

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

Open Meeting

1 April 2014

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

- Mike Shaw
- Alasdair Swan
- Ian Dane
- Pippa Swan
- Kenny Maule
- Kevin Heffernan
- Joan Johnson

▪Tom Hares

Apologies:

- Cian McHugh
- Monica Menis
- Lesley May Miller
- Su Nuttgens
- Kenny Brill

▪Brian Cox

- Sue Guy
- Janis Adams
- and all those at the Bakery meeting!

item

action

1.00 Minutes of Meeting of 4 March 2014

1.01 Amendments
Nil

1.02 Action Items
All action items have been attended to

2.00 Constitution

2.01 Constitution
No comment

3.00 Project Update

301 Fishermen's Monument

Pippa is to meet with a representative from Keim paint at 2pm on Wednesday 16th April. Keim will advise on a paint system that will hopefully withstand the ravages of the North Sea whilst offering protection to the friable stonework. Ian Dane will join the meeting.

3.02 Harbour Gateway Project (Blair's Garden)

The Gateway team have met with Pippa since the last Open Meeting to consider issues relating to the application for Viridor funding. They had several concerns about how quickly the application requirements could be met and were also concerned about the possibility that the site might not qualify for funding as it is owned by ELC.

Alasdair Swan has written to Viridor's local manager, Michael Cunningham, to ask for his advice in respect of these issues. Alasdair's view, having submitted several applications previously, was that our project was 'good to go' and that it should be submitted on/before the current deadline of 14th April.

It was agreed that no application would be made until we had heard back from Viridor.

3.03 Lobster paving

Pippa has written now to Billy Gillespie asking if he might be willing and/or able to pave the patch at Victoria St for a sum of £1000 inc VAT. A reply is awaited.

3.04 Resilience Planning

Kenny Maule updated the group on progress.

Kenny, Pippa Swan, Mike Shaw and Ian Dane have all volunteered to work on the resilience plan and met with Sue Guy, our facilitator, on 31 March to discuss the findings of our last meeting. **These can be found on our website [Dunbar Shore and Harbour](#).**

The team has broken our area into 'workable' sub-areas and it is hoped that we will be able to find a key person for each.

Upcoming actions for the team include:

- Design and distribution of a leaflet to all homes in our sub-areas seeking to identify people who want to be in the network of homes to be covered by the resilience plan. The leaflet will ask for contact details as well as information on the occupants of houses – this is to try to find out where our vulnerable neighbours might live. There will be no obligation to provide any details but it will help
- Plan a telephone tree – to facilitate rapid dispersal of information
- Design and distribute an information leaflet with key 'action' information
- Determine what flood defences are held and can be distributed by ELC
- Determine options for the supply of flood defences for householder purchase
- Identify personnel and equipment resources within our area for emergency use
- Confirm the availability of the British Legion and Dunbar Methodist Church as 'safe places'

Sue Guy will arrange for the emergency services to talk to our next meeting on 6th May about issues that specifically affect our area. ALL WELCOME!

3.05 Project Seaweed

Cian McHugh and Alastair Sutherland met with Norman Hampshire and Michael Veitch on 1 April 2014. Pippa and Alasdair Swan and Mike Shaw were also in attendance. Paul McLennan had been invited, as had all the Community Council, but none had come to hear about the anaerobic digester (AD) project.

Cian and Alastair went through the presentation shown to our group previously. They have now started their feasibility study, which is at an early stage.

Both Norman Hampshire and Michael Veitch were extremely supportive of the initiative and Norman, in particular, felt that this could fit very well with the Dunbar's plan to be seen as a Zero Waste town. If the project were to come under the umbrella, it is likely that funding for trials etc would be much more forthcoming. ELC would also try to facilitate the identification of a suitable trial site when/if that becomes necessary. It is possible that some arrangement might be made with Viridor but this would have to be discussed.

Cian will now speak directly with Philip Immirzi of Sustaining Dunbar to see how Project Seaweed might fit with the emerging zero waste model.

3.06 East Beach Seaside Award

It is very much hoped that the East Beach will again get a seaside award,

despite its lack of sand. Pippa proposed that we link beach cleaning to the maintenance of the Colvin St garden and that the latter should be re-named the Beach Garden.

A diary for periodic beach cleans was tabled and agreed. The timings are generally planned for low tides. **The agreed timetable will be circulated.**

Pippa Swan

As previously, all pickers and bags will be provided by ELC.

3.07 Civic Week

Civic Week will run from 14th June to 23rd June and DSHNG will be seeking volunteers for:

- Parade – 14th June
- Information Stand at Lauderdale Park – 14th June pm
- Sunny Dunny Sea Surf Afternoon – Surf Sprints at the East Beach – 15th June 2pm

4.00 **New Projects**

4.01 Projects requiring action at the next meeting

- Estate Inspection 2014

5.00 **Neighbourhood Liaison**

5.01 Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)

PC Gavin Ross has now taken over as the sole Community Police Officer but he is to be supported by Target Teams based in Musselburgh. These will be fast response teams trained to deal with specific issues in the County. Gavin feels that this should result in a better service for us all.

5.02 Speeding on Church St

Following a complaint from one of our members, PC Gavin Ross has provided Pippa with details of speed records taken last year in Church St which indicate that speeding would not be taken as a police priority for this street. **Pippa will circulate the details.**

Pippa Swan

5.03 Co-op Lighting and High St Vennel

Kevin Heffernan wanted the issue of deficient lighting at the main co-op to be raised at the CAPP. He also expressed concern over the amount of litter in the vennel between the Co-op and the High St. **Pippa will pursue.**

Pippa Swan

5.04 Harbour Trust – Lamer Island

Dunbar Harbour Trust hope to hold a public consultation exercise at Lamer Island on Easter Monday, 21st April to try to find out what Dunbar residents might like to see happen here in respect of access, information and facilities. Watch out for advertisements.

6.00 **Publicity for Group and Projects**

6.01 Website

Pippa 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 No report

8.00 Any other business

8.01 Josie Tweddle's Bench

After discussion it was agreed that Josie's memorial plate should make some mention of the fact that she was a friend and that she loved the harbour.

Mike Shaw will deal with this and the plate is to be paid for by DSHNG funds.

Mike Shaw

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 6th May** .

Minutes by Pippa Swan

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Members

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