REPORT ON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7 FEBRUARY 2012

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group

The difference a year makes…

- Joined up thinking with the Community Police and Dog Warden to make streets, pavements, play areas and beaches cleaner
- Sponsoring a conservation report for the Fishermen's Monument
- Supporting RNLI fundraising, the Coastal Rowing Regatta, Sea Cadets fundraising and Dunbar in Bloom
- Sponsoring more efficient seaweed removal for 2012 – no more smells and flies (we hope!)
- Working with East Lothian Council towards a Seaside Award for the East Beach for 2012
- Pushing for repairs to roads, pavements, drains, lighting and walkways
- Cleaning up dump sites
- Getting dangerous structures repaired
- Planning new things
- Having fun!!!!

Meetings

Methodist Church Hall, Victoria Street at 7pm on:
Tuesday 6 March 2012 and pencilled in for…
Tuesday 3 April + Tuesday 1 May + Tuesday 12 June
Meetings last no more than 90 minutes and are normally quite amusing! All welcome!

OUR FIRST AGM

The Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group is a year old and is here for you, working, often in partnership with our local East Lothian Councillors, to make this part of the town a cleaner, safer and more attractive place for all those who live, work or play here.

Our constitution requires that we meet annually to record progress and activity. We are also required to review the make-up of the committee and report on our finances.

I hope you find the reading interesting and my thanks to all those who have played such an important part in our successes this year. Your support, whether in person or in spirit is invaluable…..we couldn't do it without you!

Pippa Swan
Chair

MONEY MATTERS to what we do!

Brian Cox, our Treasurer, has had our accounts audited by East Lothian Council. We started last year with a grant from ELC of £400 and personal donations totaling £80. After paying for the hire of the hall and some exceptional printing costs for the Estate Inspection, the balance in our account is £385.

Individuals in the group had met all other costs associated with meeting minutes, postcards, advertising and social events out of their own funds. The expert report on the Fishermen's Monument was gifted by a friend of the group. **It was agreed at the AGM** that we would now keep a record of these very valuable donations, in parallel with our cash book accounts.

NEW for 2012

North Light Festival

The Neighbourhood Group will actively support the newly formulated **North Light Festival.** This summer long arts event will focus on the nature of Dunbar and the John Muir Way, which, of course, runs right through our neighbourhood. Artists from across the country will be coming to town as part of the fun and there will be opportunities for everyone to join in if they wish to.

YOUR COMMITTEE

Existing committee members stood down and were thanked profusely for their contribution. The following team was elected for 2012 from the 16 people who attended the AGM:

Chair	***Pippa Swan***
Vice Chair	***Sue Guy***
Treasurer	***Brian Cox***
Member	***Joan Johstone***
Member	***Alasdair Swan***
Member	***Mike Shaw***
Member	***Rodney Thomas***

VACANCIES remain for:
Secretary and Tenants' Rep

ALL OFFERS WELCOME!

Seaside Award

The Seaside Award period runs from June to September and special care will be taken then to make the beach a really nice place for everybody to enjoy. If the application to Keep Scotland Beautiful is successful, you will see a new flagpole and noticeboard at the seating area to the north of the East Beach. The beach will be kept as clean as possible by East Lothian Council and a local contractor will collect all big seaweed dumps when they happen! We can play our part by putting litter and our dog's deposits in the bin….. and by using the beach. Roll on the summer!

Keeping you posted!

The Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group tries to post up to date news on its website on a monthly basis www.ourlocality.org/shoreandharbour We also circulate minutes of our meetings by email. If you would like to receive copies, send your contact details to: shore.harbour@yahoo.co.uk