



DUNBAR  
COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL

### **Dunbar Community Council Open Meeting**

Dunbar Town House

19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### **POLICING IN DUNBAR - PC Laura Jackson**

Community police used to attend Community Council meetings but Dunbar CC (DCC) decided some years ago that this attendance was not a good use of police time. DCC now receives monthly police reports and DCC members Pam Shields and Stuart Cameron attend the Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) meetings held for the whole ward every 6 weeks or so.

PC Laura Jackson has been a police officer for 22 years, moving to Scotland 6 years ago and into Community Policing in Dunbar in 2023.

There is now just one Community officer but Laura is supported by officers working in adjacent wards and by the East Lothian Community Action Team.

Community policing has principally had to deal with drivers exceeding the speed limits and youth anti-social behaviour. Speeding issues are dealt with through education and policing, particularly relevant adjacent to schools and other vulnerable sites.

Youth ASB is a chronic problem exacerbated by a lack of opportunity for positive engagement away from school. The loss of the Youth Club has not helped. The new pump track/cycle track at Hallhill is seen as a positive move, especially as young users will be supported by on-site youth workers. Mr John Johnston, the new head of Dunbar Grammar School (DGS), is seen by police as providing a really positive lead and the police have been working with DGS and parents to directly address ASB. Each identified individual responsible for ASB is reported to the Youth Justice teams. If and when a significant pattern of offending is identified, the matter is addressed by this body. PC Jackson stressed that the perpetrators were very few in number but this did not lessen the damaging impact that their vandalism and other ASB have on the community.

Members of the public are urged to continue to use the 101 phone number or to fill in the on line reporting form <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/c3/> to log incidents of concern.

**In an emergency, always dial 999 and ask for the police.**

#### **REPRESENTATION AGAINST PARKING CHARGES IN DUNBAR - Dunbar Trades Association (DTA)**

Philip Mellor, Chair of DTA spoke to the DTA paper, below, which strongly objects to the introduction of parking charges in Dunbar. In a preliminary on-line session with key stakeholders hosted by ELC consultants, Stantec, on 11<sup>th</sup> March, it was made clear that there IS no perceived parking issue in Dunbar. Projects that would make a significant difference would be the promised development of bike and car parking at Dunbar Station (north) and bike parking at the new southern platform.

Norman Hampshire (NH), speaking for ELC, explained that parking on High Street was difficult for everybody and that the new plans would address this as well as raising essential funds for ELC services. NH stated that without extra cash, services would have to be cut. (contd overleaf)

### **THE DUNBAR TRADES ASSOCIATION (DTA)**

- *does not accept that there are significant parking problems in Dunbar.*
- *current issues are exacerbated by a lack of parking enforcement and a large number of vehicles parked on the High Street linked to the CARS projects*
- *is concerned that the East Lothian Council / Stantec survey is leading and draws respondents to identify problems and accept proposals they may not agree with. The DTA has written to highlight this and request changes, which have so far not been made.*
- **proposes that any existing issues should be resolved by:**
  - *More frequent (daily) enforcement of existing limitations on the High Street ie 90 minute waiting.*
  - *Better signage of existing car parks.*
  - *Improved bus services.*
  - *More information regards routes (and signage), to promote walking and cycling to the town centre.*
  - *Access to the southern platform of the train station.*
  - *Creating more cycle parking in the town centre.*
  - *Working with High Street residents to identify a solution to their parking requirements.*
- **Believes that the proposed imposition of charges and permits:**
  - *Will displace parking and create problems instead of resolving them.*
  - *Will deter people from visiting the High Street by reducing visit times rather than extending them. Browsing by visitors generates additional revenue for town centre businesses, 30 minutes free parking is insufficient. Imposing charges will deter people from shopping in the town centre.*
  - *Create an unfair advantage for businesses just outwith the historic town centre that offer free parking.*
  - *Imposes an additional "tax" on residents in areas where no parking problems exist. The proposed permit zone is extensive.*
  - *Unfairly charges people visiting the Leisure Pool and gym, Bleachingfield Centre (and library) and Lauderdale Park (and petanque piste). Effectively adding additional charges on those people who are caring for their physical and mental health.*
  - *Will create issues for those visitors who book overnight accommodation by imposing a short term parking zone in the area outside the Hillside Hotel and the Dolphin Inn. Alternative "long stay" parking along and beyond Countesswells Road is likely to be busy with people displaced by the proposals for short term and permit parking in the conservation area.*

