



Community Council Open Meeting Minutes April 17th 2023

7pm Council Chambers, Town House, Dunbar

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIONS

1) Dunbar Music Festival Re application to Community Benefit Fund

Karin Finlay and Neill Allison gave further information on the plans for the 2023 Festival. This will be held from 22-24 September. The Festival is very popular with local people but many also come from further afield. This brings business into the town. The range of music has widened since the Festival was renewed in recent years.

They plan a number of ticketed events at Dunbar Parish Church Hall.

They also hope to expand the number of free events, including more family friendly venues and spread the number of free events across the weekend. They plan for around 15 venues to be used.

There will be children and young people events.

The Festival is run by volunteers. It is a non profit organisation to enable as many as possible to enjoy music. It relies on grants and support from local businesses.

As well as DCC they gain support from other sources. They also do fundraising.

The 2022 Festival had cost around £25,000 to put on.

SB asked if they had made contact with Belhaven Hill School. Karin said they had and they would do so again.

MJ asked about contact with community choirs. Karin noted that they had had arranged a 2022 event but it had been cancelled due to unavailability of the choir leader. They would try again.

AS asked about involvement in Civic Week. Karin said an outside venue like the Battery could be considered but outdoor events were weather dependent.

PS thanked Karin and Neill for their attendance. DCC members would discuss the application later in the meeting and advise of the outcome.

2) Morag Haddow, ELC Transportation - Parking Restrictions/Crossing Proposals at Queens Road

NH had asked Morag Haddow of ELC Transportation to attend the meeting to respond to the letter sent by DCC (PS) following concerns raised at the March meeting regarding the ELC proposal to restrict parking at Newhouse Terrace and Bowmont Terrace to enable a signalised crossing to be installed. This followed approval of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) by ELC Cabinet. Many of those present at the meeting were residents opposed to the parking restrictions. The owner of the Dunmuir Hotel was in attendance and represented Dunbar Trades Association. Terry Prior spoke as a member both of DCC and of Hallhill Tenants and Residents Association. Morag spoke to a report provided by Consultant AECOM in December 2022. This would be made available for circulation.

The Report had identified an anticipated increase in traffic movements related to new housing developments in the town (Robertson/Golf Course/Hallhill North).

The Consultants had considered options to manage the increased volume of traffic.

The options were:-

- 1) *Signalisation*
- 2) *Reassigning priority and alignment*
- 3) *Mini roundabout*
- 4) *Signalised pedestrian crossing.*

The preferred option was option 4.

All the developers involved had committed monies through S75 Developer contributions. The monies were time limited for use and the earliest contribution from Robertson/Avant would lapse in late 2023.

There was considerable discussion on the proposals with nobody speaking in favour. It was felt by residents that the crossing would create a problem when there was not one existing.

KS said that original traffic flows had been based on pre Covid figures. Many people now worked from home and thus the figures were out of date.

TP said that Hallhill TRA had long asked for improvement of the Belhaven junction to the A1 but been told that the traffic flows were too low. It was busier than this area.

JB noted that, if these lights were put into place, there would be 5 sets between Queens Road and the A1. This would lead to significant build-up of traffic. She also noted that requests had been made to build a pavement/widen the pavement along Spott Road, which was a community road safety concern, using developer contributions but these had been rejected.

Common themes from residents were-

Loss of parking spaces. Morag confirmed that 10 - 12 spaces would be lost. Residents had no off street parking which was an issue for deliveries as well as access to their homes. One resident said she had mobility issues and could not walk the distance from East Links should a space be available there.

Displacement of parking- Philip Mellor of the Dunmuir Hotel said that his business was getting busier and the car park was for guests. He was concerned that parking displaced from the street may move into his car park.

Lack of consultation – Residents said they had never been consulted by ELC on their views before the proposals appeared in Summer 2022. They had said at that time that they opposed the measures and yet they had appeared in the small print of the Cabinet paper. They had been alerted to the proposals by JB who had read the paper and passed on the information.

Environment- There were concerns about emissions from standing traffic. Mr Boddie said that the crossing would be outside his home and he would be subject to the fumes. This was not a current problem. There was concern that the road was often used as a diversion when the A1 was closed. At present traffic flows quite freely. Lights would lead to stops and build-up of fumes. There would be an issue with emergency vehicles having to negotiate traffic queues.

Pedestrian crossing - It was suggested that there is no significant 'desire line' for people wanting to cross Spott Road at the junction. Walkers travelling south tended to use the eastern footpath. Greater use could be made of the new footpath/cycle way to the east of the railway track, that allows a crossing with a pelican type signal. It was also suggested that a crossing would be better placed near Bellevue Court sheltered housing. There was already a traffic island.

NH said that once the TRO was advertised the residents and DCC could submit objections which would be considered by ELC Officers. PS said that it was clear that there was community opposition to the proposals and that DCC would write again to object. She suggested that the S75 contributions might be returned or diverted to other roads areas of concern to the community.

Morag said that this would need legal involvement as monies were earmarked to developments in legal agreements.

PS thanked Morag for her attendance.

3)Overnight Parking at Coastal Car Parks (Shore Road, Belhaven) – Suzanne and Nick Woodhall-Mason attended about this item which PS brought forward from the Agenda.

Overnight parking restrictions began on April 1st. Parking attendants are working overnight shifts. Parking is not allowed between 10 pm and 6 am. This includes short stays during these times and those with annual permits. A procedure for shorter stays is still to be devised.

Mr and Mrs Woodhall-Mason were concerned that an exception to the general prevention of overnight parking was charged campervan parking at Shore Road in Belhaven Conservation Village. Residents were unhappy that there had been no consultation with them about the proposals despite an active Public Participation Request for ELC to consult Friends of Belhaven Residents Group on any matter affecting the village. They had found out by chance from JB who had seen the January 2023 Cabinet Report Appendix and passed on the information.

There was concern that there had been past problems with campervans e.g. inappropriate disposal of toilet waste, noise and litter.

There was concern that there were no facilities for washing/showering or toilets once they were locked for the night. MJ added that the toilets were in need of upgrade. It was noted that the Surf Centre showers were always available.

NH said that proposals were still being developed e.g. booking system/numbers of vans. The parking would be on the hardstanding area. A system would be put into place for residents to report problems and any users causing problems would not be able to return.

It may be possible to give those who booked a space a key code for the toilets when they were locked.

AS suggested that information should be given on where chemiloos may be emptied. JB said that the nearest site at present is Thurston Manor.

AS said that there had been past discussions about Aire type provision in East Lothian. This worked well in Europe and a suitable site needed to be provided in East Lothian.

NH said that it was a trial, likely to run from June until September. It would then be reviewed. If there were problems with the trial it would not be repeated.

