

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

Open Meeting

6 May 2014

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

- Mike Shaw
- Alasdair Swan
- Ian Dane
- Pippa Swan
- Kevin Heffernan
- Joan Johnson
- Su Nuttgens

- Janis Adams
- Joan Johnson
- Brian Cox

Apologies:

- Lesleymay Miller
- Gordon Nicolson
- Liz Curtis
- Sue Guy

item

action

1.00 Minutes of Meeting of 1 April 2014

1.01 Amendments
Nil

1.02 Action Items

With the exception of the undernoted, all action items have been attended to:

8.01 – Josie Tweddle's memorial plaque. Mike to organise this

Mike Shaw

2.00 Constitution

2.01 Constitution
No comment

3.00 Project Update

301 Fishermen's Monument

Pippa and Ian Dane met with the Keim Paint advisor on 16th April. He has now provided us with a specification that should see the monument paint coat last for at least 7 years (less exposed sites would last 15 yrs). The paint finish is appropriate for historic structures and has been used on McArthur's Store and the Town House. Jimmy Knox, assistant Harbourmaster and retired decorator, has agreed to paint the monument.

Pippa will pass the spec to Ian Dane and Ian will monitor progress once works commence.

Pippa Swan

Pippa will check that the Keim paint will be ok over the small area of retained limewash.

Pippa Swan

3.02 Harbour Gateway Project (Blair's Garden)

No news has been received from Michael Cunningham of Viridor. After discussion and expressions of frustration, it was agreed that the team would contact Viridor's Taunton office.

ID/BC/KH

We remain fixed on working with Gardner Molloy who is a talented carver, particularly in bas relief. Pippa will chase Gardner Molloy to arrange to meet him on site so that a planning application can be lodged

Pippa Swan

- 3.03 Lobster paving
Pippa has made contact with Peter Forsyth of ELC Roads Department who has said that he will look at options for supplying materials and/or labour for the £1000 that we have allocated to this element of the works. Pippa to chase. Pippa Swan
- 3.04 Resilience Planning
Sue Guy was not able to gather first responders for tonight's meeting and this will now be rescheduled. Sue Guy
- 3.05 Project Seaweed
Cian McHugh has started the feasibility study and is to be seen gathering weed from the beach with his family! The weed will be vacuum packed to see how long it will keep its calorific value.
- 3.06 East Beach Seaside Award
Beach cleaning has started..... thank you for those who have volunteered. The diary dates have been circulated.
- Special thanks go to Janis Adams who has paid for plants and planted the planters at the seating area. They got hammered by the sea and will be put into intensive care. Janis will continue to look after the planters.
- 3.07 Beach Garden
Several people have been out to garden over the past few weeks. It has been a real challenge with lots of tough weeds. We will continue to weed on diary dates (and in between!) and when all is cleared, will review the planting plan. The idea is to eventually make the garden low maintenance with established shrubs.
- Su Nuttgens wondered if we should rename the garden so that it was clear that the Playgarden and planted area were one and now forming an informal square. After discussion, it was agreed that Su would look at town signage and make a recommendation on both the public name used to direct visitors and on the name that we might use for our own housekeeping shorthand. Su Nuttgens
- 3.08 Civic Week
Civic Week will run from 14th June to 23rd June and DSHNG needs volunteers for:
- **Parade** – 14th June – all welcome!
 - **Information Stand** at Lauderdale Park – 14th June pm
 - **Sunny Dunny Sea Surf Afternoon** – Surf Sprints at the East Beach – 15th June 2pm. Coast to Coast Surf School are hosting a really fun afternoon of sea races – kayak, swimming, stand up paddle boarding and surf paddling. Lamer St at East Beach will be closed. We need marshalls for this from 12 noon until 6pm to help set up, organise competitors, marshall spectators and traffic then close the site down and clear up. **VOLUNTEERS CONTACT PIPPA – ALL WELCOME – YOU ONLY NEED A SMILE!**
- 3.09 Estate Inspection
No action
- 4.00 New Projects**
- 4.01 • None to report
- 5.00 Neighbourhood Liaison**
- 5.01 Dunbar Harbour Trust – Lamer Island/The Battery
DHT are currently carrying out a consultation exercise on options for enhancing

the visitor experience to the Battery. They will apply to Viridor for funding for what they hope will be an iconic project.

Alasdair Swan took us through the DHT thinking and invited comment. Several people were concerned that this development might detract from moves to secure the sea walls. Alasdair confirmed that this was not the case. The Viridor funding cannot be used for securing the walls – this work is being funded by Marine Scotland and the Scottish Government which has already granted more than £200k in the past year for this work. More is to come as part of an ongoing maintenance and repair programme. The Viridor fund is intended for projects that offer significant environmental or amenity improvement to a community and the Lamer Island project fits this brief.

Details can be found on the DHT website.... www.dunbarharbourtrust.co.uk
You can fill out a paper copy of a questionnaire – contact the harbour trust via their website.

You can fill out an on line questionnaire at ...
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VFLZ6LD>

5.02 Harbour Trust – Harbour Users' Meeting

Dunbar Harbour Trust will host a harbour users meeting next Tuesday, 13th May at 6pm at the Methodist Church. All harbour residents are welcome to hear what the DHT has done over the past 6 months and plans for the coming year.

5.03 Co-op Lighting and Bamburgh Close

Michael Veitch reports that the Co-op has agreed to address the Bamburgh Close mess. Lighting has had to go to planning and will be changed in due course.

5.04 Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) meeting

The next meeting will be at 7,30pm at the Police Station on June 11th. All welcome.

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 The current balance is £2453 with £2250 allocated to projects funded by Civic Pride – Fishermen's Monument and Lobster Paving.

8.00 Any other business

8.01 Lamer St Sea Wall

This is reportedly cracking again. Pippa will chase ELC

Pippa Swan

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 3rd June** .