DTA members Wendy Nicolson and Bea Taylor confirmed their views that a) there was no parking issue that could not be addressed by better management of existing controls and b) that the introduction of parking charges would result in the death of the High St as a shopping destination.

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In the following discussion it was agreed:

- Both DTA and DCC will promote the [ELC/Stantec Survey](#) so that it gathers as many responses as possible
- DCC will launch a [community questionnaire](#) that would assess the impact of parking charges on the habits of people parking their cars in the proposed control area.
- ELC will leaflet every house in the proposed control zone (DCC can provide delivery contact)
- DCC/DTA will attend the ELC/Stantec Public Information session on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: 2- 4.30 + 6 – 8.30pm** at Dunbar Town House to promote the DCC community questionnaire on line. Paper copies will be made available at the library.
- DCC will print and distribute postcards with the Civic Week programme, due to go out on no later than **2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**.
- DCC will print and distribute postcards with the Questionnaire links as widely as possible
- DCC will organise a **public meeting on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm, St Anne's Church, Dunbar**. MSPs, ELC elected members, DTA and other key stakeholders will be invited to take part.
- DTA will promote feedback and questionnaire responses at **Civic Week Fun Day on 14<sup>th</sup> June**
- DTA/DCC will promote feedback and questionnaire responses at the **Community Picnic**, Lauderdale Park on **15<sup>th</sup> June**.

**ELC/Stantec consultation closes on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

Both DTA and DCC will take email and written comments throughout the coming month.

## ORDINARY MEETING

Ref	Item						Action	
1.00	SEDERUNT							
1.01	<b>Present</b> Pippa Swan            DCC Chair            PS  Stuart Cameron       DCC Member       SC Neil Houston           DCC Member       NHo Rena Keller            DCC Member       RK  <u>Observers</u> Rob McDougall       Public Duncan Dunlop       Public Peter McDonagh       Friends       of Winterfield  Philip Mellor           Dunbar Trades Wendy Nicolson       Dunbar Trades + 4 Parsonspool       (attending for Residents               parking only)  <u>Press</u> Cameron Ritchie      EL Courier			Alasdair Swan           DCC Treasurer       AS Mark James            DCC Member       MJ Jacquie Bell            DCC Member       JB Pam Shields            DCC Member       PSh Ree Rolph               DCC Member       RR Norman Hampshire   DCC Councillor    NH   Gavin Wilson           Public Esther Hughes          Public Douglas Urquhart       Public  Bea Taylor              Dunbar Trades Mitch Stevenson       VCEL				
1.02	<b>Apologies</b> George                   DCC Vice Chair       GR Robertson Lyn Jardine            ELC Councillor       LJ			Gill Wilson              DCC Member        GW  Donna Collins           ELC Councillor       DC				
1.03	<b>Councillors’ Declarations of Interest</b> Nil							
2.00	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>							
2.01	<b>Amendments</b> Nil							
2.02	<b>Adoption</b> – Proposed:NHo    Seconded:PSH							
2.03	<b>DCC Action Review</b> With the exception of the undernoted, all DCC action items have been attended to: 2.03 <u>Councillor Biographies</u> – NHo						<b>NHo</b>	
2.04	<b>Matters arising</b> - not dealt with under full agenda items. <u>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dissolution of Dunbar Town Council, Royal Burgh of Dunbar</u> On 16 <sup>th</sup> May 1975, all local government areas in Scotland ‘ceased to exist’ and the Councils of every such area ceased to exist as a result of the Local Government Scotland Act 1973. The passing of this act brought about the end of a system of administration which had survived in Dunbar for at least 745 years according to historical records.  Town Councils were subsequently replaced by Community Councils, operating as the lowest tier of local government below the county councils, now East Lothian Council. A copy of the minutes of this last meeting, with signatories, can be found in <a href="#">Dunbar History Society archives</a> . <i>RR was thanked for proposing that this anniversary be recorded.</i>							