Mr and Mrs Woodhall-Mason were not opposed to the idea of camper van parking per se but wanted to see it done really well. They, their neighbours and local residents were all to be included in the review in September.

Ref	Item	
1.00	SEDERUNT – Pippa Swan(PS)(Chair), Alasdair Swan (AS)(Treasurer), Jacquie Bell (JB) (Secretary), Stephen Bunyan (SB), Kevin Searle (KS), Terry Prior (TP), Mark James (MJ), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH)(Part), Cameron Ritchie (Press), Philip Mellor (PM)(DTA), Morag Haddow (ELC), Karin Finlay & Neil Allison (Dunbar Music Festival), Anouska Woods (Community Windpower), Sheila Poulson (interested in joining DCC), Mike Shaw, Rev Keith Mills, Peter McDonagh, Laura Punler, Malcolm Punler, Gareth Burges, Fiona Burges, Nials Gaul, John Love Clark, Ute Penny, Chas Penny, David Bell, Debbie Boddie, Andrew Boddie, Alyson Thomas, Susan Graham, Paul Kelly, Dr John Hardman, Carey Lunan, Fiona Gebbie, Ross Marriott, Wendy Marriott, Suzanne Woodhall-Mason, Nick Woodhall-Mason (Members of the public)	
1.01	Welcome - PS welcomed all to the meeting.	

4.04	<p><u>Questions/Concerns to Councillors (See Community Report)</u> <i>Bus Stop Contract – (See Community Report 8.09)</i>- NH said that a new contractor was being sought. In the meantime, there was a backlog of works.</p> <p><i>Youth ASB- (See Community Report 2.00)</i> This continued to be an issue. Residents had reported calls to 101 being unanswered after 40 minutes. KS said that he had attended the Police Station to report a stolen bike but a record had not been taken. He had tried to contact about an insecure farm building without success and had closed the doors himself. Rev Mills had seen youths on scaffolding at the Castle Hotel and been unable to get a response from the Call Centre. NH said that Police Scotland had resourcing issues. The issue was being addressed at CAPP meetings. The e mail address to make reports is DunbarEastLintonCPT@scotland.police.uk</p>	
5.00	TREASURER’S REPORT – See Community Report 1.00	
5.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions</u> AS had submitted the 8th Quarterly Report to Community Windpower.</p>	
5.02	<p><u>Requests for Support for Consideration:</u> Local Priorities Fund – None</p> <p><u>Community Benefits Fund (These were discussed at the end of the meeting)</u> <i>Dunbar Music Festival-</i> £3500 – Deferred from March. Approved. <i>Dunbar Rotary -</i> £2500 for 2023 activities. Approved. <i>Dunbar Rotary -</i> £2500 for Station Adoption activities. Approved. <i>Dunbar Civic Week</i> £2000- Approved <i>Dunbar Against Litter van replacement-</i> £2000 - Approved</p>	
6.00	<p>COMMUNITY REPORT – circulated by email in advance of DCC Meeting and addended The Community Report provides information and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DCC Finances</i> • <i>Community Police</i> • <i>Planning</i> • <i>DCC Initiatives/Projects</i> • <i>Community Projects</i> • <i>Health and Social Care Provision</i> • <i>Roads and Infrastructure maintenance</i> • <i>Record of meetings attended</i> • <i>Correspondence received</i> 	
6.01	<p><u>Matters arising/questions other than Planning and Licensing Matters:</u> <i>Visit from Mayor of Martinez</i> (Sister City for over 40 years and burial place of John Muir)- Brianne Zorn hopes to pay a short visit to Dunbar in early August. She would particularly like to see place connected with Muir. John Muir Birthplace Trustees, Museum Service and Will Collin (has had much contact with Martinez) have all been made aware. Details are to be confirmed.</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/Discussion –</u> <u>The Space – Proposals for DunBear Point –</u> JB had circulated a pre application Vision Statement which had been submitted to ELC. The proposal is for a youth/community facility on land currently owned by Eweford Farm. The land is not in the current Local Development Plan. It is next to DunBear Park where The Space had previously hoped to build a facility. The Space hope to submit a formal application in due course.</p>	

	<p>The Project has been given 3 years funding by the Community Interventions Fund to enable further development of proposals.</p> <p>JB said that Adrian Girling would like to speak to DCC about the Project at the May meeting. Members discussed his request but it was decided to invite him at a future time when the ideas were more concrete. In the interim, members should read the very interesting document and if they did wish to know more sooner he could be invited. JB agreed to respond to Adrian.</p> <p><u>23/00370/P- Empire Close (40/42 High Street)</u> Formation of External steps, ramps and handrails. JB had circulated information. Kate Darrah had confirmed that the work was to improve access to the garden part of the site from the High Street for all abilities. It was agreed to support this application. JB would advise ELC.</p> <p><u>23/00062/P- Change of Use of 144 High Street.</u> AS said that the owner of the new café was concerned that DCC had objected to the application as reported in the East Lothian Courier. JB said that the application had not been presented to Planning Committee. It had appeared on the Expedited List due to community objections and an objection from Environmental Health regarding venting for cooking. PS had also raised concerns about that matter. A condition had been given that there should be no shallow or deep fat frying on the premises. The Courier story had been based on discussion at the February Community Council meeting where concerns had been raised about the change of use from retail. GA had queried the need for another coffee shop. The DCC submission to ELC had noted the concerns raised in the meeting. PS asked that in future JB should share submissions of objection to DCC members.</p>	JB
7.02	<u>Licensing Applications for Consideration/Discussion</u> - None	
7.03	<p><u>Local Place Plan 2025- 2035 (PS)</u></p> <p>Drop In Sessions had been held at Bleachingfield, Hallhill and West Barns Village Hall on 25th March.</p> <p>JB and Jo Waddell had continued to share information on social media.</p> <p>The survey had closed on April 14th.</p> <p>Responses will be analysed and drawn up into a Report.</p> <p>PS thanked those who had been assisting.</p> <p>TP said that the event at Bleachingfield had been interesting and a good bit of fun. It would be hoped to have initial ideas available for the public to see by Civic Week. Further ideas could then be developed.</p>	
8.00	<p><u>DCC Awards 2023 (PS)</u></p> <p>PS had circulated nomination forms to DCC members. Information about the awards had been shared on social media etc.</p> <p>The nominations closed on April 14th. A number of nominations had been received. PS would circulate voting information via e mail and members should respond asp.</p> <p>The Awards are</p> <p><i>Community Council Award (Adults)</i></p> <p><i>Bowe Cup (Under 26)</i></p> <p><i>Stephen Bunyan Award (Team).</i></p> <p>Certificates may also be awarded.</p> <p>Awards will be presented on June 12th as part of Civic Week.</p>	ALL
9.00	<p><u>DCC – Communicating with our Community (PS) (Deferred from November)</u></p> <p>PS had circulated a discussion paper.</p> <p>Following contact from MJ PS had advised that information on new Councillors and any updated information should be sent to her for inclusion on the website.</p>	ALL

