

Dunbar Community Council Open Meeting

Dunbar Town House 16th December 2024

MINUTES

1.00	Item						Action
	SEDERUNT						
1.01	Present						
	Pippa Swan	DCC Chair	PS	Alasdair Swan	DCC Treasurer	AS	
	Rena Keller	DCC Member	RK	Mark James	DCC Member	MJ	
	Stuart Cameron	DCC Member	SC	Jacquie Bell	DCC Member	JB	
	Lyn Jardine	ELC Councillor	IJ	Donna Collins	ELC Councillor	DC	
	<u>Observers</u>						
	Jean Urquhart	Public		Gavin Wilson	Public		
	Douglas Urquhart	Public		Paul McDonagh	Public		
	Neil Houston	DCC Nominee	NHo				
	Press						
	Cameron Ritchie	EL Courier					
1.02	Apologies						
	Graham Adams	DCC Vice Chair	GA	Stephen Bunyan	DCC Member	SB	
	Pam Shields	DCC Member	PS	Sanchita Patjoshi	DCC Member	SP	
	Kevin Searle	DCC Member	KS				
	Norman Hampshire	ELC Councillor	NH				
	Notice of Resignation of DCC Members — Sanchita Patjoshi and Kevin Searle DCC members had been notified during the past month of the resignation of both Sanchita Patjoshi and Kevin Searle, due to pressure of work. PS had spoken personally to both and thanked them sincerely for all that they had done whilst members. Sanchita had been the lynchpin of Civic Week and Kevin had contributed on many fronts as a construction/buildings professional.						
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1.05	Councillors' Declarations of Interest				
	Nil				
2.00	MINUTES OF MEETINGS – 18 th November 2024				
2.00	Amendments to Minutes of AGM				
2.01	2.02 Adoption of Minutes – Adopted/seconded by RK/SC				
	3.02 <u>Belhaven Hospital</u> – add para at end of item				
	SD have registered with NHS that they are putting together a Community				
	Asset Transfer request. This has been acknowledged by NHS officers. JB				
	expressed concern that the Request should be given time to proceed, given				
	the experience at The Abbey and Herdmanflat where local views were ignored.				
	AS pointed out that the ownership of these properties did not lie with NHS				
	and, in addition, SD had actually submitted their notice of intent to make				
	an application for Asset Transfer. This had not happened at North Berwick				
	or Haddington.				
	3.03 (per JB) DC Report – <u>Taylor Wimpey Traffic at Hallhill North.</u>				
	Add note: TW will be permitted to use Yosemite Park for roof packs, cranes				
	and vehicles over 16.5m, which is at odds with what residents were told in				
	2022.				
2.02	Adoption of Minutes of AGM – Proposed:AS Seconded:SC				
	The Minutes of the AGM were adopted subject to the above amendments				
2.03	DCC Action Review				
	With the exception of the undernoted, all DCC action items have been attended to:				
	Nil				
2.04	Matters arising - not dealt with under full agenda items.				
	Nil				
3.00	ELC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS				
3.01	Cllr Norman Hampshire – not in attendance				
	i. Action Update				
	ii. Report				
3.02	Cllr Lyn Jardine				
	i. Action Update				
	 a. <u>Vision for Belhaven</u> Further to a meeting with NHS Lothian on 11th November (minuted at last month's 				
	meeting) a follow up service meeting will be held early in the new year. LJ is taking a lead				
	on this and will chase.				
	Sustaining Dunbar have been awarded Stage 1 funding to enable them to appoint				
	professionals to assist with land valuations and a business plan for the Community Asset				
	Transfer of the Belhaven Garden site at the hospital, and application to the Scottish Land				
	Fund. Further to the Local Place Plan (LPP) work, SD have now written to ELC to request				
	that the current site designation for housing development for the orchard area under the Local Development Plan be changed for LDP2. DCC wrote to request this in June 2024 in				
	accordance with ELC deadlines for LPP submissions.				
	LJ will continue to keep pressure on NHS Lothian in respect of the Asset Transfer process.	Ш			
	b. ASB Working Group				
	LJ met with the group and it has begun the process of collation of agencies working with young people in Dunbar. ASB matters will continue to be discussed at CAPP meetings.				

