

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

Open Meeting

4 November 2014

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

- Alasdair Swan
- Brian Cox
- Pippa Swan
- Kevin Heffernan
- Cathie Ramsay
- Robert Ramsay

- Joan Johnson
- Mike Shaw
- Ian Dane
- Cian McHugh

Apologies:

- Su Nuttgens
- Gordon Nicolson
- Lesleymay Miller

item

action

1.00 Minutes of Meeting of 7th October 2014

1.01 Amendments

The meeting was held at Cathie and Robert Ramsay's house as we could not get access to the hall.

1.02 Action Items

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

- 1.02/1.02/8.01 – Josie Tweddle's memorial plaque. Mike to organise this
- 1.021.02/3.07 – Signage to direct visitors to East Beach and area names
- 3.02 – Fishermen's Monument – Report to be sent to ELC re spend

Mike Shaw
Su Nuttgens
Alasdair Swan

2.00 Constitution

2.01 Constitution

No comment

3.00 Project Update

3.01 Harbour Gateway Project (Blair's Garden)

Viridor have confirmed their grant offer and the project is fully funded.

Pippa, Brian, Ian and Kevin have been finalising contracts. Gardner Molloy will be appointed sculptor and P&K Landscapes of North Berwick will be appointed landscaper, in the coming week.

Pippa, Brian and Ian, as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively, were given permission by the meeting to sign the contracts on behalf of the group.

The project will start before Christmas with the beginning of the sculpture work which will start in the quarry where a 27 ton piece of stone has been reserved. The piece will be in place by summer 2015.

Alasdair proposed a huge vote of thanks to Kevin, Brian and Ian for all their hard work in securing this project.

3.02 Resilience Planning

Sue Guy and Pippa Swan went to the ELC sponsored 'Resilient Communities' seminar on 25th November and considered it to have been very useful.

The main lessons learnt are:

- **Make your own plans**

We must all take personal responsibility for taking steps in advance of a possible emergency to protect our family and our homes. *There is a great deal of information around as to how best to do this – the bottom line is that we each need to consider what we might do in the event of fire, flood or similar and have a plan in mind. Consider vulnerable people in the house, valuables, how you would keep water out, how you would protect your car, how you would feed/water yourself, how you would keep warm and safe, how you would medicate if needed. Have emergency kits ready that suit your needs.*

www.readyscotland.org

www.sepa.org.uk

www.scottishfloodforum.org

- **Consider priority provision**

If you have specific power needs for medical equipment or you are elderly and rely on electricity to keep you warm, you may qualify to be considered a priority customer. Get in touch with SP Energy Networks – 0330 1010 444 or register on line

- **Consider your neighbours**

In an emergency, consider how you might be able help your neighbours. Could you offer a vulnerable neighbour or neighbour with small children a warm and safe place to stay if they were in trouble? Go and talk to them and make a plan.

- **Don't drive in bad weather unless necessary**

Don't put yourself at risk by driving anywhere in bad weather unless it is essential. Getting to work or a dinner date or to see a friend, are not essential. If you consider your job to be 'essential', talk to your employer about how they might get you to your place of work in an emergency.

- **Stay informed**

In the event of a potential emergency, e.g flooding, there are a number of agencies that will keep you up to date.

➤ Listen to the radio (battery or wind up!) Radio Scotland, East Coast FM and Forth 1.

➤ Use information services – Floodline 0845 988 1188

www.metoffice.gov.uk

For any **emergency**, phone **999**

For **non emergency health** advice, phone **111**

For **non emergency police** advice, phone **101**

Householder Flood Protection

It was agreed that Pippa would try to co-ordinate a meeting with Floodforum to see if we could arrange an evening at which residents at risk of flooding would be able to see the protection available and, if desired, join together to purchase equipment.

Ian Dane

Brian Cox/
Alasdair Swan

Pippa Swan

3.03 Estate Inspection

Sue has collated maps and passed them to Pippa. Pippa will forward information to ELC in due course.

Pippa Swan

3.04 East Beach Regeneration, 2014

Following the last DSHNG meeting, it was agreed that we would seek Community Council support for an approach to ELC to see what might be done in respect of the East Beach, which is now in a shambolic state.

Joan Johnson, Alasdair Swan and Pippa Swan, met with Sue Anderson (DCC), Councillor Norman Hampshire and Neil Clark (ELC Landscape and Countryside) on 3rd November. The meeting was hugely positive. Norman

Hampshire will seek funding for a design that would see the beach replenished with sand and protected by appropriate new defences.

A separate minute has been circulated to all group members together with an invitation to come up with ideas that might be incorporated into any engineered solution.

4.00 Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Update

4.01 HAVE YOUR SAY

The last meeting was held in East Linton on 3rd November. The issues examined included how ELC might best target services to relieve social isolation, make villages more sustainable and see town centres revitalised. Minutes will be circulated in due course.

Please do feed back to Pippa Swan or to Sue Guy if you have any points you would like us to raise.

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

4.02 East Lothian Development Plan

ELC will publish proposals this month for where new buildings will go in East Lothian. You will get notice of an on line consultation portal in due course.

If you would like to see the plans in the flesh, come to the Dunbar Castle Social Club, Belhaven Road, on 2nd December from 1.30pm – 6pm to find out more and HAVE YOUR SAY.

5.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

5.01 Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) meeting

At the meeting in October, the following priorities were agreed:

Priority	Actions to be Undertaken	Person responsible.
Cyclist and runner safety	Conduct patrols, visit schools and link in with cycling and running clubs regarding the visibility of cyclists and runners. Get cyclists off pavements.	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.

5.02 Dunbar Harbour Trust – Harbour Users Update Meeting

You are a harbour user because you are part of this group! If you would like to

find out what the Harbour Trust has been up to and express your views about plans for the future, please feel free to come along to a short meeting at Dunbar Methodist Church – Tuesday 25th November, 6pm – 7pm

6.00 Publicity for Group and Projects

6.01 Website

[Dunbar Shore and Harbour](#)

East Beach Noticeboard

Notices will be placed on the board at the East Beach.

[East Beach Facebook](#)

7.00 Treasurer's Report + Finances

7.01 We did not update finances this month; there is no material change since October.

8.00 Any other business

8.01 None

9.00 Forthcoming Meetings

9.01 The next open meeting will not now be until our **AGM – 3rd February 2015**. at Dunbar Methodist Church. If you want to raise anything in the meantime, please just get in touch.

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Minutes by Pippa Swan

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