

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

Open Meeting

2 September 2014

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

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| ▪Mike Shaw | ▪Colin Barnes | ▪Liz Curtis |
| ▪Ian Dane | ▪Theresa Barnes | ▪Alasdair Swan |
| ▪Pippa Swan | ▪Sue Guy | ▪Brian Cox |
| ▪Kevin Heffernan | | ▪Joan Johnson |
| ▪Cathie Ramsay | | |
| ▪Robert Ramsay | | |

Apologies:

- Lesleymay Miller
- Gordon Nicolson

item		action
1.00	Minutes of Meeting of 3 June 2014 (no minuted meeting in July or August 2014)	
1.01	<u>Amendments</u> Nil	
1.02	<u>Action Items</u> With the exception of the undernoted, all action items have been attended to: 1.02/8.01 – Josie Tweddle's memorial plaque. Mike to organise this 1.02/3.04 – Resilience Planning – presentation by first responders 1.02/3.07 – Signage to direct visitors to East Beach and area names	Mike Shaw Sue Guy Su Nuttgens
2.00	Constitution	
2.01	<u>Constitution</u> No comment	
3.00	Project Update	
3.01	<u>Harbour Gateway Project (Blair's Garden)</u> DSHNG has just received notification of an offer of a 90% grant from Viridor Credits for the Gateway Project. The team will review the offer letter and respond to Viridor with information required. It is not anticipated that the conditions of the award will be a problem to meet. No public announcement will be made until the conditions are purified.	
	<p>Following publication of the press article about planning permission, a private donor, living locally, has undertaken to grant the remaining funds needed to see the project come live. It is therefore anticipated that the Creel Loaders will be in place by next summer. The team will now consider how best to manage the execution of the project.</p> <p>Ian Dane, Kevin Heffernan and Brian Cox were all very warmly congratulated on their fantastic effort over such a long period of time. It is a wonderful achievement.</p>	
3.02	<u>Fishermen's Monument</u> Dunbar Harbour Trust has arranged for Deputy Harbourmaster, Jimmy Knox, to carry out the painting of the monument in line with Keim paints specification. Jimmy is a retired painter and decorator. DSHNG will fund the cost of paint	

and a contribution to labour from the £750 grant currently held in our account.

Ian Dane will recommend a paint colour from the Keim range and Pippa will order this.

Ian Dane/
Pippa Swan

The harbour water supply is still not in so we will have to try to get access to a private supply as previously.

Ian Dane?

3.03 Lobster paving

Kevin Thomson of AG Thomson will re-use whinstone cobbles from Victoria Harbour to lay in the area. Pippa is to measure cobble patterns to allow Gardner Molloy to sketch out proposals for the lobster paving.

Pippa Swan

It is now felt that the paving can be completed within budget.

3.04 Project Seaweed

Cian McHugh has been collecting samples from the recent seaweed dump and is continuing to work on the feasibility study to test whether an AD unit might prove to be a good use for the kelp.

100 tonnes of seaweed were removed two weeks ago following a large dump and a further 100 tonnes from the same dump is waiting to be removed. The removal of this last pile was delayed by good weather that allowed Alastair Aitken, our local farmer and seaweed gatherer, to harvest. It is expected that the pile will be gone within a week.

Alasdair Swan and Mike Shaw continue to act on our behalf to manage the seaweed clearance.

3.05 East Beach Seaside Award

Beach cleans and gardening have gone on over the summer with varying numbers of volunteers. Mike Shaw has been pivotal to the success of this work. Water quality was good or excellent in all but one week when, following a storm, all Award beaches had a 'poor' result.

The Award period finished on 31 August and Mike will change the flag for our Saltire, in due course.

3.06 Resilience Planning

Sue Guy suggested will arrange for the Resilience Planning team to meet in the coming few weeks and should be able to report progress in October.

Sue Guy

3.07 Estate Inspection

We will now press on with the Estate Inspection for 2014. Pippa will canvass for volunteers to survey the six zones of our neighbourhood.

Pippa Swan

Joan Johnson has already volunteered to do the Woodbush/East Beach patch.

Sue Guy will print off maps etc as previously and distribute them to volunteers.

Sue Guy

It is hoped the preliminary results will be ready for 2 October.

