

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + Open Meeting

15th February 2022

Seapoint, Woodbush, Dunbar + Zoom

Attendees

- Jo Waddell
- Teresa Barnes
- Colin Barnes
- Brian Cox
- Cathie Ramsay
- Pippa Swan
- Alasdair Swan
- Joan Johnson
- Mike Shaw

Zoom Attendees

- Donald Budge
- Kevin Heffernan
- Elaine McGregor
- Mark Cavanagh

Apologies

- Kenny Maule
- Robert Ramsay
- Ian Dane
- Adam Biran
- Tim and Diana Greene
- Sue Guy
- Liz Curtis
- Fiona Veitch
- Jan Green
- Barbara Royle
- Tanya Jepson

AGM

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.00	Welcome	
1.01	Pippa Swan chaired the meeting and welcomed all those who had joined by Zoom as well as those who had come to meet in person.	
2.00	Minutes of AGM 2021	
2.01	<u>Action Items, Amendment and Adoption</u> The minutes of last year's meeting had been circulated a year ago, and again in January 2022, for information. There were no action items outstanding from last year's meeting and no amendments requested. The minutes of the AGM were adopted. Proposed – Mike Shaw Seconded – Brian Cox	
3.00	Chairman's Report – Pippa Swan	
3.01	The Chairman's Report for 2021 was circulated with AGM papers in January 2021. Subjects covered included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Dunbar East Beach Regeneration –<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Update on sand buildii. Update on Biowallb. Kelp Management planc. Sea Defencesd. Beach Cleanse. Lamer Street Traffic Management + wider management planf. Estate Inspection Report 2021	

- g. Flood Resilience
- h. Fishermen's Monument
- i. Creel Loaders Sculpture
- j. Planning Matters + Heritage Preserved

A copy is to be posted on the DSHNG noticeboard at East Beach.

PS/MS

It was noted that although the group had only met twice, a great deal of work had still been carried out by volunteers and the group profile was still high and recognized as valuable by ELC.

Sue Guy (by email) and others expressed particular satisfaction in the way that the sand on East Beach had rebuilt and thanks were passed to the East Beach Regeneration Team.

4.00 Receipt and Adoption of Annual Accounts 2021 – Brian Cox

4.01 Brian Cox tabled accounts for 2021. The group currently has a restricted fund of £1529.00 ringfenced for support of the Playgarden and an unrestricted fund of £1339.82.

There were no questions and the accounts were approved and adopted.
Proposed – Alasdair Swan
Seconded – Joan Johnson

The Accounts were signed by Pippa Swan as Chairman and a copy will be placed with the AGM Minutes.

4.02 Matters arising:

- o Joan Johnson will become a signatory to the bank account, along with Ian Dane and Brian Cox.
- o A further maintenance grant will be applied for to cover costs of meetings etc as it is now hoped to meet in person.
- o Mike Shaw will find out costs of meeting at Harbour Chapel. Fiona Veitch contact details to be passed to MS.

BC/JJ

**BC
PS/MS**

5.00 Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

5.01 All committee members stand down at the end of each business year. Secretaries Ian Dane and Colin Barnes have both given notice that they would not wish to be considered further as office bearers.

There being no other notice of ambition to be on the committee, it was agreed that the following would renew their roles:

- Chairman – Pippa Swan
- Vice Chairman – Mike Shaw
- Treasurer – Brian Cox
- Secretary – *post to be filled by Pippa Swan until a replacement comes forward*

The following confirmed their willingness to continue as committee members:

- Kenny Maule
- Joan Johnson

Pippa will contact Tanya Jepson to see if she would be prepared to stay on the committee and keep tabs on the website and Facebook page.

Adam Biran has expressed a willingness to help out on projects if he can and he was thanked for this. If we need more committee members for any reason, he will be asked to join.

6.00 Amendments to Constitution

6.01 The constitution had been sent out with AGM papers. No notices of necessary changes have been advised and the constitution remains unchanged.