	Given the amount of business at main DCC meetings it was agreed to arrange an in person meeting for DCC members only. Possible dates would be circulated by PS.	
10.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
10.01	<u>Vacancies</u> Pamela Shields and Sheila Poulson are expected to submit applications for discussion at the May meeting.	
10.02	<u>Old Gentleman's Bathing Pool</u> - MJ said that Naturescot had given consent to work to remove the boulders from the area. The group hope to arrange an event in May to do this. Work on the sluice will be considered at a later date.	
10.03	<u>Belhaven Hill School Centenary</u> -SB advised that the school would celebrate its centenary in May. It was agreed that he would draft a letter for PS to send to the school.	SB/PS
10.04	<u>Former Sescot Radio Cabin at Hallhill</u> – MJ said that The Ridge had taken on the lease for use as a base for theSpace and a bike project that will be run by MJ to benefit those from less well off households. The projects were funded by the Communities Intervention Fund.	
10.05	<u>Community Councillor Roles</u> PS said that she had spoken with TP who would be a link between DCC and Bobby Peters/Hallhill Sports Centre. SB noted that he and Gill Wilson were already involved with the Centre as longstanding Trustees of Dunbar Community Development and Heritage Trust which owns it. PS said that KS, with his technical knowledge, would liaise with developers.	
10.06	<u>Thanks</u> – Rev Mills thanked DCC members for the Get Well card for his wife ,Mariella. It had been much appreciated.	
10.07	<u>Cycle Racks</u> – MJ said he was sorry to read that new racks had not been ordered for the High Street. PS noted that concerns had bene raised by DCC members about the marine standard metal finish. The current round of funding had ended.	
11.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
11.01	15 th May – 7 pm at Town House. PS and AS will not be present. GA will be in the Chair.	



COMMUNITY REPORT April 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 £125,533.48 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The restricted funds held within the General Account were, at the end of the month –<table><tr><td>Community Windpower Fund</td><td>£121,100.85</td></tr><tr><td>Access for All Fund</td><td>£759.00</td></tr><tr><td>Local Priorities Fund</td><td>£2,601.00</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td>£124,460.85</td></tr></table>• The unrestricted funds held within the General Account were, at the month end–<table><tr><td>Balance in the General Fund</td><td>£ 1072.63</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</td><td>£1,072.63</td></tr></table> TOTAL FUNDS £125,433.88 *The VAT return had been submitted for the year end (Q4). *A grant of £1,482.05 had been received from ELC. This was DCC's share of the residual DELAP 2022-23 General Budget which had been split between the 4	Community Windpower Fund	£121,100.85	Access for All Fund	£759.00	Local Priorities Fund	£2,601.00	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	£124,460.85	Balance in the General Fund	£ 1072.63	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	£1,072.63
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Community Councils in Dunbar and East Linton Ward. (See Community Report 4.01)

Christmas Lights Account:

- The bank balance at the month end stood at £11,493.20
- There had been little financial activity during the month.
- £1039 from VAT recovery had been paid.
- The £2000 Local Priority Grant had been received.

Civic Week Account:

- The bank balance at the month end was £9,978.87
- The Local Priority grant of £2000 had been received.
- Donations of £300 had been received during March.
- Deposits of £150 had been paid during march for Fun Day events.

Dunbar against Litter Account:

- The bank balance at the month end was **£2,684.80**
- VAT Recovery of £3 had been paid.
- The van need significant repairs to pass its MOT.

1.02

Local Priorities Fund

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

Local Priorities Fund available	£1,519
Committed or Under Review	£12,158
Not yet paid	£ 1,082
Maximum Budget Total	£13,677

Applications- None

1.03

Dunbar Community Benefit Fund

AS had circulated the 8th Quarterly Report

Total Available £121,100.85

Applications

Dunbar Music Festival (Deferred from March) - £3500
Dunbar Rotary- £2500 for 2023 activities

	<p><i>Dunbar Rotary - £2500 for Station Adoption activities</i></p> <p><i>Dunbar Civic Week- £2000</i></p> <p><i>Dunbar Against Litter Van- £2000</i></p>
2.00	COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT
2.01	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PC Natalie Dalziel for PC Laura Jackson had submitted a written update. The speed gun was away for calibration. Speed checks will be done once it is returned. There had been a number of reports of Youth ASB. Some youths had been traced and relevant reports had been submitted. Police and ELC were working closely together on the matter and Parent Advisory Letters had been issued. Police and Community Wardens were regularly patrolling hotspot areas. Community officers encourage the public to report instance of ASB. In particular, anyone who may have CCTV footage should make it available to the Police. PC Dalziel and PC Jackson had met with reps from Dunbar and North Berwick harbours to forge links and encourage reporting of criminal offences in a timely manner to enable appropriate action to be taken. Community officers had marked a number of bikes at Dunbar Police Station and at Lochend Campus of the Primary School. The events had been well received.</p> <p>Incidents</p> <p>Between 1st and 31st March there were 176 calls to the area resulting in the Police recording 29 crimes.</p> <p>Protecting the Most Vulnerable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x child neglect 1 x assault on minor 1 x possession of offensive weapon (minor) 1 sexual assault (domestic aggravator) 1 x assault (hate aggravator) 1 x fraud (adult protection) 1 x breach of non-harassment order <p>Reducing Violence and Anti Social Behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x assault 1 x threatening/abusive behaviour 1 x hinder/resist/obstruct Police 1 x breach of ASB order 1 x Communications Act 1 x urinating in public 3 x vandalism 1 x dog out of control <p>Theft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x theft by opening lockfast place 1 x theft from motor vehicle 1 x shoplifting 2 x theft (other) 3 x fraud <p>Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x no insurance 1 x accident offence
2.02	<p>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)</p> <p>Meeting March 28th - PS and JB had attended</p> <p>PRIORITIES SET</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Youth ASB- James Court/Home Avenue 2) Youths drinking alcohol- West barns park 3) Speeding – High Street, Belhaven and Queens Road