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<b>3.00</b>	<b>ELC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</b>	
3.01	<b>Cllr Norman Hampshire</b> i. <b>Action Update</b> – No action outstanding ii. <b>Report</b> a. <u>Campervan Parking – Shore Road</u> DCC was pleased that ELC had heeded objections made by both DCC and Belhaven Residents and dropped proposals for 3 permanent campervan parking spaces at Shore Road. b. <u>Surface Water Pipeline at Dunbar Business Park</u> <i>See report at Item 6.01</i>	
3.02	<b>Cllr Lyn Jardine</b> (Not in attendance – no report) i. <b>Action Update</b> – reports outstanding a. <u>John Muir Way/Winterfield Effluent Leak</u>	
3.03	<b>Cllr Donna Collins</b> - (Not in attendance – no report) ii. <b>Action Update</b> - reports outstanding a. <u>HGV at Yosemite Park</u> <i>JB has kept ELC advised of continuing breaches of protocol by TW and contractors.</i>	
3.04	<b>Issues for Councillors</b> a. <u>Pigeon Nuisance/Safety Hazard</u> – DCC had been copied in on an email to NH asking that action be taken to address hazardous pigeon waste in the underpass to the west of the railway station. This is being actioned on 28 <sup>th</sup> May. NH asked for any other sites of concern to be notified to him. This will include the Corn Exchange where building repairs have taken place but where pigeons still cause a nuisance. DTA will also share this information with members. b. <u>DCC Awards Night</u> Elected members have been invited to attend the DCC Awards Night on 16 <sup>th</sup> June. NH will attend.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>4.00</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
4.01	<b>Police Report to DCC</b> <i>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) meetings, which are attended by Chairs of the four CCs in the Ward, or their nominated representatives. Members Stuart Cameron and/or Pam Shields attend for DCC.</i>  <b>Report items of note:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed checks have been carried out across the Dunbar area with several motorists being warned as per Lord Advocate's guidelines. Community police will carry out further speed checks over the coming months, particularly focused on schools.</li> <li>Heras fencing and anti-climb paint has been applied at Belhaven hospital to try and prevent further ASB. CCTV may also be installed should funding allow this. We haven't had any further reports of ASB since youths were identified and spoken to.</li> <li>Community Police are in discussions with Dunbar Harbour Trust and the Fire service to carry out joint visits at Dunbar harbour during the summer holidays.</li> <li>Members of the public should use the 101 number to report ASB or make use of the Police Scotland on line reporting form - <a href="https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/c3/">https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/c3/</a></li> </ul>	