7.00 AOB

7.01 There was no other AGM business.

8.00 AGM Closing Comments

8.01 Pippa thanked Ian Dane and Colin Barnes for their considerable input as Secretaries over the past years and the AGM part of the meeting was closed.

OPEN MEETING

1.00 Minutes of Last Open Meeting – 7th September 2021

1.01 Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated with AGM papers. No amendments were requested and all action items have either been dealt with or overtaken by events.

The Minutes were approved.

1.02 For information – not discussed

The September meeting was called to discuss a robust kelp clearance plan and a scheme of using small machines, operated locally was agreed. A new ramp access at the north end of East Beach was to be constructed as part of the plan.

After representation from Woodbush Dippers and further group discussion, it was agreed to hold on plans to purchase machinery etc for a year in which period the movement of kelp and other weed accumulations would be monitored. The scheme is not abandoned.

2.00 Project Update and the Future of DSHNG

2.01 The project update was included in the Chairman's Report for the AGM and no further comment was made other than to reinforce thanks to all the volunteers for their considerable input. Particular mention was made of the ongoing care of the Fishermen's Monument (Ian Dane/Alasdair Swan) and the Creel Loaders planting. (Brian Cox)

PS expressed some disappointment that so relatively few members had joined the AGM/Open Meeting and questioned the future of the group.

Joan Johnson, Alasdair Swan and others expressed the very firm view that the group was important and that there was a real need to keep it alive to ensure that the good work executed and the standing achieved with ELC over the past 11 years was not lost.

The group will continue but its future will be reviewed annually. It is hoped that younger members will be persuaded to take an active role in the projects that the group would like to see addressed in 2022. (See Item 3.00)

3.00 Projects for 2022

3.01 The group agreed that they would like to continue with the following rolling projects, with existing leads:

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| ➤ Estate Inspection | Kenny Maule |
| ➤ Beach Maintenance (general) | Joan Johnson |
| ➤ Noticeboard Maintenance | Mike Shaw |
| ➤ Seaside Award | Alasdair Swan |
| ➤ Fishermen's Monument Upkeep | Alasdair Swan/Ian Dane |
| ➤ Creel Loaders Garden | Brian Cox/Alasdair Swan |
| ➤ CAPP Liaison (Police) | Mike Shaw |
| ➤ Flood Resilience | Kenny Maule |
| ➤ Beach Cleans | Susan Mowatt et al |

The project leads are all volunteers and will seek support as and when they need it.

3.02 The following special projects are to be re-awakened with initial leads as follows:

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| ➤ East Beach Sea Defence Master Plan | Pippa Swan |
| ➤ East Beach Ramp Access | Pippa Swan |
| ➤ Promenade Summer Facelift | ? |
| ➤ Neighbourhood Pedestrian Plan | Pippa Swan |
| ➤ Neighbourhood Traffic Plan | Pippa Swan |

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All of these projects require input and a team approach. Members are encouraged to volunteer to take the lead and/or to join the project group. Contact: shore_harbour@yahoo.co.uk

3.03 The following new projects are to be explored with starter leads as follows:

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| ➤ Playgarden renovation | Mike Shaw/Pippa Swan |
| ➤ Jubilee Marker Stone | Pippa Swan |
| ➤ Sandcastle Competition | Donald Budge |
| ➤ Summer Social Event | Committee |

Again, each one of these projects requires support if they are to happen so if you would like to take the lead or just play a part, get in touch:

shore_harbour@yahoo.co.uk

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4.00 CAPP (Community and Police Partnership)

4.01 Mike Shaw has been attending these meetings with the police that take place roughly monthly. He gave an update on issues that had been

addressed including anti-social behaviour by youngsters and traffic issues.

The local police service continues to flux and we are about to get yet another new police officer for Dunbar. Mike will keep us posted.