	Date of Next Meeting – May 11th
2.03	Police Staffing – The CAPP had been attended by PC Jackson and Sergeant Alan King. Sgt King oversees the community police team, There is one community officer for each Council ward. Chief Inspector Ben Leathes came into post as East Lothian Commander on 3 rd April 2023.
3.00	PLANNING MATTERS
3.01	Particular Planning/Licensing Matters – None
3.02	<p>Other Planning Matters to Note</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 23/00042/P- Change of Use of Masonic Hall to form Children’s Nursery. JB had circulated information. DCC views submitted . To be determined. 9 22/01380/P (Retrospective) Siting of container for sports training facility for a temporary period of 36 months. JB had circulated information. Called in by Cllr Collins. For Planning Committee 2nd May. 10 23/00248/ADV- Advertising consent for the Team East Lothian branding on the Container at 9. DCC views submitted. To be determined. 11 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. Approved March 24th. Conditions include that there should be no shallow or deep fat frying on the premises in the interests of the amenity of residents. 12 23/00370/LBC – Empire Close (40/42 High Street)- Formation of External Steps, ramps and handrails. JB had circulated information. 13 23/00035/COM (Retrospective) (Subject to validation) Advertising Hoarding for Taylor Wimpey Beveridge Way development at Kellie Road <p>Broxmouth Estate Applications –ELC have advised that they still need information from the applicant in order to progress the various applications.</p> <p>Local Development Plan/Local Place Plans JB had circulated the presentations from the ELC briefing held on 15th March. Drop ins had been held on 25th March at Bleachingfield, Hallhill and West Barns Village Hall. The paper and online survey had ended on April 14th.</p>

	<p>Information will be collated and a report will be produced.</p> <p><u>The Space – Proposals for DunBear Point</u> JB had circulated a Pre Application Vision Statement from Adrian Girling of The Space CIC for a youth and community facility at an area of land currently owned by the Taylor Family of Eweford Farm. The Space had previously been in discussions with Ken Ross regarding a site at DunBear Park but they now have an arrangement with the Taylors for land next to DunBear Park off the Old A1 at Broxburn. The land is not in the current LDP. Funding has been obtained for Adrian to do further work on the proposals. It is hoped to submit a planning application in later in the year. Adrian would like DCC to support the proposals in the Local Place Plan. He has requested to attend the May Community Council meeting.</p>
3.03	<u>Licensing Matters to Note</u> - None
4.00	<u>DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP</u>
4.01	<p><u>Meeting March 27th -JB, PS, TP, GW, SB had attended</u> Membership- Barry Craighead (previous Vice Chair) had been approved as a co-opted non voting member. Priorities General- It was agreed to wait on planning these until more information was available from the Local Place Plan exercise. Roads- A number of proposals were suggested including the safety improvements at High Street/East Beach from DSHNG/DCC. It was agreed to set up a Transport Subgroup chaired by Allison Cosgrove which would look at these and other aspects of transport. Volunteers would be sought. Steven wands had noted monies available for road safety projects from the Road Safety Trust. Amenities- There was a discussion. Monies were also available from the Housing Budget for improvements on Council estates. It was agreed that Esther Hughes of Friends of Winterfield would lead work on this area. General Budget- There had been an underspend which had been added to by the return of a £5000 grant from Climate Action East Linton (CAEL). A vote had been held for spending of the underspend and 3 proposals had been approved. A sum of money still remained which needed to be spent before the end of March. It was agreed to divide this between the 4 Community Councils. Local Area Plan- It was agreed to wait on information from Local Place Plans before making any major changes. Health and Wellbeing Subgroup- This Group, Chaired by JB and GW, will continue. The remit will be updated. Scrutiny Subgroup – This will continue to look at the Standing Orders, Application Form etc. Volunteers were requested to join. Young People’s Subgroup- Fiona O’Donnell had suggested this. JB had noted that one had been previously considered. There was an existing network for professionals and consideration of how work may be married together would be considered. Conflicts of Interest/GDPR – TP had noted these issues. It was agreed that a register of members Interests would be collated. Thought also needed to be given to GDPR regarding member’s’ personal information.</p>
4.02	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> – Tuesday 16th May
5.00	<p><u>DCC INITIATIVES UPDATE</u> <i>Dunbar Community Council manages a number of projects and initiatives throughout the year.</i></p>

5.01	<u>Christmas Lights and High Street Team</u> Maintenance work continues.
5.02	<u>Dunbar Civic Week</u> Arrangements continue. A wide range of events are planned. Publicity is going out on social media and the press.
5.03	<u>Dunbar Against Litter</u> – Litter picking continues. Table Top sales are held fortnightly at the British Legion. Romie Blair is seeking a new person to take on Co-ordination of the Group. The van needs repairs without which it will fail its MOT in May. Romie Blair had set up fundraising to help pay for the repairs. However, a replacement had been sourced to be funded from funds raised and a Community Benefit Fund Grant.
5.04	<u>Remembering Together</u> No further information
6.00	DCC/ELC/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
6.01	<u>Dunbar High Street</u> SOLE -JB had contacted Rachel Young of the Consultants who had done the Review Consultation and been told that a draft report had been sent to Jamie Baker at ELC. JB had contacted Jamie Baker who had advised on 12/4 that ELC had the draft report to review. It had to be submitted to the UK Government in May. At that point the report and evaluation would be published in the Members Library. He would advise when it was available. CARS - No further information on set up of a community steering group.
6.02	<u>Windfarm Benefits for Communities</u> – JB and TP had attended further meetings of the working group. A number of principles had been drafted for any entity to be created for the distribution of community benefits. These will be shared with AELCC members for wider discussion.
6.03	<u>Connecting Dunbar Paths Project (Sustaining Dunbar)(JB and MJ are involved)</u> - There had been a number of meetings with Colleen Trousdale of Sustrans, with the Consultants and with ELC Officers. It was agreed that collaboration would be needed to ensure the success of the project. JB and MJ had attended a site visit with the consultants and Colleen on 3 rd April. Some information will be needed from Taylor Wimpey and others regarding land ownership given the pending transfer of land in the Hallhill North area. It was noted that some roads would be closed off for a time and that some roads were still to be adopted by ELC on the new estates.
7.00	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
7.01	<u>Dunbar Day Centre</u> It has been agreed to lease a bus. The SCIO application had been submitted on 5/4. Tracey Mackie has been appointed as Deputy Manager. Her previous post of Outreach Co-ordinator will be advertised. <u>Belhaven Hospital</u> - - A meeting will be held on 19 th April after which an update will be issued by ELHSCP. <u>Planning for an Ageing Population (Community Hospitals and Care Home Project</u> – The IJB on March 23 rd had noted that areas like Dunbar and East Linton ward had a shortage of care at home hours. It was also noted that care home provision was not fairly distributed across the county e.g. North Berwick has 275 beds, Dunbar and East Linton 59 and Preston, Seton Gosford 0. Community capacity building is needed to increase interventions to enable people

