



Dunbar Community Council Meeting

Dunbar Town House

21st August 2023

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1.03	<p><u>Councillors' Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Mark James – theSpace Alasdair Swan – Dunbar Surf Club</p>																																																								
2.00	PRESENTATION																																																								
2.01	<p><u>theSpaceScotland</u></p> <p>Adrian Girling was invited by DCC to speak to members about proposals for a new, multi-function ,community activity space to be located north and west of Newtonlees on land currently within the curtilage of a working farm but contiguous with Dunbear Park. Young people will be actively engaged in all aspects of the development, management, maintenance and operation of the centre, which would be fully accessible to people of all ages and abilities in the community.</p> <p>https://www.thespacedunbar.com</p> <p>Facilities would include an indoor skate park, climbing wall, workshops, performance spaces and a café.</p> <p>This is a multi-million pound project that has substantial community support to date but needs financial help to develop designs and provide all the professional evidence to support a full planning application. theSpace has applied to DCC for assistance with this.</p>																																																								

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	<p>There was a warm expression of appreciation for the vision and enthusiasm shown by Adrian Girling and his team. The proposal will be considered carefully as part of the Local Place Plan to which DCC is contributing, as the proposed site is currently agricultural land and its purpose will need to be changed if it is to meet the social and economic benefits of this project.</p> <p>The funding application was considered 'in camera' after the DCC meeting, and DCC agreed to an on-going dialogue as this project progresses.</p>	
3.00	MINUTES OF MEETING – 17th July 2023	
3.01	<u>Amendments</u> Nil	
3.02	<u>Adoption</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed – KS ▪ Seconded – GA <p>The Minutes were adopted</p>	
3.03	<u>Actions Arising</u> All action items have been attended to.	
3.04	<u>Matters arising not covered in main agenda</u> None	
4.00	ELC COUNCILLORS – REPORTS	
4.01	<u>Cllr Norman Hampshire</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Action Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Spott Road/Queen’s Road Traffic signalling – Proposed TRO process has been halted and ELC Officers asked to come up with alternative proposals that may include a crossing closer to Bellevue Court. DCC was assured that any proposals would be tabled for discussion before wider public consultation. NH accepts that signals would cause congestion at the junction and acknowledges the resistance of residents and DCC to these plans. A freedom of information request has indicated that no speeding tickets have been issued since the imposition of the 20 mph limit in Dunbar. DCC expressed concern that there were still too many speeding incidents in the town. DCC expressed concern that ELC is still focussing on the wrong problem, and asked that greater attention be paid to improving the Spott road pavement. b. Station Rd/One Way System signage – NH will meet with Ian Lennox (ELC Transportation) to discuss this and agree additional signage <p><u>Report</u> <i>ELC face unprecedented challenges with this year’s budget with some allocations, including Care and Repair, already spent after 4 months. A £27m deficit will mean cuts in all services throughout the county. Scottish Govt requirements to build 10,000 new homes have meant a commensurate increase in the need for infrastructure. There is insufficient revenue funding to operate new schools, now built or under construction.</i></p>	NH

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	<p><i>NH will meet with Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Shona Robison, on 24/8/23 to put the case for additional funding for ELC.</i></p> <p>DCC will write a letter of support for ELC for that meeting.</p> <p>NH drew DCC attention to ongoing consultations on ELC's Tree and Woodland Strategy and Nature Networks Strategy.</p>	PS
4.02	<p><u>Cllr Lyn Jardine</u> Not in attendance</p>	
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4.04	<p><u>Questions to Councillors:</u></p> <p>i. DAL report concern over Parish Church graveyard. What is ELC's management approach now? <i>NH – ELC are so under pressure that every space is suffering. ELC are aware of the litter issues and it is the job of the landscape team to collect litter before mowing. NH will notify the team of DCC concerns and propose, with DCC approval, that consideration be given to reducing the mown areas.</i> DCC is discussing with Gordon Whitelaw which of the DAL proposals, including proposals for the graveyard, would meet with ELC approval. DCC will then seek funding for all or part of this solution, recognising that ELC has no budget at this time for these changes.</p> <p>ii. DAL report ongoing concern with Robertson Homes litter. What enforcement can be brought to bear? <i>NH – This is an ongoing issue and Robertson Homes have been warned.</i> After discussion, it was agreed that DCC Developer Link, Kevin Searle, would visit the site again to advise Robertson of the ongoing issue over litter and let them know that if the litter is not managed, formal action will be taken by ELC. NH approved of this approach.</p> <p>iii. How well is the licensed lettings process working? <i>NH – There are serious issues in North Berwick where very many flats are in shared stairs and owners are facing real difficulties getting their holiday lets through the licensing process. There are fewer, but similar issues in Dunbar. NH assured DCC that all applications are considered on their merits with the economic benefit to the town being weighed against the potential for disruption to neighbours of holiday lets.</i> <i>Holiday lets operating without a license by October will be operating illegally. NH confirmed that there was no linkage between the Planning process and the licensing process and that if Planning Consent was granted for a holiday let, there was no guarantee that a license would be issued.</i> DCC expressed the view that the opinion of neighbours should be key to many planning and licensing requests. Great weight should be given to the view that short term lets are unacceptable where the nature of a residence has changed because of the letting. Equally, where neighbours confirm that properties have been well run for many years, licenses should not be withheld simply because the property is a flat. <i>Louise Glen (property owner) – expressed deep concern over the licensing process and the implications for businesses like hers. Such is her anxiety that she is considering pulling out of the short term rental market and there is a very real chance that if others respond in the same way, there will be a shortage of accommodation for workers coming to Dunbar.</i></p>	<p>NH AS</p> <p>KS</p>

