

ROYAL BURGH OF DUNBAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 16 March 2015 at 7 p.m

in Council Chamber, Town House, Dunbar

Present: J. Bell (Vice-chair); K. Croft (Treasurer); S. Anderson; W.Collin; H. Coutts;
P. Swan; G. Wilson

Others present: P.C. David Aitchison; Sue Guy, Sustaining Dunbar.

1.Apologies: S. Bunyan ; M. Young; Cllrs. N. Hampshire & M. Veitch

2.Presentation/Discussion Update of Resilience Planning: As Sustaining Dunbar funding is coming to an end, Sue had asked to meet with Community Council members. This follows on from Sue's previous meeting with the Community Council which gave agreement to her preparing a Resilience Plan on its behalf. All community councils have been asked to prepare such plans by ELC as discussed in 2014 with Sandy Baptie the ELC Emergency Planning Officer. Wingate and Shore & Harbour Tenant and Resident Groups have drawn up their plans. It was agreed that Jacquie, Pippa and Gill will meet with Sue on Tuesday 24 March at 7.30p.m. to discuss further.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 16 February 2015 - These were taken as a true record – proposed by H. Coutts and seconded by P. Swan.

4. Minutes of Sub-committees (Civic Week, Christmas Lights): These had been circulated. Sue Anderson reported that the programme for Civic Week was looking very healthy. A fund-raising Quiz Night is being held on Friday 20 March.

5. Police Report:

Road Safety: Issues with speeding motorists in rural areas and inconsiderate parking, especially near schools. Patrols have been carried out in these areas at the relevant times and there have been no incidents of note.

There have been complaints regarding vehicles continuing to park in bus stops in High Street. Further patrols will be tasked over the coming weeks.

Anti-social Behaviour:

On 2 March two males were issued with fixed penalty tickets and another for urinating in High Street.

A number of calls have been received regarding stones being thrown at windows in the Silver St. and Colvin St. area. 3 crimes of vandalism to windows have been recorded and the

officer dealing has a positive line of enquiry to follow. It is anticipated that the youth responsible will be apprehended in the near future.

An apparently abandoned caravan in Church St. is causing concern. Jimmy Wilson is looking into who owns the land with a view to having it removed.

On 8 March a report was received of vandalism to items within a marquee used for the Science Festival.

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 the Co-op on Countess Crescent. On one of these occasions 3 suspects stole 13 bottles of alcohol before making off.

In the early hours of 17 February three businesses in High St. were broken into with various items stolen.

On morning of 25 February 3 masked males were seen breaking into The Masons Arms. A major investigation is ongoing.

On 3 March a conservatory in Wilson Place was broken into with nothing being stolen.

During lunchtime on 7 March a cellar was forced open in Lamer Street. It is thought that this is not connected to the above thefts.

CAPP Priorities:

Speeding – Speed checks to be carried out.

High Street Vennels – Conduct foot patrols to trace and deter youths.

Parking – Issue parking tickets.

Next CAPP meeting – Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 7.30p.m. in Dunbar Police Station.

The following were raised by the meeting:-

Anti-social Behaviour – Pippa had undertaken the task of collating information received from residents in the vennels concerning the anti-social events and the lack of lighting in some cases. She was liaising with P.C. Gavin Ross with a view to possibly contacting ELC for their assistance in some instances.

It was also reported that a tree had been badly vandalised at Woodbush.

Herbert raised the matter of “20’s Plenty” being implemented in the High Street and the immediate surrounding streets. The Community Council agreed to consider further.

Herbert also referred once again to the shorter parking restrictions on Dunbar High Street in comparison with other towns in East Lothian. This had been included in the long-awaited (i.e. 10 years) TRO.

Parking at Bus stops in High Street – Jacquie will write to Cllr. Veitch requesting line painting at the new bus stop and removal of the lines at the old bus stop as they are causing confusion. Other lines e.g. at the disabled bays need refreshing.

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6. Treasurer's Report: Kilvert reported that the working total stood at £560.34.

There is the sum of £923 in the Hippo Account Finalising this is in hand SB

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7. Matters arising (Not on Agenda):

a) Planning Matters –

i. East Lothian Local Development Plan MIR – DCC views submitted.

ii) Development in Conservation areas (various)

Rose Cottage – Zebra fence is subject to enforcement. Resident says flags only fly from flagpoles from time to time. They have now been moved to the front of the property. Zebra fence is now red, white and blue. Enforcement have been advised. Pippa expressed her concern at this situation.