	<p>to stay at home. It was agreed to have further consultation on care provision in communities. It is intended to hold this over the summer.</p> <p>Great Expectations 2 – TP has drawn up a Final Draft. A meeting will be held of those involved from Dunbar and North Berwick Wards for a briefing and consideration of next steps.</p> <p>GP Link Workers – Lisa Tomlins had left. 2 new workers had been appointed . Information sought.</p> <p>IJB Strategic Plan- Community Consultation will be held over the summer.</p> <p>Services for People with Dementia – DFEL will hold a drop in session for those interested in a new friendship Group at Belhaven Stables on April 28th (11-3)</p> <p>Intergenerational Services- East Lothian intergenerational Network are holding a day Celebration and Learning event at QMU on May 9th with speakers and discussion. Booking via Eventbrite.</p> <p>Physiotherapy Outpatient Services - ELHSCP/IJB had conducted a survey of service users accessing the triage of services. It had been found that people preferred face to face to over the phone consultations. Trials were to take place of appointments at Haddington Community Hospital and Musselburgh Primary Care Centre. If successful face to face appointments will be extended to Dunbar and North Berwick. JB had taken part in a discussion for the Integrated Impact Assessment report on behalf of the IJB.</p>
8.00	ROADS, REPAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE
8.01	<p>Roads, Pavements and Pathways</p> <p><i>Hospital Road</i> – Issues continue. Signage still needed to denote road closure from the A1 and diversion signage at the point of the closure at Eweford Road. The Road closure sign had been painted over at the junction. A path along the field boundary at Eweford Farm has not been created. People continue to walk down the road. Taylor Wimpey are still to have their Construction Management Plan approved. In the meantime, a further length of Hospital Road closed from 10th April to allow the installation of cable ducting. From May 1st the route into West Barns will be closed at the bridge.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs prone to flooding due to subsidence</i> Areas at Pine Street, Shore Road and elsewhere 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> – Double yellow lines that had been incorrectly painted outside Kilrush and Dovea are still to 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> This forms part of the work of the Connecting Dunbar Project.</p> <p><i>Active travel to Railway Station.</i> Emma Towle of Stantec working on proposals to access the south entrance. Proposals were to be amended following discussion with DCC at March meeting.</p> <p><i>Safe footway Beveridge Row to Brewery Lane</i> –. There is still a local desire 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. Ian Lennock had shared draft ideas with JB which she had shared with local residents for comment before a wider consultation.</p> <p><i>Lack of dropped kerbs</i> in various places both on new estates and in the older part of town e.g. North Road discussed as part of the Connecting Dunbar site visit.</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. In addition, a resident had requested provision of a crossing between The Glebe and Lauderdale Park. Discussed as part of the Connecting Dunbar site visit.</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 approved a TRO to impose waiting restrictions in the area despite the concerns of residents in 2022. Morag Haddow will attend DCC on 17/4 at the request of Cllr Hampshire following a letter sent by PS.</p> <p><i>New pavement by cemetery extension-</i> Hearse and vehicular access still needed across the pavement.</p> <p><i>Pavement at Parsons pool.</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. Repairs still needed.</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> Safety measures still requested by residents of Belleview Avenue.</p> <p><i>DeLisle Street-</i> the pavement by Friarscroft is very narrow. The situation is compounded by the position of a lamp post. Morag Haddow of ELC aware. Safety improvements to be considered by ELC once Road safety budget known.</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> <p><i>Recreational Routes at Lake near Cement Works.</i> This had been discussed some years ago along with RSPB proposals for a wildlife reserve. Member of the public asking what was happening. JB had contacted Chris Bruce at East Lammermuir who had also heard nothing for some time. He had contacted Access Officers at ELC.</p> <p><i>Potholes in Station Road.</i> The road is the property of Network Rail. Some repairs had been done in February after action by JB and RAGES. However, on 12/4 JB was advised of a member of the public having an accident with injury when hitting a pothole with his bike. JB had given information to the resident on reporting to Network Rail and advised RAGES.</p>
8.02	<p>Signage</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>Structures</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 and the sandbags have rotted again. JB liaising with Four Seasons and ELC.</p> <p><i>Ruins of Lochend House Laundry (DCDHT).</i> Work still needed to make it safe. Building Control involved.</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>Unsafe wall near Muirfield Road-</i> JB had passed this to ELC in 2021. There has been significant further collapse. JB had advised ELC March 2023.</p> <p><i>Storm damaged fence at Floors Terrace/Park Avenue.</i> The metal fence will be repaired once the bus shelter is restored. The new bus shelter is delayed by the need for ELC to engage a new bus stop contractor.</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. Planning Enforcement/Building Control aware.</p> <p><i>Vandalised fence between Dempster Place and railway bridge.</i> KS involved. Robertsons will repair the fence.</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> Safety barriers are in place. Belhaven Caravan Park are responsible for repairs. ELC are following this up.</p> <p><i>Belhaven Hill School wall-</i> A member of the public had noted concerns that there are new cracks. Passed to School 12/3.</p> <p><i>Damaged wall near entrance to Lochend Woods at Kellie Road.</i> This is the property of Ross Developments. A member of the public had reported that coping stones were loose. One had been dislodged by a child and nearly caused injury. It was possible that the damage may have been done by Scottish Water works at the close by pumping station. Reported to Ken Ross and Scottish Water. Loose stones removed to make the area safe. Wall still needs repair.</p> <p><i>Building Site at former Lochend Lodge-</i> Planning consent was given for extension of the Lodge and the building of 4 houses in the grounds in July 2020. Works have to begin within 3 years or the application will lapse. A nearby resident had raised concern about the condition of the area. JB had given the resident contact details for the agent and the landowner had been spoken to by the resident. They hoped to make repairs to the building to make it watertight, tidy the area and start groundworks in the near future.</p>
8.04	<p>Drainage</p> <p><i>A drain near 105 Summerfield Road</i> is still causing problems in rain. Flooding erodes the pavement. 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> Works took place to connect a more powerful pump at Dempster Place took place on April 13th.</p>