3.08 Dr Badger's Bench

Gardner Molloy will tint the lettering of the inscription in a deep reddish brown to echo the iron markings in the sandstone.

The bench has been accepted for consideration for an award from the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain.

4.00 New Projects

- 4.01 After discussion, it was agreed that we should focus on bringing existing projects to a conclusion.

New projects will always be considered.

5.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

- 5.01 June - Civic Week – Sea Surf Afternoon

DSHNG helped Coast to Coast Surf School to run the very first Sea Surf Afternoon at the East Beach. Contestants paddled, swam and kayaked their way through the afternoon watched by lots of residents and visitors. The beach was rocky but it did not put people off and the consensus is that this is an event to repeat. Many thanks to C2C for their sterling efforts.

- 5.02 July - RNLI Day - Tombola

The tombola stall was a great success, raising in excess of £2k for RNLI. Thanks go to all those DSHNG who gave up so much of their time to help Mike Shaw.

- 5.03 August - Harbour Trust – Sparkling Dunbar

Dunbar Harbour Trust's Sparkling Dunbar on 23rd August was another great day at the harbour. DSHNG manned the kite flying and chalk wall as well as providing support to Dunbar Harbour Trust to set up and take down stalls. Hundreds of people had a great family day out.

It was great to be able to recruit new members, including Theresa and Colin Barnes who were warmly welcomed to our meeting.

- 5.04 Dunbar Harbour Trust - News

DHT has been successful in their application to Viridor for funding from Viridor's 'Legacy' fund to carry out significant restoration work to The Battery (Lamer Island). The project will also include improved access and information boards as well as the creation of a small outdoor performance space. More information can be found on DHT website <http://www.dunbarharbourtrust.co.uk>

- 5.05 Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm at the Police Station on September 11th. All welcome.

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 The current balance is £2453 with £2250 allocated to projects funded by Civic Pride – Fishermen's Monument and Lobster Paving. DSHNG has received a maintenance grant from ELC of £312 and has paid for the Planning Application for the Harbour Gateway (£192).

The current available balance including accrued interest stands at £323.76

8.00 Any other business

- 8.01 HAVE YOUR SAY - Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership

The Scottish Government has provided for community involvement in the planning of local resources and infrastructure. Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) are being set up all over Scotland with the ambition that they should drive the direction of local authorities in the coming years. East Lothian has 6 areas feeding into the CPP. Dunbar Community Council and DSHNG are both represented on the Dunbar and East Linton panel (Pippa Swan and Sue Guy, respectively).

If you have views about housing, transport, health, education or any other service managed by ELC, please let either Sue or Pippa know.

More information on Area Partnerships can be found at http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/200135/east_lothian_partnership_priorities/1586/community_planning_in_east_lothian/2

A report on statistical profiles for East Lothian is available from Pippa and should be available in the library. Our copy is currently with Colin Barnes.

8.02 East Lothian Residents' and Tenants' Panel AGM

ELTRPs AGM will be held on 22nd September. Pippa is unable to attend and invited volunteers but none was able to offer to go.

Pippa will decline the invitation.

8.03 Good Neighbour/Bad Neighbour

Colin Barnes asked if we had had much experience of handling 'neighbour' issues. He and Theresa had been really taken aback by what Colin described as aggressive and threatening responses from East Lothian Housing Association when he had asked for permission to allow a new boiler condensate pipe to discharge into the garden area of ELHA property, a neighbour to his house.

Pippa said that DSHNG have had dealings with ELHA in respect of Estate Inspection matters and had found them to be unimpressive. It was felt that part of ELHA's inertia was borne of the difficulties faced in multi ownership buildings.

Pippa said that DSHNG had felt well supported generally by ELC and by our local police and Community Wardens in particular when 'bad neighbour' issues had arisen in respect of dogs and noise. The group had had very little success in respect of forcing owners to deal with defective buildings as ELC tried hard to remain at a distance.

DSHNG will take on any issue raised by local residents if the group felt that their input would be helpful.

9.00 **Forthcoming Meetings**

9.01 The next open meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th October** at Dunbar Methodist Church.

Minutes by Pippa Swan

Circulated to: Members + Support groups including Councillors, Community Council, Dunbar Trades, LB Police