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4.02	<p><b>CAPP</b> (Community and Police Partnership)</p> <p><u>Youth ASB + Alcohol</u></p> <p>PSh has met with Community Alcohol Partnerships, a not-for-profit Community Interest Company that supports the formation of local partnerships to reduce alcohol related harm among young people aged 13 – 16, improve their health and well-being and reduce the impact of ASB on communities.</p> <p>PSh will discuss her meeting with members at the next CAPP.</p> <p>The next CAPP meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June SC/PSh to attend for DCC. Members with issues to raise to contact SC/PSh in advance.</p> <p><u>Book Barn Vandalism</u></p> <p>DCC’s Book Barn at Lauderdale Park was very badly vandalised again overnight on 18<sup>th</sup> May. RK and PS, the project leads, have quietly been dealing with repairs for a year in the hopes that the young people who are getting into the park overnight and doing this damage, might get bored or grow up but this approach has not worked. After discussion, it was agreed that SC would engage with John Johnstone and PSh/SC will raise the matter at CAPP.</p>	<p>PSh</p> <p>SC</p>																												
5.00	<b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b> – <i>circulated to members in advance of meeting</i>																													
5.01	<p><b>Dunbar Community Council</b></p> <p><b>Finance Report – April 2025</b></p> <p><b>General Account:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The bank statement balance at the month end was <b>£143,539.30</b></li><li>The restricted funds held within the General account at the end of the month were -</li></ul> <table><tr><td>Community Windpower Fund</td><td>£ 138,700.36</td></tr><tr><td>Access for All Fund</td><td>£759.00</td></tr><tr><td>Local Priorities Fund</td><td>£ 900.98</td></tr><tr><td><b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b></td><td><b>£140,360.34</b></td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The unrestricted funds held within the General account were, at the month end–</li></ul> <table><tr><td><b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b></td><td><b>£3,178.96</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>TOTAL FUNDS</b></td><td><b>£143,539.30</b></td></tr></table> <p>Grants were paid in the month for:</p> <table><tr><td>○ Dunbar Youth Project</td><td>£ 170</td></tr><tr><td>○ Newtonlees Residents</td><td>£ 200</td></tr><tr><td>○ Repair of John Muir Statue</td><td>£1,800</td></tr><tr><td>○ East Lothian Horizons</td><td>£2,600</td></tr><tr><td>○ North Light Arts</td><td>£2,500</td></tr><tr><td>○ Art Root East Lothian</td><td>£2,000</td></tr><tr><td>○ Corn Exchange Close repair</td><td>£1,480</td></tr><tr><td>○ High Street Regeneration Room Hire</td><td>£ 135</td></tr></table> <p><b>Christmas Lights Account:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The bank balance at the month end stood at <b>£ 17,089.97</b></li><li>Fundraising generated £1,390.55 in the month – Easter Bunny</li><li>Expenditure in the month was £873</li></ul>	Community Windpower Fund	£ 138,700.36	Access for All Fund	£759.00	Local Priorities Fund	£ 900.98	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>£140,360.34</b>	<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>£3,178.96</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>£143,539.30</b>	○ Dunbar Youth Project	£ 170	○ Newtonlees Residents	£ 200	○ Repair of John Muir Statue	£1,800	○ East Lothian Horizons	£2,600	○ North Light Arts	£2,500	○ Art Root East Lothian	£2,000	○ Corn Exchange Close repair	£1,480	○ High Street Regeneration Room Hire	£ 135	
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	<p><b>Civic Week Account:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The bank balance at the month end was <b>£ 6,692.61</b></li><li>Expenditure in the month amounted to £1,042.18</li></ul> <p><b>Dunbar against Litter Account:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The bank balance at the month end was <b>£ 2,840.88</b></li><li>There is a current project to get more litter pickers for the school.</li></ul>																	
5.02	<p><b>Local Priority Fund Update</b></p> <table><tr><th>Local Priority Grant applications</th><th>Amount</th><th>Review</th><th>Decision</th></tr><tr><td>Dunbar Magazine distribution</td><td>370</td><td>April</td><td>Awarded</td></tr><tr><td>High St Regeneration Room Hire</td><td>135</td><td>April</td><td>Awarded</td></tr><tr><td>Dunbar Day Centre</td><td></td><td>May</td><td></td></tr></table> <p><b>Committed or under review</b> £505 <i>Local Priorities Fund available</i> £456 <b>Maximum Budget Total</b> <u><u>£961</u></u></p> <p>Current year fund £0 £10200 expected Brought forward fund <u>£961</u> <u><u>£961</u></u></p> <p><b>Not yet paid</b> <b>East Beach sign</b> £75 <b>Magazine distribution</b> 370 <u>£445</u></p> <p><i>Local Priorities Fund available</i> £456 <b>Not yet paid</b> <u>£445</u> Per April 25 Finance Report <u>£901</u></p>	Local Priority Grant applications	Amount	Review	Decision	Dunbar Magazine distribution	370	April	Awarded	High St Regeneration Room Hire	135	April	Awarded	Dunbar Day Centre		May		
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5.04	<p><b>Local Priorities Grants</b></p> <p><u>Dunbar and East Linton Local Magazine - £370</u></p> <p>Members agreed to fund the distribution costs for the magazine, compiled by Jo Waddell for Dunbar Trades and to be distributed to every household in East Linton, in addition to West Barns and Dunbar. Members again commended the phenomenal work that had gone into its production.</p> <p><u>Dunbar Day Centre - £500 of £1, 115</u></p> <p>Members agreed to pass the remainder of the Access for All fund, £579, to the Day Centre to use against this project and to close the Access for All fund.</p>	<p><b>AS</b></p> <p><b>AS</b></p>																
6.00	<p><b>PLANNING + ROADS MATTERS</b></p> <p>The following applications were considered:</p>																	
6.01	<p><b>Installation of surface water pipe</b> <i>(discussed under NH Report)</i></p> <p>Land East Of Dunbar Garden Centre Spott Road Dunbar East Lothian</p> <p>Ref. No: 24/01004/P   Received: Thu 19 Sep 2024   Validated: Wed 23 Oct 2024   Status: Awaiting decision</p>																	

