

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 16 February, 2015

In Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar at 7 p.m.

Present: S. Bunyan (Chair); J. Bell (Vice-Chair); K. Croft (Treasurer); S Anderson;
H. Coutts; I. Knox; A. Massimo; G. Wilson; M. Young

Councillors present: N. Hampshire; M. Veitch

Others present: Graham Adams – Christmas Lights; Annette Filby – ACORP; Rurighd McMeddes, East Lothian Council Community Planning; 2 Representatives from Army Cadet Force.

1.Apologies: W. Collin; P. Swan

2.Presentation – Community Rail Partnerships:

Annette Filby explained that Community Rail Partnerships were new to Scotland. The aim was for a joined up transport network within East Lothian improving connectivity with communities. Their mission is to fix the link between train stations, town centres and the surrounding areas to realise an integrated transport network accessible to all. They will work with train operators, East Lothian Council, Regional Transport Partnership, local businesses and community groups. The East Lothian partnerships will include Dunbar, North Berwick and East Linton. R. McMeddes said that they were looking for representatives from each Area Partnership to join a Steering Committee for the East Lothian Partnership. The priority aims were as follows:-

- Improve sustainable access options to train stations.
- Improve equal access options to train stations.
- Improve awareness and promote East Lothian by rail.
- Improve station environments, facilities and rail operations.

The Chair thanked Ms Filby and Mr McMeddes for their presentation and it was agreed that they would return at a future date to report on progress of the key performance indicators.

Sue Anderson is the DCC Rep on the Community Rail Partnership. It was suggested that Alison Cosgrove, a member of Dunpender Community Council, might be approached as a member of the East Lothian Partnership as she is already involved with RAGES and RELBUS.

3. Discussion – Fracking - This item was postponed. Jacquie Bell agreed to contact Chris Eden who had asked to speak to this item this evening

4. Minutes of Meeting on 15 December 2014 – These were approved by S. Anderson and seconded by H. Coutts.

Notes on Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 January 2015 – These were duly noted and accepted. Approved by Gill Wilson and seconded by Sue Anderson.

Minutes of Sub-committees – Civic Week 27 January and Christmas Lights - These had been circulated and the meeting approved them

On behalf of the Community Council, S. Bunyan re-iterated their appreciation for the work carried out by the Christmas Lights Committee and the splendid display over the Christmas period.

Graham Adams expressed his concern regarding security issues at the Corn Exchange. Cllr. Hampshire said that the Council had done some repairs and also that the Police have been asked to assist in the prevention of break-ins. The Christmas Lights Committee will meet with East Lothian Council and report back.

5. Police Report:

Road Safety:

- On 22 January a driver was charged with driving without an MOT and having a dangerous load on his vehicle.
- On 26 January a male driver was issued a fixed penalty ticket for parking on the zebra crossing on High Street.
- On the evening of 9 February a van was seized by police and the driver charged after she was found to be driving without suitable insurance cover.
- On 12 February a driver was issued with a fixed penalty ticket for using a mobile phone whilst driving.
- Road checks have been conducted at Countess Crescent regarding the school road restrictions.
- A large number of parking tickets have been issued regarding parking in the High Street and West Port.

Antisocial Behaviour:

- On 22 January an ASB fixed penalty notice was issued to a female for a Breach of the Peace.
- On the afternoon of 25 January a complaint was received regarding youths setting fire to a recycling bin in an alleyway off the High Street.

- On the evening of 28 January a complaint was received regarding youths congregating in a vennel that leads up to flats on the High Street. An elderly occupier was clearly alarmed and intimidated by their presence and related they had been there regularly in recent weeks and their numbers were growing.
- On the afternoon of 30 January persons forced open the door to the Corn Exchange, the door was damaged but no further damage was caused to the building.
- Overnight on 31 January/1 February a car parked in Lawson Court was vandalised.
- On 1 February a male was caught urinating on the High Street and was issued with an ASB fixed penalty notice.
- On the evening of 2 February a complaint was received regarding youths causing a disturbance climbing on scaffolding off the High Street.
- Between 2 and 4 February a greenhouse at Letham Park was vandalised. Further damage was caused on the evening of the 5th.
- On 13 February a male and his friend reported having been assaulted by another 2 males on Dunbar High Street. Enquiries are at an early stage.

