

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

AGM + Open Meeting

2 February 2016

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

- Mike Shaw
- Alasdair Swan
- ian Dane
- Brian Cox
- Pippa Swan
- Kevin Heffernan
- Kenny Maule

▪Janis Adams

- Carol Norris
- Tom Norris
- Colin Barnes
- Teresa Barnes
- Mark Cavanagh

Apologies:

- Sue Guy
- Michael Veitch
- Liz Curtis
- Joan Johnson
- Cathie Ramsay
- Robert Ramsay

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

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action

1 REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2015

A report on our activities in 2015 was circulated prior to the meeting to all group members. No comments were received.

The key points were covered by Pippa Swan at the meeting.

Comments received:

Kelp Management

Mark Cavanagh (resident but not member) expressed dissatisfaction that a section of groyne had been removed for the last session of kelp clearance. A discussion ensued. The reasons for doing so were explained by Mike Shaw (volume of material, need to use tractor and trailer, access to beach, groyne section already dilapidated.)

Kevin Heffernan reported that residents at East Links were not happy that material had been deposited at that end of the beach. The reasons for doing so were explained by Alasdair Swan (volume of material, wish to keep stone/sand material on beach, cost of landfill, live trial).

Alasdair Swan reported that as far as DSHNG was concerned the trial had gone very well in exceptional circumstances. ELC were fully informed and supportive.

Beach Regeneration

Mark Cavanagh, a resident in Fiddler's Yard for twenty or so years, described the importance of the groyne to sand retention to his knowledge. He was dismissive of the notion that the groyne replacement might cost £200k and suggested that a groyne constructed of railway sleepers could be procured for a fraction of this cost. More research is required by DSHNG.

2 RECEIPT OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Brian Cox, Treasurer, presented the annual accounts.

DSHNG has been in receipt of an operating grant from ELC and this has been spent on hall hire and printing etc costs.

We have received or been allocated grant aid for:

- Harbour Gateway project

and a substantial donation has been made by a local resident for the Harbour Gateway sculpture. All projects are fully funded and funds ringfenced.

Yet again this year, an enormous amount of professional time and personal resource has been donated by members and without this the work of the group could not have happened.

The group finished the year to Jan 31, 2016 with funds of £229 yet to be allocated. It is expected that this will be used up in its entirety by hall costs and printing.

There being no comments, the accounts will now be signed by the Treasurer and Chair before being sent to ELC for examination.

Brian Cox

3 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2016

The existing committee stood down, in line with constitutional requirements.

Pippa Swan was firmly of the view that after 5 years in post, it was time for a change of management. Her intention not to stand for re-election had been notified to members previously.

Sue Guy and Ian Dane did not wish to stand for re-election.

There was discussion over the role of Chair. The feeling of the meeting was that the group was well led by Pippa and that it would suffer if she were not in post. Pippa did not wish to see DSHNG fail and was persuaded to continue as Chair for another year, supported by active group members.

After further discussion, the committee for 2016 was agreed as follows:

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Pippa Swan</i>
<i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>Mike Shaw</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Brian Cox</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Not appointed</i>
<i>Member</i>	<i>Joan Johnson</i>
<i>Member</i>	<i>Alasdair Swan</i>
<i>Member</i>	<i>Mark Cavanagh (new member)</i>
<i>Member</i>	<i>Liz Curtis</i>
<i>Member</i>	<i>Colin Barnes</i>

The post of Tenant Representative remains unfilled.

Kenny Maule agreed to continue with project specific work for the group and was thanked for this.

Sue Guy will be asked if she might be prepared to continue to post Facebook and website material.

Pippa Swan

4 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

No specific matters were raised for consideration.

5 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY AGM

Nature of Meetings

The frequency and nature of meetings was discussed. Pippa was anxious that the model should be refreshed.

After discussion, it was agreed that we will continue to meet formally in February, March, April, May, June, September, October and November. We will continue to have a social event for those who regularly attend meetings, in July and December. August and January – no meetings.

Open meetings will now be centred on a specific topic or speaker with project updates at the end and kept brief.

Suggestions for speakers and arrangements for same will be welcomed by the committee.