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	<p>DCC have objected to this planning application and entirely support the residents of Ancroft, part of the hamlet of Broxburn, who spoke to DCC in April.</p> <p>DCC members have visited the site, met with residents, the developer (Ken Ross) and with Cllr Donna Collins.</p> <p>DCC members were due to speak against the application at a Planning Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. After a legal challenge presented by Kate Smith of Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland, at the instigation of the Ancroft residents, the application was withdrawn from the Planning Committee meeting. ELC are now considering whether or not a full Environmental Impact Assessment is required for the site.</p> <p>NH expressed real disappointment at the delay that this action has caused to the planning application, suggesting that it could potentially put the whole development at risk.</p> <p>DCC confirmed their absolute support for the developments at Dunbar Retail and Business Park but were determined that the drainage solution that is finally adopted will meet the needs of the whole site as development continues over the years. DCC were able to rehearse the technical reasons for their continuing objection to the pipeline proposal, which were triggered by a requirement from Scottish Water that no more surface water be introduced into the existing drainage systems.</p> <p>AS observed that Dunbar is continuing to grow and asked what provision was being made by Scottish Water to meet the NPF4 requirement for 'Infrastructure First'. NH told the meeting that capital investment in drainage would not happen before 2026 at the earliest. <i>[Note that Scottish Parliament elections will be held in 2026 and ELC elections in 2027].</i></p> <p>After discussion, NH agreed to arrange for a meeting to take place with Scottish Water, DCC, ELC engineers and Cllr Donna Collins, who is supporting the Ancroft residents.</p> <p>This meeting <u>must</u> take place before the application is brought forward for consideration again.</p> <p>PS will send the paper to Norman, that was to have been presented to ELC Planning Committee.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>PS</p>
6.02	<p><b>Belhaven Traffic Masterplan 2025</b></p> <p>Following ELC Cabinet approval for the advancement of significant works to roads in Belhaven, Belhaven residents living north of Edinburgh Road met with ELC officer Morag Haddow to understand ELC thinking on same and then met, together, to air their views and agree a way of working with ELC to achieve results that would work for them. The residents have nominated a lead to liaise directly with ELC.</p> <p>PS apologised for omitting to include a copy of the minutes of the most recent Belhaven Residents' meeting and will distribute these immediately, to members for their information.</p>	PS
<b>7.00</b>	<b>LICENSING MATTERS</b>	
7.01	<p><b>The Rocks – Licence – Major Change Application</b></p> <p>Following discussion at April's meeting, DCC wrote to object to the application for a major change of licence at the Rocks, concerned that it was trying to be a 'destination bar'.</p> <p>The license application has been rescheduled to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025, as the applicant did not properly advertise the application to neighbours.</p>	