Litter: There were no litter complaints. However dog fouling patrols will continue to be conducted by Community Warden, Jimmy Wilson.

Theft: There have been 3 reports of shoplifting at ASDA and 1 at the Co-op on Countess Crescent.

During the evenings Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 January on at least 3 occasions efforts have been made to break into a shop on the High Street via a boarded up rear window. No entry was gained.

On the evening of Sunday 1 February a set of underwear was stolen from a washing line on Shore Street, one of a number of similar thefts, which are being enquired into.

CAPP priorities:

- Tackle dog fouling issues. Patrols to trace offenders and educate owners.
- Road Safety – Speed checks, parking issues and driving restrictions on Countess Crescent.
- Youth Shelters – Consultation with young persons regarding demand, location and design

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 26 February 2015 in Dunbar Police Station at 7.30 p.m.**

Traffic calming measures – Back Road and Shore Road: Cllr. Veitch intimated that these will not be implemented. Generally policy is to consider where areas are identified by local support and signatures collected. Completing the footpath along Back Road to Winterfield may be considered.

6. Treasurer's Report: The current balance was £524.63. This took into account the agreed sum of £516.68 for the purchase of tools for the Christmas Lights .

It was agreed that a cheque would be given to Pippa Swan for expenses from the MIR Public meeting. This was duly signed

Jacque presented an invoice from Sustaining Dunbar to cover the cost of the website Domain. A cheque was signed and given to Jacque to pass on the Sustaining Dunbar.

7.Army Cadets: At this point the representatives were given the opportunity to offer the services of the Cadet force for any appropriate tasks with which they could help. Sue Anderson told the meeting that the cadets had proved to be of great assistance during Civic Week and the Committee would be very happy to use them again. Several other suggestions were made including assistance with the Community Woodland Group and the Community Council was very grateful for their offer of assistance.

7. Matters Arising (Not on agenda):

a) Planning matters –

i) East Lothian Local Development Plan Main Issues Report – Dunbar Community Council views had been submitted. The Consultation process finished on 8 February. East Lothian Council will report back.

ii) Developments in conservation areas (various)

Rose Cottage – The Zebra fence is subject to enforcement. Resident say thats flags only fly from the flagpoles from time to time.

Southfield – flagpole is down.

Fiddlers Green – flagpole has been up more than 4 years. Not subject to planning regulations.

Cherrytrees Nursery – fence painting – retrospective planning application was on a recent list of registered applications.

Seafield Crescent – fence was painted over 4 years ago. Thus not subject to planning regulations.

Castellau – the door painting needs planning consent. Advertising consent also required for the banner. Application for planning permission was due by 7 February.

Demolition of “Ardlussa”, Beveridge Row – Planning permission was not needed for the demolition. Planning permission has been granted to build a new house at the site.

General issues on conservation area regulations - Jacquie has spoken with Paul Zochowski and David Taylor at ELC. Regulations had changed. Conservation information should be included in Homeowner Packs. Suggestion was made that an article appear in the ELC “Living Magazine” with explanations.

iii) Beveridge Row – no further information -

iv) 1 Shore Road (Cuckoo Wrasse) – DCC views submitted to ELC.

v) Bayswell Road – application for erection of 7 flats and demolition of walls/gateposts at the Old Manse site. DCC views submitted to ELC. Application has been withdrawn meantime due to no suitable safe access being available.

vi) McDonalds – DCC views submitted to ELC.

b) Twinning Links – Visit in May.

Lignieres- AGM to be held on 24 February. There is currently a French University Student doing a placement in the town.