	<p>There were significant stench issues on 14th April but these may have been related to the cleaning out of built up residue.</p> <p>Prior to the work being done there had been backing up of toilet at 63,61,59 Comrie Avenue (longstanding issue). Scottish Water will investigate. Scottish Water had investigated reports of sewage in the burn near the 1st tee of the golf course . This had been found not to be sewage related.. ELC Environmental Health also involved.</p> <p>Repair to the damaged links between Newtonlees Steading and their septic tanks is still needed. Sewage leaches into the ground in wet weather.</p> <p><i>Flooding at Old Eden Hotel</i> – Issues continue. On a list of ELC works. JB liaising with resident.</p> <p><i>Drainage/ 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>
8.05	<p><u>Vegetation</u></p> <p><i>Tree Planting at Yosemite Park.</i> This is a planning condition. The tree grates have been neglected. They have become weed filled and are a danger due to the failed lighting. Planning Enforcement involved to seek planting of trees in the grates.</p> <p><i>Hogweed at Broxmouth Park</i>- Issues with the controlled species at the estate continue. New growth is now sprouting. Information from a member of the public shared with ELC, ELCC and James Wyllie who is involved with a group controlling the species. The estate owner and his manager are aware of the problem and their legal responsibilities. James had advised that he had been in contact with the estate manager regarding spraying. Any plants sprouting after mid May should be reported to James.</p>
8.06	<p><u>Coastal</u></p> <p><i>Access issues at Belhaven Bay</i>- Discussed at JMCPAG on 22/3. Sub group to be formed to consider replacement/expansion of the boardwalk.</p> <p><i>Restoration of the Gentleman’s Bathing Pool</i>- Naturescot have approved work to remove some of the boulders from the pool area. The Group will arrange works to do this.</p> <p><i>Collapsing path on clifftop trail below The Glebe.</i> Discussed at JMCPAG meeting on 22nd March. The area remains very unstable and closed to the public. ELC are monitoring. Future plans for the route are to be considered. Approval will be needed from Naturescot and HES.</p> <p><i>Overnight parking at coastal car parks.</i> Restrictions had begun on 1st April. Parking patrols are being conducted overnight. Procedures still to be agreed on shorter stays between 10 pm and 6 am and for paid campervan parking at Whitesands and Shore Road. Belhaven residents remain concerned about the proposals.</p> <p><i>Whitesands</i>- Concrete structures around the overflow pipe near the old lime kilns may be crumbling following the recent removal of stones to clear the pipe. Passed to ELC and East Lammermuir CC on 13/4. ELC have advised that the Ranger service will check.</p>
8.07	<p><u>Lighting/Electrical</u></p> <p><i>Lighting within the Pool area</i> –Paul lanetta of ELC has advised that the condition of the gantrays 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. KS involved. Lights installed on the path March 2023. Lights remain to be installed under the railway bridge. Lights will also be repaired near the SUDS.</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> The van, left in the garden by a non resident remains. ELC cannot take action without agreement of the lawyer of the estate of the former resident who died in 2021.</p> <p><i>Overgrown garden with considerable rubbish/old van in Pine Street.</i> The state of the garden is getting worse. ELC are progressing this situation via abandonment of property Housing Act legislation.</p> <p><i>Landfill Environmental Issues-</i> Concerns from the public continue about extensive litter near the Valencia landfill site. There have also been issues of dust. SEPA involved.</p> <p><i>Litter on A1-</i> Problems continue.</p> <p><i>Fly Tipping at ASDA Recycling Point.</i> The area is the property of ASDA. Romie Blair and DAL remain concerned about the extent of rubbish dumped. There had been considerable build up whilst the DAL van was off the road and Romie is concerned as to what will happen when the van is not replaced in May. ELC and ASDA aware.</p> <p><i>Uprooted tree at Dempster Place SUDS.</i> KS had up righted it and tamped it in to the soil on 20/3 but it still needs new stakes. No response from Robertsons Customer Service about the damage.</p> <p><i>Building site litter-</i> Continues to be an issue at the Robertson site. DAL report workers throwing litter from vans.</p>
8.09	<p><u>Transport</u></p> <p><u>Trains</u></p> <p><u>Services –</u></p> <p><u>Cross Country Services-</u> JB had written to the Transport Minister/Cross Country with DCC concerns. Alex Bray of Cross Country had confirmed that the cuts will start in May. The situation will be reviewed around September.</p> <p><u>East Lothian CRP Meeting- March 27th</u> – JB had attended</p> <p><i>Prestonpans Station Murals-</i> Arrangements for the official launch on 27th April were discussed.</p> <p><i>CRP Administration Funding-</i> application was to be made for this to Scotrail.</p> <p><i>North Berwick Station-</i> Discussions continue about use of the former newsagent cabin for toilets.</p> <p><i>Line Guide-</i> Philp Immirzzi continues to work on a new line guide.</p> <p><i>Station Adoption.</i> New groups have set up at Wallyford and Prestonpans. JB said she was aware of a group arranged through Dunbar Rotary which had recently been doing work. John Wilson (Scotrail) was not aware of this and noted that groups must apply to Scotrail to have station access. POST MEETING- It was confirmed that Dunbar Rotary had made an official application to Scotrail to adopt the station.</p> <p><i>Local Place Plans-</i> JB noted the work being done in Dunbar and West Barns and the general discussions regarding community groups being able to produce spatial proposals to be considered towards the 2025-2035 Local Development Plan.</p> <p><i>Scottish CRP Holyrood Reception</i> will be held 6-8 pm on 24th May.</p>

Buses

Bus Stops– JB regularly reports missing Perspex. Bus operators are still to provide fresh timetables where Perspex has been replaced.

Borders Buses have replaced timetables with posters that have QR Codes. Concerns have been noted to Borders Buses, ELC and RELBUS 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.

The Park Avenue shelter is still to be replaced. Work is delayed by the need for ELC to engage a new contractor.

The flag on the High Street bus stop near Hector's still needs replacement. This is dependent on ELC engaging a new bus stop contractor.

East Lothian Bus Forum March 22nd JB had attended.

Under 22 Free Pass- Officers noted that there was an underclaim for passes across Scotland. It was noted that some rural areas like parts of East Lothian may not claim because they have no bus services.

Some areas were experiencing problems of youth disorder on buses with driver intimidation and some damage to vehicles e.g. in Edinburgh and West Lothian. This was being monitored. Local operators were concerned about the potential influx to youth hotspots like Linn Rocks at East Linton, Belhaven Bay and the Jampot at Lochend Woods. This would need to be monitored. ELC officers were to attend an event at the Scottish Youth Parliament regarding the issues related to the Youth Pass.

Thistle Card- This continued to be marketed for those who need assistance. It was agreed it needed further publicity.

SESTRAN GO- The App for across operator/travel mode advice on travel options had been trialled in East Lothian. It was to be expanded.

Funding- Operators noted that monies available to subsidize services during Covid were to be terminated. They noted that funding for operators remained at a higher level in England. Some operators said that they would need to increase prices/consider service reductions.

Bus Stop Contract. The contract with the new contractor had terminated. A new contractor was being sought. This would impact on the provision of new bus stops e.g. at Park Avenue and Yosemite Park and repairs e.g. Dunbar High Street.