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	i. Action Update				
	a. HGV at Yosemite Park TW continue to breach the planning consent for the use of HGV in established residential areas. Dozens of videos give evidence to same and residents remain rightly very angry and upset. DC will meet with TW management before the Christmas break in yet another attempt to see this matter resolved.	DC			
3.04	Issues for Councillors				
	 Passenger safety at Dunbar Station Over the weekend of 14th/15th December, passengers hoping to get a train into Edinburgh were left on the platform due to overcrowding. Councillors were asked what, if anything, could be done to prevent this happening again. Councillors confirmed that ELC have no power over rail services. It was considered that these events were as a result of bad weather, cancelled trains and line issues that could not be resolved in time to accommodate the numbers of passengers wishing to travel to Edinburgh. 				
	 Gas pipe repair works – West Port Information was requested as to the timescales for the closure of the West Port. Councillors confirmed that the works were essential to address a gas leak which, as yet, has not been located. As such, there was no timescale for the re-opening of the road. It will open as soon as the gas leak has been mended. 				
	3. Effluent Leak at Winterfield Golf Club/John Muir Way A member of the public had notified Dunbar Community Council and he said the in council of what appeared to be an effluent leak onto the footpath below the Winterfield Golf Club. In shared correspondence, it appeared the Eastleigh in council was somewhat dismissive of the potential leak and suggested that there would be no evidence of same after an inspection by countryside Rangers. The member of the public who reported the leak was adamant that it was continuing. DCC to send details of the e-mail correspondence and LJ will pursue with E Lothian Council officers.	PS/LJ			
	4. Winterfield Golf Club DCC has received notice that it is the intention of East Lothian Council to pass control of St. Margeret's at Winterfield to Winterfield Golf Club. The building is a common good property and DCC is concerned that any revenue gleaned from this transaction should pass to the Common Good Fund. Councillors were asked for clarification of the position. Councillors were unable to confirm what the position was in respect of the transfer but the issue had been raised in respect to the common good benefit. U /DC will pursue this and advise DCC accordingly.	U/DC			
	5. East Beach Kelp Management Alasdair Swan for DCC and Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group has been working relentlessly since October to secure a 'no cost to ELC' deal for the removal of excessive quantities of kelp from East Beach, whereby Forth Resource Management remove same for use as compost/fertiliser. This would avoid the very considerable negative impacts of rotting weed mounds that result in noxious gases and kelp fly infestations. AS wished Councillors to encourage the ELC officers to grasp the value of the opportunity offered by FRM, who want and need speed and certainty for the uplift plan to work. It is hoped that FRM will be able to finish an uplift before the Christmas break. AS will keep Councillors up to date.				
4.00	POLICE REPORT				
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+.U1	The report is circulated confidentially to DCC members in advance of meetings. Prepared by our Community Policing Officer, PC Laura Jackson, it summarises police activity in the past month and identifies policing priorities, agreed at the monthly Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)				