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4.05	<p><u>Matters for Councillors:</u></p> <p>i. ELC response to domestic flood alert DCC had sent a recommended protocol on domestic flooding to elected members. NH will seek to have the advice adopted namely:</p> <p>If a domestic property is being flooded and no swift access can be gained to stop the flooding source, CALL 999 and ask for the Fire Service.</p> <p>ii. X7 Bus Service – change to Princes St bus stop The X7 bus stop will be removed from Princes Street/Apple Store in September. Following community concern, and although ELC have no statutory powers, they will write to the bus company to request a halt to this change.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>										
5.00	POLICE REPORT											
5.01	<p>Police Report - circulated to Councillors with agenda, for information.</p> <p>Key Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 202 calls to police in July with 60 recorded crimes including - • 30 ASB or related offences • 13 shoplifting and/or fraud offences • 8 endorsable motoring offences <p>Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) priorities agreed at meeting of 10th August:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth ASB – Spott Road/Kellie Road/Lochend Road, Dunbar 2. Speeding – Edinburgh Road, West Barns. <p>The next CAPP meeting will be held on 21st September 2023.</p>											
5.01	<p><u>Comments/Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Nil</p>											
5.02	<p><u>Community Matters for CAPP – 21st September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding generally and maintenance of 20mph • Lack of police response to calls regarding speeding 											
6.00	TREASURER'S REPORT											
6.01	<p><u>Finance Report – July 2023</u> - circulated to Councillors with agenda for information.</p> <p>General Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bank statement balance at the month end was £144,049.29 • The restricted funds held within the General account at the end of the month were - <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"></td> <td style="text-align: right; width: 20%;">£</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Windpower Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£128,080.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access for All Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£759.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Priorities Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£11,106.70</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£140,048.55</u></td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The unrestricted funds held within the General account were, at the month end– 		£	Community Windpower Fund	£128,080.85	Access for All Fund	£759.00	Local Priorities Fund	<u>£11,106.70</u>	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>£140,048.55</u>	
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7.00	PLANNING MATTERS	
7.01	<u>Erection of Garden Room</u> , Pine Street - 23/00663/P <i>End date for representation 15th August 2023</i> No comment	
7.02	<u>Signage and Painting</u> – The Creel - 23/00582/P <i>End date for representation 1st September</i> No comment	
7.03	<u>Change of use of garden and erection of building for holiday let + - 23/00197/P</u> <i>End date for representation 1st September</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support initiative on the basis that ELC assure DCC that this is an application to be considered on its merits and will not set a precedent for Dunbar. • Request that all such applicants be made aware by ELC that Planning Consent does not ensure issue of a License for Holiday Let. 	PS
7.04	<u>Dunbar Golf Club</u> – 21/00997/PM Erection of 78 houses, golf clubhouse, golf related facilities including driving range, short course, practice area and associated works Dunbar Golf Club East Links Road Dunbar EH42 1LL <i>Comments for Planning Committee Ref NPF4 – 22nd August 2023</i> AS read out the paper that he intends to present on behalf of DCC at the Planning Committee virtual meeting, which had been asked to consider specifically the issues of NPF4 relative to the application. The submission holds that the application fails to meet 20 of the 23 relevant Policy objectives of NPF4 and, that, on this basis, it should be refused. Members supported the paper with the inclusion of comment about drainage infrastructure.	AS
8.00	LICENSING MATTERS	
8.01	<u>Pavement Seating at Eagle Inn</u> After discussion it was agreed to support this application provided the terms of the license for both the Eagle and the associated premises, the Bear and Bull, were strictly adhered to.	PS
9.00	DCC PROJECT UPDATE	
9.01	<u>Civic Week</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day - PS thanked the Civic Week team and members of DCC for their hard work at the Civic Week Parade and Fun Day, in June, which had been a wonderful success. Awards Night - PS thanked DCC members for their support of the DCC Awards Night which had been warmly received by award winners. 	
9.02	<u>Local Place Plan (LPP)</u> Report Circulated with agenda	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Comments - Nil ii. Matters Arising – Sustaining Dunbar will lead the next step consultation which will link with their Connecting Paths/Active Travel Project. The consultation event will take place in September. 	MJ
10.00	DCC + COMMUNITY PROJECTS/GROUPS - UPDATE	
10.01	<p><u>Dunbar Additional Support Needs Community Collective</u> This is an exciting new charity established in Dunbar to promote the needs of children and families with additional support needs.</p> <p>DCC has supported and will continue to support this important group of volunteers.</p>	
11.00	AOB	
11.01	<p>ELC Resilience Group Workshop – 2nd November – 2 DCC Reps DCC Rep is required. PS to circulate information.</p>	PS
12.00	NEXT MEETING	
12.01	<p>Open Meeting – Monday 18th September</p> <p>It was agreed that DCC will invite: East Lothian Health + Social Care Partnership – Jane Ogden Smith to speak about plans for Care Provisioning for Older People.</p>	PS

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