Staffing- Operators continue to have variable success in recruitment/retention of drivers.

Borders Buses- Reps were not present. There was discussion about their replacement of timetable by posters with QR Codes. JB had noted that not all were able to access this information if they did not have a smartphone or if there were no mobile signal in the area. Officers said that they were in discussion with Borders and other operators about improved information at stops to encourage bus use.

Real Time Bus Service Information-This was now operational at the Dunbar High Street Old Post Office stop.

Yosemite Park- There was discussion about the extension of the Eves 130 service. Bus stops would need to be erected but they were virtually in place. Council officers were aware of some problem parking in the area. There may be a delay related to the bus stop contractor tender issue.

Bus/Rail Connectivity. This is variable. In Dunbar the High Street bus stop is too far from the station to be considered a valid connection. It is not DDA compliant. There

	<p>was a discussion about active travel linkages to the station which were hindered by the lack of Network Rail funding to support infrastructure within the curtilage of the station.</p> <p><i>DRT-</i> There was a discussion about the expansion of Demand Responsive Transport beyond the current trial. It was noted that there had been limited demand for the service, This contrasted with the experience in Borders where the Pingo link to Reston Station had proved popular.</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. In the meantime, unsafe parking in the area remains an issue. Parking attendant had noted to JB that they were encouraged to ignore parking violations in the car park.</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. Resident had noted further issues on 31/3. 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> <p><i>Parking at Dunbar High Street.</i> Some vehicles are parked throughout the day. Passed to ELC 11/4. Grant Talac had passed on to the Parking Attendant. Some tickets had been issued.</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. Planning Enforcement Aware.</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. The proposal is amongst those in the proposals put forward by Stantec.</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 responsibility for the unkempt area between ELHA and ELC. JB chasing with ELHA Chair.</p> <p><i>Anderson Grave at Parish Kirkyard-</i> Funding needed for any repairs. SB leading on this.</p> <p><i>Kingsmeadow Playparks-</i> Residents have found information on the ownership of the large derelict playpark near 37 Wilson Place. It seems the owner has died. The situation will be followed up to try and take the playpark on from the estate.</p> <p><i>Youth Provision-</i>Ideas for the Jampot area continue to be progressed. There are community concerns about the proposal. In the meantime, The Space have</p>

	<p>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. JB had circulated a pre planning vision statement which had been submitted to ELC.</p> <p><i>Mayor of Martinez (Sister City and Burial Place of John Muir) Brianne Zorn</i> is planning to visit Scotland in August. JB and PS had been in contact. John Muir Birthplace Trust and Will Collin who had had previous contact are aware.</p> <p><i>Short Term Lets</i>-JB has been approached by a member of the public regarding new arrangements and whether or not ELC will give planning consent to properties that have been historically used but do not have dedicated access. Some properties in North Berwick and Musselburgh have been declined planning consent because they are in common stairs. JB has sought information from ELC Planning.</p>
9.00	MEETINGS ATTENDED
9.01	<p><u>Environmental Matters</u> <u>SUSTAINING DUNBAR</u> <u>Board Meeting -28th March</u></p> <p><i>Belhaven Community Garden</i> – Naomi Barnes had provided an update. The water supply is still to be reinstated by NHS Lothian.</p> <p>Carey and Una, the Community Gardeners, remain very busy at the Brewery, Primary School and the garden. Work is needed on a wall at the Brewery and some trees need attention by a tree surgeon. Event cannot be held in the garden until the wall is repaired.</p> <p>A variety of groups continue to use the Garden.</p> <p><i>Flensburg University visit</i> – A report had been received along with a note of thanks.</p> <p><i>Community Sauna</i>- Trustee, Simon Wasser, would be interested in establishing one. It was noted that Foxlake had recently installed one.</p> <p><i>Connecting Dunbar</i>- An update had been given.</p> <p><i>Local Place Plan</i>- JB had outlined the work being done. It was agreed to have further discussion on April 7th particularly in relation to local green spaces including Belhaven Community Garden. BCG is a vital green lung for the community and a therapeutic resource for patients and others with disabilities/mental health issues. It will be important to protect it from development.</p> <p><i>Pledgehog</i>- Update was given.</p> <p><i>Next Meeting</i>- 1st May</p>
9.02	<p><u>John Muir Country Park Advisory Group – March 23rd</u>. JB, AS and KS had attended.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u>- Neil Clark had retired. He had been replaced by Jenny Hargreaves. Tara Sykes remains as the main ranger link for the area.</p> <p><u>Chair</u>- It was agreed that Jenny would Chair the Group.</p> <p><u>Membership</u>- A number of new groups had been invited to attend this meeting e.g. Friends of Winterfield, DELAP.</p> <p><u>2022 Annual Report</u> – Jenny and Tara spoke to the draft. There were updates on species success/failure. Some birds had been hit more than others by avian flu.</p> <p>Visitor Numbers remain high.</p> <p>Work continues to control invasive species like sea buckthorn.</p> <p><u>Woodland</u>. Mr Dale (landowner) gave an update following Storm Arwen. He had been working with Naturescot and Forestry Scotland to devise a management plan. Currently, there is a glut in the timber market. As some trees are still growing they will be maintained until there is an improvement in the market. There has been some natural regeneration. In time it is planned to plant new native trees.</p> <p><u>Shore Road Wall</u>- parts had collapsed. Belhaven Bay Caravan Park are responsible for repairs. Their plans are awaited. In the longer term there are proposals to make improvements to the</p>