4.02 Concern was expressed at the process by which Police Scotland dealt with the vandalism of a flat at Colvin Street. The 101 service told the flat owner to log the incident on line. It was felt that this was entirely inappropriate and potentially excluded a whole group of people from accessing police support. MS will raise this at the CAPP meeting. **MS**

4.03 MS reported that the DSHNG noticeboard had been vandalized with spray paint, with the templated words – *John Colonizer Muir*. The paint and subsequent removal have damaged the polycarbonate sheet.

Jo Waddell pointed out that the quality of stencil used suggested an organized campaign. MS is to report the incident and raise it at the CAPP meeting. **MS**

5.00 Treasurer's Report

5.01 None, following AGM.

6.00 AOB

6.01 Nextdoor App/What'sApp

A number of attendees confirmed that they had received a letter of invitation to join the Nextdoor App, which promised to keep neighbours in touch with each other. PS asked if this kind of WhatsApp link would be useful for DSHNG. After a brief discussion it was agreed that current means of communication are preferred.

6.02 Local Development

Donald Budge asked for an update on the Assembly Rooms and it was confirmed that recent press releases had reported that the planning application for flats had been refused and an appeal against that decision by the applicant, turned down. Press reports are that the building has been sold to a couple who intend to make it their family home.

The meeting also heard that the buildings at Cossar's Wynd had very recently changed hands again and some kind of development proposal must therefore be anticipated.

Every derelict building that finds a good, new use is to be warmly welcomed. It was agreed that DSHNG will continue to engage with local developments and endeavour to be as supportive as possible of quality projects.

6.03 Structures at Risk/Failed Infrastructure

It was noted that the vestigial walls at Cromwell Haven continue to deteriorate. These walls have been on the Estate Inspection action list for

a decade and no stabilizing work has been carried out. KM is to be asked to have another look at these and try to get ELC to take action before there is an accident.

KM

Jo also mentioned that a number of road gulleys at Woodbush Brae, Church St etc were blocked and despite repeated reports to ELC, no action had been taken. KM to note.

KM

6.04 East Beach Summer Attraction/Coffee Stall

Jo Waddell, who is a key player with Dunbar Trades Association and owner of the Dolphin Inn, was keen to see action taken to make the East Beach promenade and seating area more attractive. She also wondered whether it would be possible to have a pop up coffee/juice stall at East Beach.

If we can get a small group together, we will try to get some simple improvements done before the summer to make the front look as good as it can.

There is no reason at all why a coffee/juice stall couldn't be accommodated at East Beach provided the required licenses were in place and it was considered to be a fun idea.

6.05 Beach Clean

DSHNG have been invited to join with the SEA THE CHANGE Cross Border **Coastal Clean Up** to be held on **Saturday March 19th** at East Beach in the morning.

It was agreed that we should do this. PS will liaise with SEA the CHANGE and with Susan Mowatt who still has the banners and grabbers.

PS

6.06 Wider Community Matters

Kevin Heffernan raised two points of wider concern:

- Almost half the High Street lights are not working
- Contractors at the Queen's Road sites seem to have no robust plan for containing rubbish which continues to blow into the Deer Park and environs. This issue was the subject of lot of comment on Dunbar On Line Facebook page.

PS will raise these issues with ELC at the forthcoming DCC meeting.

PS

7.00 Meetings

7.01 The frequency and nature of meetings was discussed and it was agreed that trying to meet three or four times a year would be good, in addition to the smaller project meetings. It was also considered that it would be fun to re-introduce social gatherings and it was felt that this may help to increase engagement with the group.

The pattern that was discussed was:

- February – AGM and Open Meeting

- June – Social Event, outside (JJ noted that Midsummer's Eve 21/6/22 fell on a Tuesday)
- September – Open Meeting – Project Update
- December – Social gathering, perhaps at Harbour Chapel

It was also felt socials might be held after any events that we hold on the beach, eg Sandcastle Competition. Volunteers required!

Meeting dates/times will be confirmed.

7.02 **The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.**

Minutes by Pippa Swan

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