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OPEN MEETING

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1.00 Minutes of Meeting of 3 November 2015

1.01 Amendments

None

1.02 Action Items

With the exception of the undernoted, action items from

1.02/3.05 Victoria Street Panels – not advanced. See project update below

2.00 Constitution

2.01 No comment following AGM

3.00 Project Update

301 Harbour Gateway – The Creel Loaders

Regular updates have been made by the Gateway Team. Paving and landscaping are complete and particular thanks are due to the contractor, P&K Landscape of North Berwick, who provided an exemplary service.

The sculpture is ongoing. Gardner and his family have had to deal with the death of their daughter Willow. It has been agreed that we will not press him for progress and Gardner is aware of our support for him at this time. The sculpture will arrive when it arrives but it remains a hope that it will be in place by Easter.

There is still a need to provide some kind of recognition panel for donors. Consideration is to be given to doing this as part of the history panels.

3.02 Victoria Street History Panels

We now have costs for landscaping and indicative costs for artwork. Kenny has done a lot of work in preparing content. Pippa apologised for not progressing this.

A resolved design is now required together with costings. It is estimated that the project including paving and seating might cost in the region of £15000.

A planning application and advertising consent application will be required. Final layouts both of panels and the space have to be agreed.

Kenny Maule agreed to take this project back in hand and Alasdair Swan will assist.

Teresa Barnes will also help, particularly with the stories around the history of the fishing industry. Teresa will give thought to how the panels might be used to let children know more about this aspect of Dunbar's history.

3.03 Logan's Lane Handrail

Pippa has chased the handrail issue with ELC and been assured that a surveyor has this in hand.

Following the meeting, Colin Barnes agreed to champion this issue with ELC and we are grateful to him for this. Pippa has provided ELC contact details.

3.04 East Beach Regeneration 2015

The Beach Team has put in considerable work with meetings, liaison with civil engineers, Arch Henderson, ELC and Environcentre.

Indicative costs for the groyne reconstruction stand at £200k and this is before any beach recharge plan is put in place.

This project has now been escalated as a priority in the Local Area Partnership plan as the extent of coastal erosion is seen as a real threat to the coast profile and the town edge.

Pippa has written to ELC and Norman Hampshire to get them to set a date for a full team meeting at which it is hoped that ELC will take a lead on the regeneration project. It is too big an issue now for a small group of volunteers to handle on their own.

Pippa will advise of the meeting date.

3.05 Playgarden Common Good Land/Amusement Arcade site

DSHNG asked that landscaping of the path between the Playgarden and the Amusement Arcade site be integrated into the Area Partnership Plan and this was done.

Work will start shortly to landscape and plant the common good margin, all with the help of 4no apprentices attached to ELC Landscape and Countryside.

4.00 Additional Project for 2016

Possible projects for 2016 were briefly discussed and it was agreed that we would pursue:

- Estate Inspection 2016 (to include a record of empty buildings)
- Seaside Award 2016 including Beach Cleans

Consideration will also be given to helping out at:

- Civic Week Beach Day
- RNLI

- Sparkling Dunbar

5.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

5.01 High Street and Conservation Area Plan Review

The Area Partnership has identified the need to fix an upgrade plan for the High Street and wider conservation area. A public session will be held at Dunbar Grammar School on Thursday 10th March at 7pm at which people will be able to express their views on all aspects of the way the High Street looks and operates. Information will follow.

6.00 Publicity for Group and Projects

6.01 Website

Sue Guy will be asked to update the website as well as the Facebook pages:

www.ourlocality.org/dunbarshoreandharbour

www.facebook.com/DunbarsEastBeach

East Beach Noticeboard

Notices will be placed on the board on a regular basis.

7.00 Treasurer's Report + Finances

7.01 Funding

No further comment following AGM report

8.00 Any other business

8.01 Links with Wingate TRA

Wingate TRA and DSHNG are meeting on Sunday 14th February at 1.30pm at Dunbar Bowling Club for a social of indoor bowling and tea. There may be a small charge (£2 /person) to cover the hire of the room

No experience required. If you would like to join in, please contact Pippa. It would be great if we could find another 4 people at least.



9.00 Forthcoming Meetings

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

7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Victoria Street....everybody welcome!

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st March.**

Minutes by Pippa Swan

Circulated to:

Members

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