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	<p>Since then, reports have been made that The Rocks has been allegedly operating outwith its license provisions. The police and ELC Licensing are investigating these allegations.</p>	
<b>8.00</b>	<b>DCC PROJECT UPDATE</b>	
8.01	<p><b>Civic week – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b></p> <p>RK reported that good progress is being made and the event promises to be a success. Programmes will be distributed to every household in Dunbar/West Barns in w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> June.</p> <p><u>Awards Night</u> will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Award winners have been notified and all will attend with the exception of the Bowe Cup winner who has a diary clash. The Bowe Cup will be awarded at the Civic Week Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.</p>	
8.02	<p><b>DCC Constitution and Governance Documents – 2025</b></p> <p>DCC members have been working for a year to update the Community Council constitution and governance documents, which are 11 years old, to align them with the most recent revision of East Lothian Council's Scheme for Community Councils ('the Scheme') guidance document (2021).</p> <p>The drafts were discussed at an informal meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, and the final version of the revised papers were circulated to members for consideration before the Ordinary Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>The revised <b>Constitution</b> is founded on the wording and headings of the Scheme because the provisions of the scheme will always trump any provisions in a CC constitution, but is worded so as to reflect the workings of DCC.</p> <p>Revised <b>Standing Orders</b> (Appendix 1) set out the basis upon which Community Council Meetings will be held and they now include provision for Informal Meetings and Private Session Meetings, both of which have become part of the way DCC has found it needs to work.</p> <p>In a new <b>Code of Conduct</b> (Appendix 2), DCC members have elected to adopt a simplified form of the previous Code and will require members to abide by the 7 Principles of Public Life (the Nolan Principles), which apply to anyone who works as a public-office holder. The simplified version removes text that gives examples of what might be deemed to qualify as behaviour for a particular Principle, preferring instead, to allow each Community Council the space to measure behaviour as it sees appropriate in respect of each of the 7 Principles.</p> <p>In line with all other CCs in East Lothian, DCC has now set out a <b>Complaints Procedure</b>, which is, unfortunately, now considered an essential addition to the governance papers for CCs. The Scheme allows every CC to 'arrange its own business and proceedings'. ELC officers proposed a procedural document which was carefully considered by DCC members but rejected because it ran to 10 pages + flow chart, and included interventions from third parties and onerous, hugely time consuming 'hurdle jumping'.</p> <p>Based on experience, members felt that it was essential that they, as volunteers, should be able to deal with breaches of the Code of Conduct in any way that they, by majority, see fit, in order to continue to function. The DCC Complaints Procedure allows for this, putting considerable responsibility on the role bearers, and includes the right to sanction a member who breaches the Code of Conduct.</p>	



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	<p>DCC members hope and expect that a Community Councillor will ALWAYS abide by the Code of Conduct whilst in office and that the Complaints Procedure will never be used.</p> <p>DCC members agreed to that GR/PS should proceed to establish DCC email addresses for role bearers as well as a cloud based file sharing platform for DCC.</p> <p>Members voted to allow the drafts to go forward to ELC (Caroline Rodgers) for first review. DCC members hope that the papers will be voted on at a meeting held in public on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</p> <p>DCC elections take place in October 2025 and ratification of the documents will enable the new group of volunteers to get to concentrate on the important role they play in the community, rather than on time-consuming administration.</p>	<p><b>PS/GR</b></p> <p><b>PS</b></p>
<b>9.00</b>	<b>DCC + COMMUNITY PROJECTS/GROUPS - UPDATE</b>	
9.01	<p><b>Dunbar and West Barns Local Place Plan</b></p> <p>AS is waiting for comments to come back before a final, formal submission is made to ELC, this month.</p>	<b>AS</b>
9.02	<p><b>Dunbar + East Linton Area Partnership (DELAP) – Area Plan</b></p> <p>The Area Plan has been signed off by DELAP members and a copy will be sent to ELC for review, which may now not take place until September due to their staff shortages. DELAP will use the plan as the basis for their work going forward</p>	
9.03	<p><b>Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme – CARS</b></p> <p>Members to note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Community Heritage Grant Scheme for community projects that promote community engagement in a heritage project. Dunbar Harbour Trust's, Dunbar Pearl project has made an application for funds to help restore a clinker built fishing boat. <a href="https://dunbarharbourtrust.co.uk/project-pearl/">https://dunbarharbourtrust.co.uk/project-pearl/</a></li> <li>b) Up to £2k per person is available for traditional skills training. Contact CARS <a href="https://www.facebook.com/p/Dunbar-Conservation-Area-Regeneration-Scheme-100090129635463/?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/p/Dunbar-Conservation-Area-Regeneration-Scheme-100090129635463/?locale=en_GB</a></li> </ul>	
9.04	<p><b>Sharing information/Communication between DCC Members</b></p> <p>Following representation by JB to the Chair, JB spoke to a paper on this matter, circulated with meeting papers in advance.</p> <p>JB felt that DCC members were being excluded from information that could be of interest/value to them and she reminded members of the days when she would share some 35 pages of meeting minutes and notes to members each month for their consideration.</p> <p>PS noted that members had elected to share DCC representation to more than 14 different bodies across the community area in anticipation that, where an issue was of particular interest or concern, these could be brought forward as agenda items on a monthly basis. AS reminded members of a number of very recent examples where he had provided member briefings, particularly in respect of DELAP and Association of East Lothian Councils (AELCC) projects/initiatives. Members agreed that this process had worked very well.</p> <p>PSH reminded members that DCC Councillors were all volunteers, all of whom carried out their roles as CCs in addition to busy work and home lives. Many are also trustees or otherwise active on one or more community charity boards or projects. Members did not want to deal with gratuitous paperwork. This view was widely endorsed.</p>	

