

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

Open Meeting

7 May 2013

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

- Mike Shaw
- Brian Cox
- Ian Dane
- Pippa Swan
- Sue Guy

▪Lesleymay Miller

- Joan Johnson
- Janis Adams
- Su Nuttgens

Apologies:

- Rodney Thomas
- Cathie Ramsay
- Robert Ramsay
- Cindy Stevens

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1.00	Minutes of Meeting of 2 April	
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1.01	<u>Amendments</u>	
	None notified	

1.02	<u>Action Items</u>	
	All action items have been attended to.	

2.00	Constitution	
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2.01	<u>Committee</u>	
	The vacancy for Tenant Representative remains.	

3.00	Project Update	
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3.01	<u>Coastlife Centre</u>	
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Alastair Swan continued to liaise with Niall Donaldson (site owner) after our last meeting and tried to secure an independent valuation that would support Mr Donaldson's indicated sale price of £320k. Alastair has not been able to get any agent to put their names to this kind of value.

This being the case, there is a real problem in the progress of this project, for until the site can be purchased for the community, the Coastlife Centre cannot proceed. Alternative sites have been explored but they would prove too remote or more costly to develop out.

A meeting is to be held in late June/early July and this will be attended by:

- Norman Hampshire
- Michael Veitch
- Susan Smith
- Tom Shearer
- Paul Zochowski

The purpose of the meeting will be to see if there is any way that a package can be put together to secure the site and get the building built.

Pippa has heard from Edinburgh College who want to investigate the 360 technology and would potentially be interested in teaming up with the Coastlife Centre project. Pippa is hoping for a meeting with the head of teaching and learning in the next few weeks.

3.02	<u>Blair's Garden</u>	
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Pippa has heard back from the professional artists as follows:

Gardner Molloy – willing to submit an idea
Jill Watson – doesn't think the site is right for a sculpture and suggested a tree
Derek Anderson – will work to another's design but does not want to submit his own.

Pippa will chase Gardner for a submission.

Pippa Swan

Su Nuttgens will submit her idea and Brian Cox will see if John Daeschler will put together his idea on an A4 sheet.

Brian Cox
Su Nuttgens

It was agreed that we would capture the individual ideas on single sheets and that these would be displayed either on a board or in book form. Pippa will try to liaise with Kevin Heffernan over this and then work with Sue Guy to get the formats delivered.

Pippa
Swan/Kevin
Heffernan/Sue
Guy

Civic week remains the consultation point. We will set up a stall at the parade gathering site on 15th June and again at the Meet a Lobster site at the Harbour or at the Blairs' garden site itself on Sunday 16th June

3.03 Estate Inspection

Pippa has chased responses and reported as follows:

Roads and Pavements

No answer from Peter Forsyth.

Pippa to chase

Pippa Swan

Dangerous Structures

No answer from John Murdoch

Pippa to chase

Pippa Swan

Sea Defences

Cindy Stevens had been told by ELC that the Lamer St wall was to be stabilised. Nothing has happened to her knowledge and water still comes in round breeze block repairs. Pippa will communicate this to ELC.

Pippa Swan

Pippa has written to ELC to express continued concern over the sea wall at the East Beach which has been passed as 'safe' by ELC engineers.

Ground at Victoria St – Landscape and Countryside

ELC does not own this land. Alasdair will try to trace ownership.

Alasdair Swan

Antisocial Behaviour and Dog Fouling

Jimmy Wilson has continued to patrol the area re dogs. A warning has been issued to an owner in the harbour area.

There is no update on the littering in East Links etc

Jimmy Wilson

Colvin St Flats

Pippa is awaiting a response from East Lothian Housing Association.

Coach Parking at Swimming Pool

Pippa will chase a response from Ian Sills at Enjoy Leisure

Pippa Swan

3.04 Seaside Award 2013

DSHNG met with ELC to discuss cleaning/kelp management.

Joan Johnson has had great support (finally!!) from ELC Environmental Health department after an unprecedented infestation of flies that rendered her

house unliveable. EH were present at the meeting and confirmed that the fly infestation that accompanies rotting weed is unacceptable.

ELC will stop the tractor cleaning which was ineffective and costly. The beach will be hand-picked every second day over the summer. An additional £3k will be added to the maintained, £8k budget for kelp clearance, giving a total pot of £11k. This is brilliant news and should mean that funds will be available all year for clearance.

Alasdair Swan

It was agreed that the East Beach is an asset that needs to be fostered and protected. Kelp will be removed as soon as it lands in big dumps and we will not wait any longer to see if the sea removes it. Alasdair Swan will meet with Tommy Dale to discuss again, the best process and procedure to ensure safe and timely removal.

DSHNG held a really successful beach clean on 21st April and will continue with their programme of voluntary beach cleaning (see diary below)

3.05 Community Gardens

Colvin St

Su Nuttgens and Lesley May Miller will think about dates for gardening and circulate an email

Su Nuttgens/
Lesley May
Miller

Beach Planters

Alasdair Swan and Janis Adams will come up with a planting scheme for the planters.

Alasdair Swan/
Janis Adams

3.06 Civic Week 2013

See calendar below.

Pippa will think about leaflets/flyers to advertise the events and to publicise the work of DSHNG.

Pippa Swan

3.07 Cuckoo Wrass

Brian Cox gave a really interesting history of the Old Ship (some wag said it should now be known as the Old Shipwreck) and there seems to be some really exciting history that should make the building a magnet for tourists.

The selling agents will show a group round the building in the next couple of weeks. Gordon Easingwood has been invited to join the inspection.

