

The **sculptor**, Gardner Molloy, is progressing steadily with the piece in HadFab's yard at Macmerry. It is estimated that he is approximately 50% of the way to completing the work and it is anticipated that it might be ready to be brought to site within 6 - 8 weeks. Sue Nuttgens encouraged the group to allow Gardner to work at his own pace and this counsel, from a fellow artist, was accepted. Photos taken by Kevin Heffernan gave a good idea of scale and form and will be circulated in due course.

There was considerable discussion about how the piece was to be moved into position from Macmerry. This will not happen before Christmas if the dates all become too tight. The project team have been pressing Gardner for details of how his haulier intends to move the piece into position as it weighs 7 tons and neither the new pavings nor pavement will take this load.

With advice from Mike Shaw, who is familiar with driving site machinery, it was agreed that the final solution must rest with Gardner and his team. Our project team will re-iterate the message sent on several occasions, that there must be no load at all placed on the vulnerable surfaces.

ELC Landscape and Countryside (Andrew Hogarth) have proposed that the new hedge be white Escallonia, an evergreen shrub with white flowers and glossy leaves. This will have to be cut to keep its shape.

Viridor are happy with progress and have been making payments without issue. The project is on budget.

The team – Ian Dane, Kevin Heffernan and Brian Cox, were again thanked sincerely for their dedication to this project.

3.02 East Beach Regeneration 2015

6th October – it was agreed that beach re-profiling should be targeted for March 2016, after the worst of the winter storms.

Following the meeting in October, Dave Maxfield confirmed that Crown Estates do 'own' the shore between high and low water marks and would have to be consulted about any beach re-charge.

Arch Henderson are still to come back to Pippa with approximate costs for the rock groyne.

Pippa has had no luck in getting data on existing sand from ELC but will chase one last time before looking to other sources for help.

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In due course, this project will need a proper project team.

3.03 East Beach Kelp Management

Kevin Thomson is moving weed over the pipes on instruction.

3.04 East Beach Sea Defences

The Heras fencing is in place to protect the public following an undermining of the ramp by recent heavy seas.

Following the meeting Pippa was informed that the ramp had been fully undermined with a hole appearing in the top where the sandbags are

currently visible. The fencing is in place until it can be determined if an emergency repair carried out by Kevin Thomson as withstood the weather.

Pippa is trying to find out what the plans are for repairing the wall head. Following the meeting, ELC confirmed that plans are in place to repair the concrete wall head in sections at some time in the future. ELC would not be more specific.

4.00 Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Update

4.01 Public Meeting – Information session and consultation

The Area Partnership will host an open meeting on Monday 11th January at 7pm at the Town House. This session will inform on the projects that the Partnership Panel feel would be of most importance for the community and offer a chance for comment and feedback.

Notices will be distributed in due course.

4.02 Public Meeting – Dunbar High Street and the Conservation Area

The Area Partnership will host an open information and feedback session on Monday 8th February at the Town House. The session will allow people to see all the work that has historically been done to capture a deliverable plan for the Conservation Area and High Street and seek to gather current views that will fix a plan for how the area should look over the next 8/10 years.

The session will cover:

Street furniture, flags, lights, seating, planters, shop fronts, bins, bikes, road crossings etc – in fact ANYTHING that the community feels should be addressed.

It is hoped that a plan will also emerge that will define our expectations in respect of ELC maintenance of roads, pavements, painted railings, drain/gutter clearance etc.

Notices will be distributed in due course.

5.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

5.01 Dunbar Harbour Trust – Harbour Users' Meeting (not discussed)

Dunbar Harbour Trust (DHT) will host an open information session at the Methodist Church.

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

Not discussed.

8.00 Any other business

8.01 1 Shore Street (Cuckoo Wrasse)

Paul Hendy of Scottish Flood Forum has prepared a report that shows how the building fabric could be reasonably adapted to avoid risk to persons and property. ELC passed this on to SEPA and immediately suggested that new planning and listed building consents would have to be submitted. Nigel Booth will go with Pippa to meet with ELC on 10/11/15 to discuss this.

The general feeling is one of huge disappointment that, after a year, ELC have not embraced Paul Hendy's report with more enthusiasm.

8.02 Church St + Smiths Bakers

No further updates. Both applications are live with consultation phases closed.

8.03 20s Plenty

Dunbar Community Council will be seeking views on whether or not Dunbar should adopt a 20mph policy and, if so, where. There was no obvious consensus at the meeting but a sense that consultation would be appreciated.

8.04 Social Event with Wingate TRA

Wingate TRA have asked if we would like to join them for a carpet bowling afternoon on Sunday 31st January at Dunbar Bowling Club.

Please let Pippa know if you, with family members if desired, might like to join this event. Tickets £2 each to cover refreshments and a donation to the Club.

9.00 Forthcoming Meetings

9.01

The AGM and next OPEN meeting will be on **Tuesday 2nd February 2016.**

Methodist Church, Victoria Street, Dunbar

Minutes by Pippa Swan

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