

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

Open Meeting

4 March 2014

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

- Mike Shaw
- Alasdair Swan
- ian Dane
- Brian Cox
- Sue Guy
- Su Nuttgens
- Pippa Swan
- Kenny Maule
- Cian McHugh
- Monica Menis
- Kenny Brill
- Kevin Heffernan (part)
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- Cindy Stevens
- Lesleymay Miller

Apologies:

- Joan Johnson

OPEN MEETING – Key Topics

Community Resilience

As part of an ELC initiative, Sustaining Dunbar has been asked to facilitate community meetings which allow us to explore the issues that we feel most threaten our community. Sue led the meeting, and brought with her, maps and a questionnaire. The group worked in two teams but the results were almost identical. *The over-riding concern was the **risk of flooding** and the apparent **frailty of the sea defences**.*

Concern was also expressed about how, in the event of an incident, we might support people in our neighbourhood who might be less able.

Sue will collate the findings and circulate them to the whole of DSHNG for further comment/input before presenting the findings and solutions at our next meeting - 1 April 2014.

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Harbour Gateway (Blair's Garden)

The public consultation last summer confirmed an aspiration to see an artwork on the site known to us as Blair's Garden. The work was to be in stone and figurative in style.

Kevin Heffernan has spent months pursuing possible funding sources through Creative Scotland and after discussions with his team has concluded that our project just does not fit their funding criteria nor would we wish it to.

We have therefore resolved to pursue funding from Viridor and now hope to work in parallel with Dunbar Harbour Trust which will be seeking funding for a large project to regenerate the Battery and Lamer Island. As part of that submission, reference is made to the desirability of 'signpost' art..... and ours will be it!

Sculptor and mason, [Gardner Molloy](#) has supported this project for a year and more and submitted a sketch carving – The Creel Loaders – for consideration by the meeting. The unanimous view was that the concept had great potential and was entirely appropriate for our Gateway.

Pippa will liaise with the Gateway team to prepare a short presentation that will run concurrently with the DHT presentation to Dunbar Community Council on 17th March.

Pippa will liaise with DHT and the Gateway team to make a submission to Viridor for project funding. Application to be submitted on/before 14th April 2014.

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Colvin St Triangle

Su Nuttgens asked for support to build a maintenance diary for the garden area at Colvin St, adjacent to the Playgarden. It was felt particularly important that we have this looking good before the launch of the John Muir events on 21 April.

Pippa will look at tide times and propose beach clean/gardening mornings.

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PROGRESS REPORT

item		action
1.00	Minutes of Meeting of 18th February 2014	
1.01	<u>Amendments</u> Cathie and Robert Ramsay were both present at the AGM and open meeting. Pippa apologised for the omission and the minutes have been amended.	
1.02	<u>Action Items</u> All action items have been attended to	
2.00	Constitution	
2.01	<u>Constitution</u> Amendments have been made and filed as agreed at AGM.	
3.00	Project Update	
301	<u>Fishermen's Monument</u> Pippa will obtain a specification for coating from Keim paints and liaise with Ian Dane. It is hoped that the monument may now be maintained in line with McArthur's store – both subjects are owned by Dunbar Harbour Trust.	Pippa Swan
3.02	<u>Blair's Garden – Harbour Gateway Project</u> See above	
3.03	<u>Lobster paving</u> The group has received funding for new paving and a lobster carving at Victoria St. Received quotes are too high and Pippa will try to see if we can access free paving and/or labour.	Pippa Swan
3.04	<u>Dr Badger's Memorial Bench</u> You are all invited to watch the opening of Dr Badger's Memorial Bench. The short ceremony will be held at 11am on Saturday 22 nd March at Castle Gate, Victoria Harbour.	
4.00	<u>New Projects and Meeting Format for 2014</u> Projects for 2014 will be discussed at the next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estate Inspection 2014• Seaside Award 2014	

- Civic Week – Sunny Dunny Sea Surf Afternoon – 15th June

5.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

5.01 Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)

Kevin Hughes, a police officer in our community for more than 14 years, is to move to Musselburgh. PC Lorna Bairden is also leaving Dunbar. PC Gavin Ross will be our only officer for the foreseeable future.

6.00 Publicity for Group and Projects

6.01 Website

Pipp Swan will continue to update the website: [Dunbar Shore and Harbour](#)

East Beach Noticeboard

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

Sue Guy updates the [East Beach Facebook](#) page which carries news about the beach and is linked to other sites.

7.00 Treasurer's Report + Finances

7.01 Funding

Accounts were signed by Brian Cox and Pippa Swan

8.00 Any other business

8.01 McArthur's Store

The store will be open for tours from 12noon. Tours will be free and should be interesting!

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 April.**

Minutes by Pippa Swan

Circulated to:

Members

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