

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

Open Meeting

2 September 2014

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

- Alasdair Swan
- Brian Cox
- Sue Guy
- Pippa Swan
- Kevin Heffernan

- Cathie Ramsay
- Robert Ramsay
- Janis Adams
- Joan Johnson

Apologies:

- Mike Shaw
- Gordon Nicolson
- Ian Dane

item

action

1.00 Minutes of Meeting of 2 September 2014

1.01 Amendments

Nil

1.02 Action Items

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

1.02/3.07 – Signage to direct visitors to East Beach and area names

3.03 – Lobster Paving - Pippa is to measure the cobble layout and pass to Gary Lawson/Dunbar Harbour Trust

Mike Shaw
Su Nuttgens
Pippa Swan

2.00 Constitution

2.01 Constitution

No comment

3.00 Project Update

3.01 Harbour Gateway Project (Blair's Garden)

The Harbour Gateway project has now been registered with Entrust, which means that we can access funds for the works. The group is finalising tender information and passing this to Viridor who will confirm the grant offer, which is still expected to be in the region of £35k.

Once confirmation has been received, we will appoint contractors.

Our private donor has been visited by Pippa and Alasdair Swan and has been warmly thanked for the most generous gift to the Creel Loaders project. The donor will be kept fully informed of progress.

Ian Dane has put a huge amount of work into developing the technical detail for the paving and will liaise directly with ELC Planning to purify the planning conditions. A meeting is to be held on 10/10.

It is still expected that the project will start early in the spring with a May /June completion.

3.02 Fishermen's Monument

Dunbar Harbour Trust's Deputy Harbourmaster, Jimmy Knox, has successfully completed the re-painting of the monument in a Keim paint finish and the

monument is looking great again.

Ian Dane will be asked to write a note of thanks to Jimmy on behalf of the DSHNG.

Ian Dane

We will need to send a report to ELC in respect of the expenditure of the Civic Pride Fund grant.

Brian Cox/
Alasdair Swan

3.03 Resilience Planning

The team has met and will report on final recommendations shortly. It was agreed that plans should be finalised sooner rather than later with the winter months pending and reports of a 'perfect storm' forecast for March 2015.

Sue Guy

Sue will propose a Community Council sponsored information night on first responders if this seems sensible following the Community Resilience forum to be held on 25th October.

Sue Guy

3.04 Estate Inspection

The inspections are now complete and all maps returned with the exception of the North Harbour (Kenny Maule). This map is to be returned to Sue Guy asap.

Kenny Maule

Sue will collate the findings.

Sue Guy

Any/all photos are to be shared with Sue for her report

All reporters

In general terms, there was a feeling that the area was improving slowly. There were, though, particular concerns raised in respect of:

- Parking/traffic at the junction of Silver St/Church St/Castle St
This is to be highlighted in the report again – it has already been brought to ELC attention through the Local Plan feedback and through the Traffic/Transportation consultation process
- Vehicular access to/from Shore St at the junction with Lamer St
This is a new issue, raised by Monica Menis. The junction is considered dangerous.
- Lack of sensitive parking space at Cromwell Harbour
This is a new issue, raised by Monica Menis.
- **The condition of the East Beach**
***This was deemed to be our most pressing issue.** The beach has been massively eroded over the past two years and has gone from being a thing of beauty to a quarry. The drainage pipe is unsightly and the thought that the beach might justify a 'seaside award' in its present state was considered improbable. The negative impact on the town's economy was thought to be significant.*

Whilst it was accepted that ELC had been really good here was a strong feeling that ELC did not take the condition of the sea wall at all seriously. There was an awareness that ELC had carried out inspections but no moves had been made to repair or maintain the wall head and cracks continued to manifest themselves in the wall.

After discussion, it was agreed that Dunbar Community Council should be approached to consider a way forward, working with local groups and ELC. Pippa will approach DCC to see if it can be discussed at the next DCC meeting on 20th October.

Pippa Swan

4.00 Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Update

4.01 HAVE YOUR SAY

The last meeting was held at Bleachingfield on Monday 29th September. The main issues for discussion were those relating to transport and opportunities for

young people and children. Minutes will be distributed to DSHNG members in due course and everyone is invited to feed back to Pippa and/or Sue Guy if they wish to make particular representation on any aspect of the emerging Area Plan.

Key observations made by DSHNG members were:

- Concern that the nearest Job Centre to Dunbar was in Musselburgh. This was not deemed to be helpful in job hunting/career development.
- There was a view that Dunbar could benefit from greater opportunities for small scale/high quality work spaces for start up businesses and or 'home working'.
- There was concern at the lack of on job training/skills development in Dunbar.
- The concept of a centre similar to the Why Not shop in North Berwick could/should be explored.

Background

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

5.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

5.01 Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) meeting

At the meeting on 11th September, the following priorities were agreed:

Priority	Actions to be Undertaken	Person responsible.
Inconsiderate parking in residential areas	Patrol areas such as Floors Terrace, East Linton High Street and Countess Road in relation to persons parking inconsiderately and obstructing other drivers view.	Dunbar Community Policing Team.
Anti-Social Behaviour in vennels off Dunbar High Street	Patrol High Street and vennels to prevent anti social behaviour and check for any lighting faults or common stair security issues	Dunbar Community Policing Team Dunbar Community Warden.
Poor driving on rural roads	Patrol rural roads, especially between A1 and Oldhamstocks, to check irresponsible driving following reports of persons driving fast on narrow roads alongside horse riders. Contact ELC regarding signage.	Dunbar Community Policing Team

The next meeting will be at 7,30pm at the Police Station on October 23rd
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 £6,073.76. Allocations are as follows:

£750 – Fishermen's Monument (to be paid to DHT for materials/labour)

£1500 – Lobster Paving (still to be completed)

£3000 – Creel Loaders

£90 – hire of hall.

Brian Cox (Treasurer) has been successful in his application to the Common Good Fund with an award of £500.

He is currently applying to Lafarge for a grant.

8.00 Any other business

8.01 None

9.00 Forthcoming Meetings

9.01 The next open meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th November** at Dunbar Methodist Church.

Minutes by Pippa Swan

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