	<p>pedestrian path at Shore Road by taking it within the wall boundary and widen the junction which has a history of accidents.</p> <p>Old Gentleman's Bathing Pool- JB had updated on plans for restoration.</p> <p>Snack vans- The tenant had vacated Linkfield to concentrate on Shore Road. Linkfield had been advertised again. Mr Dale (landowner) said that he thought that the original lease for the car park area precluded commercial activity. This was to be checked with Legal Services.</p> <p>East Links Family Park- Mr Dale said that although the current tenant would be leaving in 2026 a new tenant would be sought for the site. The infrastructure would remain.</p> <p>Seafield Pond- Work is ongoing to improve the pond. It is hoped it may again be used for water sports. It is thought that the pollution may be related to an old septic system and it is hoped the problems may be overcome.</p> <p>Overnight Parking Ban at Coastal Car Parks. This measure had been approved by Cabinet in January to tackle wild camping, particularly at Tynninghame and Yellowcraig. JB noted concerns by residents of Belhaven about proposals to use Shore Road for charged campervan parking. They were concerned that there had been no consultation with residents despite a public participation Request in 2021 and a history of previous problems.</p> <p>Cliff Top Trail Collapse. A significant stretch below The Glebe had become unsafe over New Year with a further collapse in March. Diversions had been put into place. The initial aim was to make the area safe. The land remains unstable and will be monitored. Longer term measures need to be considered which will need approval by Naturescot and HES. It may not be possible for the Stone stacking competition to go ahead nearby and the organiser had been advised to consider alternatives.</p> <p>Boardwalks/Access over the saltmarsh. There was a long discussion. The original boardwalks had been intended for use by horses/people. However, they had rotted and there was significant erosion. Replacement/extension was needed. Disability access needed to be considered. JB noted the work that Pippa Swan had done previously. It was agreed to set up a subgroup/separate meeting to look at provision further.</p> <p>Blue/Green Spaces- JB had shared information on EU funded Horizon 2020 on the importance of Blue and Green spaces for mental and physical wellbeing. She noted that students on the landscape, health and wellbeing Course at Edinburgh University would be doing dissertation work and they were looking for projects in the Dunbar area which may be of benefit to the Landscape and Countryside Team.</p> <p>Next meeting – September 2023</p>
9.03	<p>Food/Poverty Matters</p> <p>East Lothian Friendly Food Network 27th March – JB had attended</p> <p>Poverty Forum – Lucy Higginson-, ELC Poverty and Equalities Officer, had updated on various aspects of work. It was noted that the work that Paul McLennan had been doing had amalgamated into the wider work.</p> <p>Community Windpower Energy Fund- This had closed. The concentration of claims had been in the west of the county. The figures will be analysed and a report produced. There were discussions ongoing with energy companies regarding further funding.</p> <p>Benefits- A number of benefits will need to be reclaimed in April e.g. Universal Credit. Recipients should be reminded.</p> <p>Council Tax Reduction- A campaign will be held to encourage people to claim.</p> <p>The Scottish Government Cross Party Group on Rural Poverty is conducting a survey on factors impacting on rural areas e.g. transport. Information will be circulated to FFN members.</p> <p>Period Poverty. This continues to be an issue. Free products should be available in public places. Hey Girls have produced an app to indicate locations but there are some issues with it. Products should be available without asking e.g. at Bleachingfield they may only be obtained via the Janitor who not always be in the office and may be a male. This follows problems of abuse by youngsters.</p> <p>Working for Change Working Group. This includes those with lived experience. Update was given. They are seeking to become involved in decision making by ELC and others.</p>

	<p>Foodbanks and Pantries continue to experience increasing referrals. A Food Fund had been made available to members for the purchase of shopping vouchers. However, the number of requests had been small with none from the East of the county.</p> <p>Sustainable Food Places (Run by Nourish)- Work towards membership continues. Further ELFFN members are needed and further publicity is required. A Facebook page had been set up. A draft East Lothian Food Plan was circulated for comment. This will be submitted as part of a membership application.</p> <p>Next Meeting – May 30th at VCEL Tranent</p>
9.05	<p>East Lothian Educational Trust 29th March JB had attended.</p> <p>Grants- various awards had been made. It was noted that publicity still need to be given to the Trust.</p> <p>Administrator- Discussions continue regarding the legal implications of transfer from ELC to Elaine Allsop.</p> <p>Sale of Footpath near former Cockenzie Power Station site- Discussions continue.</p> <p>Next Meeting - TBA</p>
10,00	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>Sustaining Dunbar – Newsletter</p> <p>DTA- Newsletter</p> <p>Via Facebook- Damaged wall at entrance to Lochend Woods- JB had responded</p> <p>Brianne Zorn- Mayor of Martinez- Potential visit to Dunbar- JB and PS had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Damaged wall near Muirfield Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various Concerns about Campervan parking at Shore Road. JB had responded.</p> <p>Community Councils- Information on Scottish Sentencing Council webinars</p> <p>Via Facebook- Romie Blair- Concerns about fly tipping at ASDA recycling site. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Gordon Turner- Concerns about overgrown condition of the site at Lochend Cottage which had planning consent for housing in 2020. JB had responded.</p> <p>Various- concerns about sewage issues. JB had responded.</p> <p>Various- damaged wall near entrance to Lochend Woods – JB had responded.</p> <p>Query about new ELC short term let regulations- JB had responded.</p> <p>Stephen Wands- Information on Road Safety Trust funding for local road safety projects- JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Various -concerns about new overnight parking restrictions at coastal car parks preventing shorter visits to the coast during the hour of restriction. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Query about progress of new retail stores at DunBear Park. JB had responded.</p> <p>Esther Hughes- Friends of Winterfield- Motorbike being ridden at the Park (2/4). JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Concerns re ASB at Brunt Court- JB had responded</p> <p>Via Facebook- Youth ASB at Ashfield, James Court and Tree Scheme. JB had responded.</p> <p>Via Facebook- Large vehicle from A1 Roadworks causing an obstruction in Brodie Road- JB had responded.</p> <p>Various – Concerns about lorries parking overnight near Deerpark cemetery- JB had responded.</p> <p>Taylor Wimpey- Update on closure of Beveridge Row/Hospital Road for works at Hallhill North Bear SE- Newsletter</p> <p>Various- Concerns about Cross Country rail cuts – JB had responded.</p> <p>Scottish Communities Alliance- Newsletters</p> <p>Various- Information sharing on Rev John Scott following enquiry made by a resident via Robertson Memorials.</p> <p>The Ridge- Invitation to joinery event.</p> <p>Morag Haddow, ELC- Wishing to attend DCC re Queen’s Road parking. JB had responded.</p> <p>Adrian Girling- Update on the Space proposals for youth/community facility at DunBear Point.</p> <p>Request to attend a DCC meeting. JB had responded.</p> <p>Sarah Linge- Hogweed at Broxmouth Park- JB had responded.</p>

Various- concerns about Queens Road wall- JB had responded.
Via Facebook- Concerns about High Street parking- JB had responded.
Via Facebook- Christine Baird. Query about recreational paths provision at cement works lake- JB had responded.
Steven Wands- Funding Opportunities for rewilding- JB had responded.
Scottish Community Councils – Newsletter
Via Facebook- Bike accident in pothole at Station Road. JB had responded.
Community Councils- ELC Customer Survey
Transport Scotland-Response to letter regarding Station Car Park.
Civic Events- John P Mackintosh Memorial Lecture on April 27th
Clare Simmonds, Planning Democracy- Planning Matters- JB had responded.
Via Facebook- Concerns about safety of concrete structures around the overflow pipe near the old lime kilns. JB had responded.
Cllr Hampshire – Response to concerns about campervan parking at Shore Road
ELC Community Councils-Tesco Project Funding
ELC- UK Emergency Alert Testing
ELHSCP- Commitment to support of those at risk of domestic violence