

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

Open Meeting

1st September 2015

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:

- Mike Shaw
- Alasdair Swan
- ian Dane
- Brian Cox
- Pippa Swan
- Kevin Heffernan
- Janis Adams
- Joan Johnson
- Sue Guy
- Cathie Ramsay
- Robert Ramsay

Apologies:

- Karell Sime
- Kenny Maule
- Michael Veitch
- Liz Curtis

item

action

1.00 Minutes of Meeting of 2nd June 2015

1.01 Amendments
None

1.02 Action Items
All action items have been attended to

Pippa Swan

2.00 Constitution

2.01 Committee
No comment.

3.00 Project Update

We did not meet in July or August but work has continued on all projects over the summer.

3.01 Harbour Gateway
The Gateway Team shared an update report.

THE PROJECT IS UNDERWAY! Gardner Molloy finally got the quarry gods on his side and huge piece of stone was delivered to HadFab's yard at Macmerry in July. Gardner will work on the stone in this location until the work is complete, estimated to be towards the end of November 2015.

The finished work will be approximately 2.1m high and about 1.5m in diameter.

The team has remained in close contact both with the landscaping contractor and with ELC Planning.

Landscaping should start towards the end of October and take one month. It will incorporate the waymarkers which will be carved by GM.

The information panel will require advertisement consent and there will be a cost for this.

ELC Landscape and Countryside (Andrew Hogarth) are yet to come back with recommendations for the hedge planting (low maintenance + not thorny).

Viridor are happy with progress and have been making payments without

issue.

The team's update report to Viridor is addended to this minute.

3.02 East Beach Regeneration 2015

Since June we have:

- met with SEPA and ELC on site. Both are supportive of a beach re-profiling and beach recharge and will assist as necessary
- attended a conference on sedimentation and dredging (Forth Forum) and commenced discussions about the possible use of dredged material for beach recharge
- registered our beach recharge aspirations with Marine Scotland, who have been helpful with advisory information on process
- linked with Alistair Davison who has offered ad hoc pro bono advice per his office on scientific aspects of beach recharge
- acted as client for the review of design proposals for a new rock groyne, prepared by ELC, currently being examined by engineers, Arch Henderson
- Obtained prices from AG Thomson for re-profiling the beach – moving existing material by heavy machinery to reduce the exposure of the interceptor pipe concrete armature

Next steps:

- Get feedback from Arch Henderson's review of rock groyne proposal
- Identify East Beach sand type (this has to be matched with source material for recharge)
- Make preliminary contact with Forth Ports (the most likely dredged material source)
- Submit proposal to Marine Scotland
- Agree a programme for beach re-profiling
- Establish a subsequent photo monitoring regime to assess material movement

3.03 East Beach Kelp Management

Alistair Aitken, farmer, is no longer keen to take the weed as it is so heavily polluted by rock and other material by the time it leaves the shore. DSHNG found it difficult to assure removal by Alistair as he, quite rightly, had to prioritise farm work. His tractor and trailer cannot now access the beach.

A new plan has therefore been agreed over the summer, with ELC.

Through DSHNG, ELC has entered into a framework agreement with Kevin Thomson of AG Thomson, Dunbar. The plan is:

- Small/medium/heavily contaminated dumps will be deposited over the pipeline to wash out
- large dumps will be collected by AGT and conveyed to a local farm by lorry
- DSHNG will notify ELC of a need to shift material and will instruct AGT directly. This should mean that weed will be moved within 48hrs of instruction, tides permitting.

Kevin has already moved three loads of weed over the pipe and this has proved cost effective. We have had no serious issues with kelp flies over the

summer.

The plan will remain under review and should be considered a 'work in progress'.

3.04 Beach Garden + Beach Cleans

Beach cleans have been ongoing over the summer with a very few volunteers – Mike Shaw has been key to managing the process and it would not happen without him. The last beach clean of the Award season is on Sunday 6th September.

Gardening has happened on an ad hoc basis.

3.05 Victoria Street History Panels

Pippa is to assemble costs and make a grant application

Pippa Swan

4.00 New Projects for 2015

4.01 Helping Hands

Although at the last meeting the idea was identified as being a good one for our area, the project is waiting for a leader. Volunteers welcome!

4.02 Communal Bike/Bin Storage

On hold until a leader can be found.

5.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

5.01 Dunbar Harbour Trust – Lamer Island project

Alasdair Swan updated on the project.

Dunbar Harbour Trust (DHT) hosted a meeting on Monday 8th June at which the proposed artist for the Battery installation, Donald Urquart, showed his work. Widespread public consultation and design development will take place in due course.