Castellau – Application for planning permission to paint the doors and erect advertising was due by 7 February 2015. Nothing further heard.

iii) Beveridge Row – no further information

iv) 1 Shore Road (Cuckoo Wrasse) – DCC view submitted to ELC. No further information.

v) McDonalds – DCC views submitted to ELC. Mr Crabbie of the Garden Centre had written to Stephen Bunyan.

b) Twinning Links: Dunbar & District Twinning Association have held AGM. Office-bearers continue in post. New members are welcome.

c) A1 Safety: The sign past Thistley Cross Roundabout remains damaged despite being reported nearly a year ago. It was mentioned to Amey and the Transport Scotland Civil Servant at the A1 meeting on December 12th. They had promised action.

d) Flags Policy : ELC's policy is still awaited. 21st April will be the birthday of John Muir and of the Queen. It was agreed that the flags flown will be the Union Jack and Saltire as usual. Neither will be replaced by the Stars and Stripes.

e) East Beach: Pippa, members of the Shore & Harbour Group and local Councillors had met with a group of Consultants. Early indications were that the costs of obtaining an engineering design solution will be prohibitive. An alternative possibility is being investigated.

f) Community Resilience Planning: Discussed earlier.

g) Portrait of the Earl of Dunbar: Ongoing.

h) Street names: Further suggestions needed.

i) Dementia Friendly Dunbar: The group is working towards the "Open Day" organised for 30 May. A Dementia Carers' Support Group is meeting in the Library on Thursdays. The Rotary Club have donated 4 Memory Boxes.

8. Local Priorities: 2014-15 Budget

a) Updates:

Information Boards and Letham Garden Summerhouse – still in Budget.

b) New Applications:

Traditional Music Festival – Approval was granted for the sum of **£500**. Organisers to be asked to extend their programme of family and outdoor events.

The Dunbar Primary School John Muir Collage Book – An application had been received for **£414** to contribute towards the printing costs. It was agreed that this sum will come from **next year's** allocation.

Agreement was also reached to allocate **£2000** each to Civic Week and the Christmas Lights from the current year's allocation. The balance of approx. **£400 will be carried forward to next year's Budget.**

c) 2015-16 Budget – information circulated by Stephen.

9. Community Partnership: A meeting was held in East Linton Council Chambers on 9 March 2015 which was poorly attended. Of 6 attendees 3 were from Dunbar Community Council. The next meeting will be on 11 May 2015. A Workshop to look at the budgetary aspects will be held on 26 April in Haddington.

A local Community Partnership Manager has been appointed by ELC. He is Stuart Gibb who previously managed the Contact Centre at Macmerry.

Applications are being sought for a Volunteer Community based Chair. Adverts will be placed in the local press.

10. High Street Issues: - discussed earlier.

11. Community Council Awards – Bowe Cup & Community Council Award:

Members were asked for suggestions and it was also agreed to seek nominations from the wider public. Pippa will prepare an article for the local press. **PS**

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12. Local Councillors' Reports:

M. Veitch (by e mail)

1. Bus timetables – Slight changes have been made on the Sunday service.
2. He has circulated an update on the High Street meeting.

N Hampshire – no report

P McLennan – no report

13. Reports from Committees/Meetings attended:

Lafarge - The Works Manager has left. His replacement will be invited to a DCC meeting in due course.

John Muir Country Park - Kilvert will circulate the Annual Report showing the new management plans. **KC**

14. Correspondence – previously circulated:

Via website – Request for Scifest volunteers.

ELC – request for Tyne Esk Leader Grants Panel members.

Susie Goodwin – North Lights artist in residence.

Chris Eden – Coverage of Fracking in Courier.

Jo McNamara- Death Café on 14 March between 2-4 p.m. with Ettie Spencer at Bleachingfield.

Eilidh McIvor DGS – pointed to ELC Community Planning for Dunbar statistics.

Via website – Mr Maxfield re Silver Street vandalism – passed to Police.

15. Any Other Business:

Lauderdale Café: Applications for the lease were sought within 2.5 weeks.

16. Date of next meeting: This will take place on Monday 20 April 2015 at 7 p.m. Apologies from Stephen and Gill.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.