to aid production of the Local Place Plan, Local Development Plan and Local Area Plan.</p> <p>Feedback Session- 24th February- JB and MJ had attended.</p> <p>The Flensburg students had given feedback on the different parts of the project- Feasibility study of the solar farm site, retro fitting and building efficiency in Innerwick (Insulate Innerwick a pilot project funded by DELAP), job opportunities for the area, community benefits. There had been an online survey of community views about the project.</p> <p>Following the meeting JB had had contact from a Building Surveyor for Edinburgh Council who lives in Dunbar. They are looking at retrofitting of properties in Edinburgh. JB had linked groups up.</p> <p>Board Meeting February 21st- JB and MJ had attended</p> <p><i>Belhaven Buddies-</i> The pupils have had dementia training and have been introduced to the residents of Blossom House. Thought is being given as to how they may best interact with the residents.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Community Garden –</i> Regular volunteer sessions continue. There was discussion as to how to secure the future of the garden as uncertainty continues about the future of the Belhaven site. JB updated on the report foing to the IJB on 23/2 regarding the fining of the Planning for an Ageing population consultation.</p> <p><i>Flensburg students.</i> They have done considerable work on the feasibility study for the solar farm and Insulate Innerwick.</p> <p><i>Solar Farm.</i> Discussions continue with the landowners. Costs need to be identified for a grid connection.</p> <p><i>Community Farm-</i> Naomi Barnes has been in discussion with Kate Darrah at The Ridge about the possibility of a shared venture at the former Strawberry Barn which has a combination of land and buildings that might be of benefit to both organisations.</p> <p><i>DELAP AGM.</i> JB advised of the AGM on 22/2 and that Sustaining Dunbar as a non core group would need to make a short statement as to why the group should remain a voting member.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting – 28th March</i></p> <p><i>Pledgehog- Joint Meeting of Sustaining Dunbar, Friends of Winterfield and Dunbar Hedgehog Group – 9th March</i></p> <p>DCC had given initial funding to the hedgehog project in 2022. In November 2022 DELAP had given further funding to Pledgehog- a project hosted by Sustaining Dunbar to encourage the development of safer habitats for the animals and to bring people together in learning about how to nurture hogs and map their movements. JB had met with Esther Hughes of Friends of Winterfield at the park along with Jen Walker, the Pledgehog Hedgehog Officer, and Naomi Barnes of Sustaining Dunbar to discuss way in which the park may be improved as a habitat for hedgehogs. The ideas will be discussed further with ELC Officers.</p>
10,00	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
	<p>Via Facebook- Query about Coronation activities – JB had responded</p> <p>Bear- A1 Roadworks</p> <p>Scottish Communities Alliance – Newsletters</p> <p>Crunchy Carrot- Newsletters</p> <p>Marine Scotland- Berwick Bank Offshore Windfarm Cambois Cable Connection- Marine Scotland response to developer Scoping Report.</p> <p>Various- Landfill litter- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Pavement safety at Delisle Street. JB had responded</p> <p>ELHSCP- Presentations and Videos from the Reshaping the Balance of Care briefing.</p>

Emma Towle, Stantec. Wishing to speak to March Community Council meeting on proposals for Active Travel proposals in Belhaven and to the railway.

Via Facebook -Damaged rail near TOFS. JB had responded. The area is private property.

Via Facebook- Concerns about cycling on pavement. JB had responded.

Philip Immirzzi- Complaint about landfill litter. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Chris Moore- Interested in Sus Dun Energy Project. JB had responded.

Jane Ogden-Smith- Access Forum

Chris Milne- Path between Cala Homes and West Barns Primary- JB had responded

Derek Paterson- Concerns about yellow lines at Belhaven High Street, JB had responded

Various- Concerns about skatepark and other development proposals at Jampot – JB had responded

Scottish Towns Partnership- Newsletter

VCEL- Volunteer Awards 2023

Paul Currie -IJB membership for Carer rep and Service User rep

Bear- A1 Roadworks

Chris Bruce. ELCC- Exercise on referral scheme update

Christine Crichton, Community Barter – proposed community website for Edinburgh and Lothians - PS had responded

Gemma Houlichan, Virgin Media - Data Poverty campaign and future works

Via Facebook- Various -Yosemite park lighting and tree planting- JB had responded

Via Facebook= William Main- Drainage activities near station. JB had responded

Via Facebook- Tracey Spence -sink hole on road near golf club- Golf Club land. JB had responded

Ian Hamilton – Dangerous Parking in North Street, Belhaven- JB had responded.

Jon Fleetwood ELC- Weather warnings

Poetry Project – JB had responded

Via Facebook- pathway closed off at Yosemite Park/Alexander Gardens- JB had responded

Rona Starr, Twinning Association- Query about location of Twinning Cabinet key at Hallhill. Hallhill had said DCC have it. JB had responded.

Craig Hoy MSP- Seeking nominations for Community Champions to be invited to a reception at Holyrood. JB had circulated.

Via Facebook- Rob McDougall- Concerns re condition of Belhaven Hill School wall. JB had responded

Margaret Laidlaw- Concerns about shortage of drop kerbs. JB had responded.

Taylor Wimpey- closure of access at Albany Grange end of Yosemite Park/use of Yosemite Park for construction traffic

Oliver Langton, Belhaven Hill School- update. JB had responded.

ELHSCP- Updates on Belhaven Hospital

Community Bakery- Newsletter

Community Woodland- Newsletter

PC Jackson- re CAPP dates

Via Facebook- Vandalism to trees near Robertson Homes suds pond. JB had responded.

Clare Rylance- Robertson Memorials- Query re history of Rev Scott buried in Dunbar. JB had responded.

Helen Baptie – Continued concerns about pavement at Parsonspool. JB had responded.

Via Facebook- Benefit query. JB had responded.