Proposals for planting on the Battery have met with widespread scepticism. Andrew Ormston, a local resident and keen promotor of the garden plan, is to be asked by DHT to pursue his ambitions for this through his contacts with Royal Botanic Gardens. If no realistically sustainable plan can be determined, the garden idea will not proceed.

A planning application has been submitted to ELC for re-landscaping and seating around the propeller, close to Badger's bench. Immediate residents were canvassed for their views and proposals incorporate these.

5.02 Community Events

DSHNG members joined in to support the following over the summer:

- Dunbar Civic Week Parade
- C2C Surf Sprints
- RNLI day – tombola stall
- Sparkling Dunbar Community Harbour Day

6.00 Publicity for Group and Projects

6.01 Website

www.ourlocality.org/dunbarshoreandharbour

East Beach Noticeboard

Notices will be placed on the board on a regular basis.

Facebook

www.facebook.com/DunbarsEastBeach

7.00 Treasurer's Report + Finances

7.01 Funding

Brian Cox reported that we are in funds and have sufficient to cover current projects and manage our hall rental until the spring.

8.00 Any other business

8.01 1 Shore Street (Cuckoo Wrasse)

Over the summer, progress has been slow but progress has been made

- Meeting arranged by Michael Veitch with ELC planning and flood prevention officer + Monica Menis, Nigel Booth and Pippa Swan for DSHNG. Not satisfactory. Flood report required from Paul Hendy of Scottish Flood Forum to unlock impasse.
- PS set up link between Nigel Booth and Paul Hendy.
- Paul Hendy has surveyed the site and is preparing report
- Case has been referred to Scottish Ministers by Paul Hendy who is determined that flooding legislation is NOT meant to stop development in the way that it has at Shore St

Nigel will submit Paul's report in due course and it is hoped that the project may then be passed by ELC.

If it is, it will still have to be referred back to Scottish Govt as it will be seen to contravene SEPA recommendations. A merry-go-round!

8.02 Church St

A planning application has been submitted for the erection of 9 flats in the plot behind the Coastguard houses (where the wall was rebuilt on Church St in 2012). Widespread objections were made to ELC during the consultation period.

It was agreed at the meeting that PS would circulate both the plans and a copy of her objection that was made personally but reflects the sentiments expressed to her by some local residents. Both will be circulated for information only.

Pippa Swan

Pippa will also chase Janet Placido of ELC Estates to confirm the ownership of the site and determine any planned 'private' sale of same.

Pippa Swan

8.03 Area Partnership

Sue Guy and Mike Shaw represent the views of our group on the AP. Pippa Swan was elected chair of the group over the summer.

Projects identified at our May meeting have all been incorporated into the Area Plan:

- Beach maintenance (beach regeneration remains a separate, key issue)
- Repair of East Beach wall head
- Help with maintenance of Beach Garden
- Reclamation and upgrade of Common Good margin to path at Playgarden

- Creation of speed reducing 'platforms' at the bottom of Silver St and at the link between Playgarden path and East Beach access

Outwith our area, we wanted to support:

- Proper repairs to High St pavements
- Proper maintenance/planting of High St planters or their removal
- Re-instatement of Clifftop Trail

8.04 Sustainable Travel Planning

Open public consultation session – Wednesday 2 September at Bleachingfield.

9.00 Forthcoming Meetings

9.01

The next OPEN meeting will be on **Tuesday 6th October**

Methodist Church, Victoria Street, Dunbar

Minutes by Pippa Swan

Circulated to:

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

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Dunbar Harbour Gateway Project

Viridor Credits – DHGP –Sculpture. Project Ref: 6935

Project Progress Report No.4

Sept. 2015

Programme & Progress

As previously advised, the Sculptor Contract determines the start date for the Landscape Contract.

Sculpture – Gardner Molloy

As reported in June 2015. Progress was dependant upon the quarry supplying a stone suitable for the main Sculpture.

On 08 August 20015, we were able to inform your Admin. Team that a suitable stone had been located and verified by the Sculptor,

The stone was transported to East Lothian at the end of July since when Gardner Molloy has carried out his initial “roughing out” work which should be completed by mid-September.

The Sculptor now anticipates that the Sculpture will be ready for delivery to site by the end of November 2015.

Landscape - P&K Landscape

P&K Landscape have been advised of the position with a view to ensuring that the Landscaping Contract is carried out to suit the delivery of the Sculpture. A start on site date will be advised to the Admin. Team once this is agreed.

LCF Monies

A total sum of £13,050.00 has been certified and paid to date (in respect of the Sculptor Contract.).

Statutory Authority

East Lothian Council, who own the site have been advised that work is now in hand on the Sculpture. Their Landscape Department are currently considering a suitable planting scheme for the Project.

Any queries related to the Progress Report No 4 should be sent to:

Kevin Heffernan (Project Leader) DS&HNG at scotty45@web.de

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