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	<p>It was noted that JB attends every single meeting to which she had brought members' attention and was fully briefed and fully engaged in all of these. She was reminded that she had the capacity to bring any issue to a meeting as an agenda item at any time. Members were reminded that they could ask for additional information or special updates from any DCC rep at any time. JB would always be a source of current information.</p> <p>JB felt that it was wrong that she had not been invited to the Belhaven Residents' meeting held in May. PS pointed out that this meeting was not organised by DCC but by Belhaven Residents and it was they who invited people immediately impacted by the proposals for the north side of Edinburgh Road at Belhaven.</p> <p>NHo stated that he felt it discourteous for documents to be shared with DCC members that were full of acronyms for groups that were not known to new councillors. This was noted.</p> <p>In conclusion, and with the exception of JB and SC, members agreed that the screening of information for essential detail was right and proper and no change was required. The process will remain unchanged. RR will attend the next AELCC meeting with PS.</p>	PS
10.00	<b>OPEN CONSULTATIONS – to note</b>	
10.01	<p><a href="#">ELC CONSULTATION HUB</a> – lists all currently open consultations in East Lothian.</p> <p><b>PARKING CHARGES – DUNBAR</b> (See page 2)  <a href="https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/infrastructure/dunbar-parking-management-review/">https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/infrastructure/dunbar-parking-management-review/</a></p>	
10.02	<p><b>ELC Placemaking Consultation – Future use of Dunbar Town House + Bleachingfield</b>  <i>Note from April Meeting, for information:</i>  DCC reps joined with DELAP reps and a small group of others for a workshop to discuss the future use of Bleachingfield, Town House and East Linton Library. The aim of the work was to determine what opportunities there were for creating revenue or capital receipts from same. Given the legal complexities of tenure on all three buildings and their central importance to groups in Dunbar and East Linton respectively, it was agreed that there were no opportunities for capital receipts through sale and only modest potential for increased revenue receipts.</p> <p>ELC has now <b>launched a consultation on the future use of Bleachingfield and Dunbar Town House</b>. DCC will actively promote engagement on this. RR will take a lead.  <a href="https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/infrastructure/place-making-project/">https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/infrastructure/place-making-project/</a></p>	RR
11.00	<b>AOB</b>	
11.01	<b>Nil</b>	
12.00	<b>NEXT MEETINGS</b>	
12.01	<p><b>DCC Informal Meeting</b>  Members may meet informally in closed session on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Dunbar Town House. Parking + Placemaking. Location TBC.</p>	
12.02	<p><b>DCC Open Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>  7pm Town House  Guest Speaker - PC Laura Jackson</p>	

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