Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group

Minutes of
Open Meeting
03 May 2016
Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

Attendees:
- Pippa Swan
- Alasdair Swan
- Brian Cox
- Cathie Ramsay
- Robert Ramsay
- Kevin Heffernan
- Kenny Maule
- Mike Shaw
- Teresa Barnes
- Colin Barnes

Apologies:
- Carol Norris
- Karrel Sime

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item action

1.00 Minutes of Meeting of 05 April 2016

1.01 Amendments
None

1.02 Action Items
All action items have been attended to AS

2.00 Project Update

2.01 Harbour Gateway – The Creel Loaders
Gardner Molloy has given notice that he hopes to bring the Creel Loaders to site at some time in the next month. He now has a concern about moving the finished piece so his intention is to bring it to site and complete the leg carving/cut out in situ.

The team will liaise with Gardner to ensure that safety issues are addressed.

After discussion, it was agreed that we would look to have a group 'christening' of the sculpture when Gardner's work is complete and plan a more formal event to which sponsors and benefactors will be invited, later in the summer/early autumn.

The team will make clear to Gardner that all works must be complete now to a timescale that allows for invoices to be submitted before the grant cut off date in the autumn.

Teresa Barnes presented her fascinating research into the 'Fisherwomen'. She has collected a lot of information and has geared it to Primary School age children. The work includes a game and questions and it is envisaged that it may be used both in schools and, later, as a pack that might be available to visitors. Teresa and Kenny Maule will liaise. Pippa will approach the Primary Schools to see if the talk/pack would be of interest. PS
Teresa was warmly thanked for her humorous presentation which included the important information that herring communicate by passing wind! Not many people know that!!

2.02 Beach Garden
ELC do not have resource to help with the garden at the moment so we will revert to beach clean/gardening sessions. A diary will be circulated. PS

2.03 Victoria Street Panels

Kenny Maule has continued to lead this project and is sourcing funding. Area Partnership and Dunbar Community Council have offered cash support if applications to Viridor and others are not successful.

Kenny's plans were undermined this week when he learnt that Enjoy Leisure have given consent for a BT box to be located in the recess. Pippa will contact the planners.

Post meeting – Enjoy Leisure have agreed to ask BT to relocate the box outwith the recess. No contact to be made with Planning Dept.

2.04 Dunbar East Beach Regeneration

The team have now met with consultants from Royal Haskoning DHV. The plan now is that they will:

- Make recommendations on the type and construction of groyne bearing in mind cost and kelp management.
- Make recommendations re beach recharge from dredged sources (this was deemed to be entirely possible)
- Make recommendations re the possibility of accessing funds for a larger project that would see the whole waterfront re-developed through European funding.

We expect to hear back from them within the next four weeks.

In the interim….

ELC have committed to the rebuilding of the groyne.

ELC have committed to the re-profiling of the pipe and beach. Scottish Water will be asked to contribute to the costs of the pipe re-profile. Re-profiling is seen as potentially beneficial to the beach regeneration by RHDHV in addition to the improved appearance.

ELC have committed to the execution of repair works to the wall head.

ELC works will happen this summer.

3.00 Neighbourhood Liaison

3.01 Forth Estuary Forum – Coastal Erosion Seminar

Kenny has managed to persuade FEF to hold this seminar in Dunbar on 2nd June. Notice will be circulated for this free event to be held at Dunmuir Hotel at 6pm.

3.02 Civic Week

Sue Anderson is looking for support for Civic Week. The group will join the parade this year. Notice will be circulated.

3.03 Dunbar High Street and Conservation Area Review

The results are back in crude form. They did not throw up any new issues other than a majority view that any new street furniture should be more contemporary.

The Area Partnership will now put together a plan that will seek to deliver all the aspirational upgrades for the High Street within the next 7 years.

A full paper will be circulated shortly with details.

4.00 Publicity for Group and Projects

4.01 www.ourlocality.org/dunbarshoreandharbour

www.facebook.com/DunbarsEastBeach

7.00 Treasurer's Report + Finances

7.01 Funding

Not discussed.

8.00 Any other business

8.01 None

9.00 Forthcoming Meetings

9.01 Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month until further notice.

7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Victoria Street….everybody welcome!

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th June.**

There will be no formal meeting in July or August.

Minutes by Pippa Swan

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