

# Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

## Open Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Methodist Church Hall Dunbar

### Attendees:

- Pippa Swan
- Alasdair Swan
- Brian Cox
- Mike Shaw
- Cathie Ramsay
- Robert Ramsay
- Kevin Heffernan
- Teresa Barnes
- Colin Barnes
- Ian Dane
- Milly Cornwall
- Janis Adams

### Apologies:

- Carol Norris
- Karrel Sime

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item	action
<b>1.00 Minutes of Meeting of 03 May 2016</b>	
1.01 <u>Amendments</u>	
None	
1.02 <u>Action Items</u>	
All action items have been attended to	
<b>2.00 Project Update</b>	
2.01 <u>Harbour Gateway – The Creel Loaders</u>	
The Creel Loaders was launched! We met happily on site to toast the stone trio and to toast the Team Trio for all their hard work.	
 The Creel Loaders arrived on site on 9 <sup>th</sup> August and has already attracted much positive feedback. The group thanked Kevin Heffernan, Ian Dane and Brian Cox for all their very hard work.	
 The final claim for payment has been made to Viridor and payment passed to Gardner Molloy.	
 The waymarker work is still to be concluded and PS will press Gardner Molloy for his designs.	PS
 It was agreed that we would celebrate the inclusion of the waymarkers but probably delay any full scale 'thank you' event until Viridor make their planned visit to East Lothian in the spring.	
 Further consideration will be given to including an information panel on the site.	Team
 ELC will be approached to arrange the handover of ownership to them.	ELC
 <i>Teresa Barnes reported a hugely successful event with Dunbar Primary School. She had about 160 children in groups to hear her stories of the fisherwomen. She had borrowed a creel from the John Gray Centre and invented games and tales. She has now been invited to speak to the children at West Barns. A really great effort and huge thanks go to Teresa ( and Colin!) for both thinking of the idea and delivering it!</i>	

## 2.02 Victoria Street Panels

Kenny Maule has lodged the planning application for information panels only, after very much hassle with ELC planning department. Thank you, Kenny!

The scheme is as outlined in the spring. Detailed designs for the panels will be developed if and when consent is granted.

Alasdair Swan is minded to push on and apply for the paving but will only do so when it is known how the BT box will work and whose responsibility it will be to maintain the space.

## 2.03 Dunbar East Beach Regeneration

The team received reports from Royal Haskoning DHV and followed up recommendations with further questions.

The outcomes:

Groyne – a timber groyne is deliverable but it is unlikely that it will withstand the vagaries of the North Sea. RHDHV are not supportive of a groyne as a recharge catalyst – it WOULD perhaps have a value if we had any sand.

The current plan is to construct a concrete 'bio' wall, notionally 500m wide x 1000mm high, that will run out from the rocks along the line of the old groyne. The concept is that it will act as a rebound wall for waves driving off Cromwell Harbour and hopefully persuade the waves to drop sediment to the north of the groyne. It will be designed to attract living creatures and plants.

It will still be very much an experiment. The cost will be in excess of £100k and this cost will be met by ELC. ELC will do the planning consents and liaise with RHDHV over licences.

Pipe Mattress – Scottish Water will share the £60k cost of building a concrete pipe mattress to each side of the sewage pipe. The idea is that the sea will be carried over the pipe and that this will arrest the scouring action to both sides. This should mean that weed will be carried away more easily and that sand will be carried up the beach as far as possible. The beach will be re-profiled with existing sea cobbles.

Beach Recharge – The costs of a beach recharge are likely to approach £1m and there would be no guarantee that any sand would stay for longer than a first storm. ELC will continue to explore this but it is unlikely that it will happen.

Waterfront – OOBE landscape architects' sketches were circulated. It was agreed that they are to be appointed to come up with a concept design for the East Beach waterfront that will inform all future infrastructure investment at East Beach. DSHNG will pay for this from the Civic Pride fund grant held by ELC. The scheme should be with us before the end of the year.

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Wallhead – a patch repair was carried out over the summer to the wall head.

2.04 Fishermen's Monument

The Keim paint finish has failed. Nevin Decorators inspected the monument with conservation architect, Jocelyn Cunliffe. The conclusion is that the stone is degrading and that the paint cannot and will not adhere to it long term.

The current recommendation is that the paint should be allowed to wear off. It will not affect the stability of the monument.

*Post meeting note: Pippa has made contact with Graciela Ainsworth, the conservation contractor, for her advice.*

**3.00 Neighbourhood Liaison – not discussed but for information now**

3.01 Forth Estuary Forum – Coastal Erosion Seminar

FEF to held a very well attended seminar at Dunmuir Hotel on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Kenny will speak about East Beach at a forthcoming event in November.

3.02 Dunbar Harbours

Work is underway to prepare for improvements to the Battery/Lamer Island. Stone repairs are in hand and excavations have been carried out to establish historic ground levels. Works will be ongoing until the new year.

3.03 Dunbar High Street and Conservation Area Review

High Street improvement plans have been agreed by the Area Partnership and the plan will be circulated in due course.

**4.00 Publicity for Group and Projects**

4.01 [www.ourlocality.org/dunbarshoreandharbour](http://www.ourlocality.org/dunbarshoreandharbour)

[www.facebook.com/DunbarsEastBeach](http://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

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** but will only consider the waymarkers for the Creel Loaders, unless another issue is raised. Kenny will hopefully be able to speak to use about Victoria Street at our November meeting.

Minutes by Pippa Swan

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