Alasdair Swan

4.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

4.01 Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) – Extract from meeting on 22nd April

Agreed Police Priorities for coming month – see table below

Priority	Actions to be Undertaken	Person responsible.
Speeding issues Brodie Road.	Keep up the patrols and speed checks when resources are available.	Dunbar Community Beat Officers, East Lothian Community Action Team, Roads Policing Officers. Local traffic wardens. ELC Transportation.

Dunbar High Street	High Visibility patrols to be made at peak times in an effort to combat littering (Including chewing gum) and dog fouling. Use of council CCTV to identify offenders to be considered. Jim Wilson's report on the High Street to be sent out to CAPP members.	Dunbar Community Beat Officers, East Lothian Community Action Team Jim Wilson ELC Community Warden.
ASB Young people	Target ongoing ASB (Knock and Run, Stone throwing) by young people in the Victoria St, Castle St, Writers Court and Stables Court areas of Dunbar. Target ASB by young people in the general are of West Barns.	Dunbar Community Beat Officers, East Lothian Community Action Team Jim Wilson ELC Community Warden.

Dangerous structures are still being pursued by Michael Veitch and will link with our own list. They remain an issue for the CAPP group.

Several people commented on the speeding issue and reported speeding on Lamer St/Woodbush. It was agreed that number plates/car descriptions would be passed to the police.

CAPP meetings are open to everybody. The next one is on Monday 27th May at 7.30pm.

5.00 Publicity for Group and Projects

5.01 Website

Alasdair Swan will continue to update the website: www.ourlocality.org/dunbarshoreandharbour Alasdair Swan

East Beach Noticeboard

Notices will be placed on the board on a regular basis. Sue Guy updates East Beach Facebook. Sue Guy

6.00 Treasurer's Report + Finances

6.01 ELC Audit

Brian Cox has had the accounts audited by ELC. All well

6.02 Balance of account

We have a balance of £421.29 in the bank. A further £200 is expected in Civic Pride funding for the purchase of flags and banners.

7.00 Any other business

7.01 Dangerous Dogs

Pat Murphy, who lives at 2 Buncles Court, has reported a dog attack on the beach. A neighbour in his block has 2 Dogue de Bordeaux and 3 Staffordshire Bull Terriers and it was a Bull Terrier that attacked another dog. The police and Dog Warden, Carl Howman, have been informed and are involved.

Pippa asked if anybody had experienced these dogs. Several people had. Mike Shaw thought that they represented no risk and that they were friendly. This was not the view held by others at the meeting, some of whom have dogs of their own.

Janis Adams stated that she had met the collies, one of which had bitten Su

Nuttgens, off the lead at John Muir Country Park with no one apparently trying to control them.

After discussion about both these dog groups, it was agreed that the only thing that we could do would be to report instances where we felt threatened or were attacked.

There was a discussion about instigating a rule that required dogs to be on leads on the beach at least in the summer. Pippa has been told that this move would require regulation and that it would be difficult to police. There remains a requirement for owners to keep their dogs from causing alarm to the public and any offending dogs should be reported to ELC.

Pippa will raise the issue at the next CAPP meeting.

Pippa Swan

7.02 ELTRP

Pippa circulated copies of the ELTRP magazine. There is now an office base at Bleachingfield and resources are available there for copying and for supported use of computers in the library.

8.00 Forthcoming Meetings and DSHNG Calendar

8.01 Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month until further notice.

Tuesday 4 June @ 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Victoria Street.

Sunday 12 th May	Civic Week Advertising Event – 12 – 2pm at Bleachingfield. All welcome! Cake at 12.30pm
Sunday 19 th May	BEACH CLEAN – 2PM AT EAST BEACH
Saturday 2nd June	SEASIDE AWARD FLAG RAISING – 2PM followed by BEACH CLEAN + GARDENING – East Beach
Tuesday 4 th June	DSHNG Open Meeting – 7pm at Methodist Church Hall
Saturday 15 th June	CIVIC WEEK PARADE 12.30 start – flag carriers required for DSHNG
Saturday 15 th June	CIVIC WEEK – BLAIRS GARDEN CONSULTATION Following on from parade
Sunday 16 th June	CIVIC WEEK – MEET A LOBSTER Duncan Forbes will show lobsters/crabs at the harbour at 11am for 45mins/1hr whilst the Coastal Rowing Regatta gets underway (Regatta from 10am)
Sunday 16 th June	CIVIC WEEK – ROCKPOOLING ELC Ranger-led rockpooling session leaving the harbour after the lobster session at 11.45/12 noon – 1.30pm/2pm
Sunday 16 th June	CIVIC WEEK – BLAIR'S GARDEN CONSULTATION From 11am at Blair's Garden
Tuesday	Seaweed Search – 4PM

18 th June	ELC Ranger-led Seaweed Search – beach to be decided
Saturday 22 nd June	CIVIC WEEK – BEACH CLEAN Meet at East Beach at 10am – competition for most litter gathered. Results will be logged by ELC Rangers
Sunday 14 th July	BEACH CLEAN – 2PM AT EAST BEACH
Saturday 20 th July	RNLI day – help for tombola stall required (see Mike Shaw)
Sunday 11 th August	BEACH CLEAN – 2PM AT EAST BEACH
Sunday 1 st September	Seaside Award – Flag Exchange for Saltire – 2pm BEACH CLEAN
Tuesday 3 rd September	DSHNG Open Meeting – 7pm at Methodist Church Hall

Minutes by Pippa Swan

Circulated to:

Members

Support groups including Councillors, Community Council, Dunbar Trades, LB Police