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	meetings, which are attended by Chairs of the four representatives. Members Stuart Cameron and/or Pam St				
	The report was not available for circulation with the agenda but was tabled at the meeting.				
	Report items of note:				
	 Youth ASB remains the priority for the next two months however the area has changed the High Street following several reports of youths drinking and climbing on scaffolding the rear of a derelict building. Local officers have been made aware and regular patrols will be carried out. Officers will be carrying out road traffic stops leading up to and during the Christmas period to prevent and detect any drink driving offences. 				
	Members of the public should use the 101 number to report ASB or make use of the Police Scotland on line reporting form - https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/c3/				
	There were no comments from members.				
4.02	CAPP (Community and Police Partnership) The CAPP meeting of 12 th December, 2024 agreed the foll 1. Youth ASB – High St, Dunbar 2. Festive Drink/Drive campaign	owing priorities:			
	The next CAPP meeting will be held in February. SC/PSh to raise to contact SC/PSh in advance.	o attend for DCC. Members with issues to			
5.00	TREASURER'S REPORT – circulated to members in advance	e of meeting			
5.01	Finance Report – November 2024				
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	Christmas Lights Account:					
	The bank balance at the month end stood at £ 16,627.69					
	• Expenditure in the month included £1,073 for the Switch-on Event and £1,459 for repairs.					
	The Switch-on was a great success.					
	Income exceeded expenditure with £3,300 raised through generous fundraising and					
	donations from the community.					
	Civic Week Account:					
	The bank balance at the month end was £ 7,679.22 There was no change in the month.					
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	Dunbar against Litter Account:					
	The bank balance at the month end was £ 3,875.36					
	There was no change in the month					
5.02	Local Priority Fund Update					
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	Health & Wellbeing 30	00 Oct	Awarded			
	Writers' Group 28	86 Nov	Awarded			
	DGA Xmas Fair 50	00 Nov	Awarded			
	1st Dunbar Rangers 45	0 Nov	Awarded			
	Committed or under review £4,78	35	•			
	Local Priorities Fund available £5,94	16				
	Maximum Budget Total £10,73	<u>1</u>				
	Current year fund £10,20	00				
	Brought forward fund £53	<u>81</u>				
	£10,73	<u> </u>				
	Paid					
	Not yet paid Book B	arn	£10			
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	Local Priorities Fund available £5,94					
	Not yet paid £49					
	Per November 24 Finance Report £6,44	12				
5.03	Questions/Matters Arising					
	Nil					
5.04	Local Priorities Grants					
	Nil					
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	It was agreed that DCC would write to express their general support for new business initiatives in the town centre but to ask that practical issues were addressed by ELC Officers to ensure that: a. Bin/waste management did not cause obstruction to the footpath at West Port at any	
	time.b. The mechanical extract and new flue arrangement will be such that it will not create noise or nuisance to neighbours in adjacent properties at the rear.	PS
7.00	LICENSING MATTERS	
7.01	Nil to note	
8.00	DCC PROJECT UPDATE	
8.01	Civic Week RK has been able to meet briefly with Sanchita Patjoshi but has still not received the files. AS will chase this.	AS
8.02	Christmas Lights Dunbar Christmas Lights Switch took place on Sunday 24 th November and was a great success. This year's display has attracted a great deal of positive comment. Graham Adams and his volunteer team were warmly thanked for all their hard work throughout the year.	
9.00	DCC + COMMUNITY PROJECTS/GROUPS - UPDATE	
9.01	Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership (DELAP) - Roads Update As noted last month, AS has now shared a roads 'wish list' with ELC in the anticipation that some works will be prioritised in the coming year. This was compiled from suggestions made by members and by representatives from the four community councils represented on Dunbar and E Linton Area partnership. Works included dropped kerbs, safe crossings, widened pavements, etc, all of which would make a significant difference to the residents in the places where this work might take place.	
9.02	Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership (DELAP) – Local Directory Jo Waddell of Dunbar Trades Association is promoting the development of a local directory which will detail all local groups and organisations. It is hoped that this will be funded by local advertising and be published annually, with a spring 2025 launch date.	
9.03	Dunbar Town Centre Action Group – to note The Action Group have been invited to speak at our January Open Meeting – 20 th January 2025. They will bring us up to date on the findings of their drop in session in November and progress on the formation of the new Town Centre Residents' TRA.	
10.00	OPEN CONSULTATIONS – to note	
10.01	ELC CONSULTATION HUB – lists all currently open consultations in East Lothian. To note: Nil	
11.00	AOB	
11.01	Sustaining Dunbar – Community Heat Team SD will be launching home energy project early in 2025. Home owners will be encouraged to make use of SD's new heat detecting equipment to better understand how and where heat is being lost from their homes. This will help to target solutions that will make a difference. MJ will communicate with Be Green, who have offered a similar service.	
12.00	NEXT MEETINGS	
12.01	DCC Informal Meeting Members will meet informally in closed session on 6 th January 2025. Location to be advised	
12.02	DCC Open Meeting – Monday 20 th January 2025 7pm Town House	