Narni – no further developments. Alberto had informed them of street naming in new housing development i.e. Narni Way.

c) A1 Safety – No response to Jacquie’s letter. She has written back to the Civil Servant following the December A1 Safety Forum convened by Cllr. Veitch to note that concerns are about safety South of Dunbar. Improved signage at Thistly Cross and Spott Roundabout.

d) Flags Policy – Cllr. Veitch confirmed that a review by ELC was underway and an outcome was expected in March. It was agreed that the status quo remain until the outcome of the review was known. Stephen had had a letter from Dave Williamson which was discussed.

e) East Beach – update. Cllr. Hampshire reported that a meeting had been held with consultants last week to discuss best means of getting sand back onto beach. Awaiting details of cost etc.

f) Community Resilience Planning – Wingate and Shore & Harbour plans are in place. Sue Guy wishes a meeting before the end of February as Sustaining Dunbar

funding is coming to an end – Jacquie and Gill will consider a date to meet with her.

JB/GW

g) Portrait of Earl of Dunbar – Stephen in communication with Paxton House.

h) Memorial Garden at Parish Church – parking problem has been resolved.

i) St Anne's Viridor application – rejected by Viridor in Taunton. A further reduced application was submitted and has been granted.

j) Street Names – Suggestions had been accepted but more are needed. It was proposed that a record be kept of the history of street names in the town.

k) Drift (art project) – It was unlikely that this will proceed at Belhaven Beach due to terns nesting until August.

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8) Local Priorities: Budget 2014-15

a) Update:

Information boards – £3000 already ring-fenced for the church board

Work had been instructed on the Osprey boards in line with the note of the January meeting

SciFest - £1500 already agreed.

Letham Gardens Summerhouse – in abeyance

b) New Applications:

Civic Week & Christmas Lights: An application for £2000 for each of these was discussed. It was agreed that these two organisations would be funded to this extent from residue from the current year and the beginning of the new financial year.

Traditional Music Festival – A full application form to be submitted.

9. Community Planning: Next meeting will be on 9 March 2015.

10. Post Office Temporary Closure - 23 February – 9 March. There had been very poor publicity about this closure. The offer from ELC for a mobile van at Bleachingfield had been turned down. Cllr. Veitch understood that a shuttle bus

service was to be run from outside the old Dunbar P.O. to East Linton P.O at 11.30 am Monday to Friday.

11. Local Councillors Reports:

N. Hampshire –

a) Food Waste Collection System – Delivery of 2 bins to households will start in April and the new system will be phased in from 20 – 27 April. Residential waste will now be collected every 2 weeks.

Asked about Zero Waste Dunbar he explained that they would be working on increasing recycling within the town centre and, together with the Council, on advising on how to manage waste correctly.

b) Drainage and road network for the Persimmon homes at Hallhill had begun. Also starting soon will be a development of affordable housing which will consist of 24 social rented houses, 24 mid-market rented and 12 low cost of ownership. Another 2 sites are anticipated. The road from the bridge in Beveridge Row to the A1 will be upgraded.

Discussions are ongoing with the proposed developer for the Beveridge Row site.

c) MIR – The Consultation has been completed and the Council is looking at submissions. _SESPlan 2 will also be coming on stream and communities will be consulted in July.

M. Veitch –

1, Action points from joint meeting between ELC, Dunbar Trades & DCC . A meeting will be held with the chair of the Area Partnership to discuss the best way forward.

2. Backlands – separate meeting on 6 March at 9 a.m. in Town House.

P McLennan

No report

12. Reports from Committees/Meetings attended:

Day Centre – Gill said that the process of registration with the Care Commission was ongoing. Several more referrals had been received. The premises required to be improved. The Centre is seeking funding for a Wet Room and also a Hoist.

The centre is unable to develop extensively within its current building.

Friends of Winterfield – Working on landscaping. Cricket Club making regular use.

Dementia Friendly Dunbar – Information Day planned for 30 May.

Viridor Credits

13. Correspondence , Previously circulated

Planning issue – Lisa Russell – nothing further heard.

ELC – Digital Engagement

Various (93) via website – flags. Of these 92 are from outside Dunbar

ELC – Town House Doors and Alarms

ELC – Tourism Strategy

David Williamson Flags

Via Website – DAFT – request to come and discuss Fracking.

RAGES Rag

20s Plenty Conference – 25 April in Glasgow

ELC – Customer Service Charter

John Muir Working Group 2015 – Minutes.

14. Date of next meeting: This will take place on **Monday 16 March 2015 at 7 p.m. in Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar.**

The chairman intimated an apology for 16th March

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

