

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + Open Meeting

16th February 2023 @ 7pm

Harbour Chapel, Victoria Street, Dunbar

Attendees

- Brian Cox
- Cathie Ramsay
- Pippa Swan
- Alasdair Swan
- Joan Johnson
- Frank Kirwan
- Mike Shaw
- Susan Christopher
- Kirsten McGuire
- Patrick Dolan
- Sue Shields

Zoom Attendees

- Donald Budge
- Kevin Heffernan
- Elaine McGregor
- Mark Cavanagh
- Liz Curtis
- Fiona Veitch
- Ewan McIntyre
- Ian Dane
- Maggie Thomson
- John Thomson

Apologies

- Jo Waddell
- Teresa Barnes
- Colin Barnes
- Kevin Heffernan
- Barbara Royle
- Fiona McMiken

AGM

| <u>Ref</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Action</u> |
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| 1.00 | Welcome | |
| 1.01 | Pippa Swan chaired the meeting and welcomed everybody, especially new faces, to the Harbour Chapel. Thanks, too, to hosts, Fiona Veitch and Ewan McIntyre, who have transformed the chapel from the rather chilly and tired church building the group knew in 2011, to the stunning and welcoming destination venue it is today. The bar was a triumph! | |
| 2.00 | Minutes of AGM - 15th February 2022 | |
| 2.01 | <u>Action Items, Amendment and Adoption</u> The minutes of last year's meeting had been circulated a year ago for comment/amendments and none were received. There were no action items outstanding from last year's meeting and no amendments requested. The minutes of the AGM were adopted. Proposed – Ian Dane Seconded – John Thomson | |
| 3.00 | Chairman's Report – Pippa Swan | |
| 3.01 | <u>The Chairman's Report</u> for 2022 was presented. 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 plan | |

- c. Sea Defences
- d. Beach Cleans
- e. Lamer Street Traffic Management + wider management plan
- f. Estate Inspection Report 2022
- g. Flood Resilience
- h. Fishermen's Monument
- i. Creel Loaders Sculpture
- j. Planning Matters + Heritage Preserved

It was noted that although the group had not held a business meeting at all during the year, 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.

The Christmas Social was attended by about 35 people and was a thoroughly enjoyable event...to be repeated. Again, huge thanks to Harbour Chapel.

A copy of the report will be circulated with the minutes and posted on the DSHNG noticeboard at East Beach.

PS/MS

3.02 Matters arising:

Ian Dane reassured the meeting that age was no barrier to contributing to the goals of the group – making things better beside the sea. He offered himself as proof of this... and we all agreed!

4.00 Receipt and Adoption of Annual Accounts 2022 – Brian Cox

4.01 Annual Accounts

Brian Cox tabled accounts for 2022. The group currently has a restricted fund of £1529.00 ringfenced for support of the Playgarden and an unrestricted fund of £985.77. appreciated.

There were no questions and the accounts were approved and adopted.

Proposed – Ian Dane

Seconded – Cathie Ramsay

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

4.02 Matters arising:

- o A further maintenance grant will be applied for to cover costs of meetings etc as it is now hoped to meet in person.

BC

5.00 Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

5.01 All committee members stand down at the end of each business year. Following discussion, it was agreed that the committee for the coming year will be:

Office bearers -

- Chairman – Pippa Swan
- Vice Chairman – Mike Shaw

- Treasurer – Brian Cox
- Secretary – *post to be filled by Pippa Swan until it is clear what secretarial demand there is*

Members -

- Kenny Maule
- Joan Johnson
- Ewan McIntyre
- Mark Cavanagh
- Elaine McGregor

Pippa expressed her real pleasure that new members had offered to be on the committee and promised not to overload them!

The group still needs support for the East Beach Facebook page and to refresh and update the website. PS to contact Tanya Jepson and revert to the committee.

PS

6.00 Amendments to Constitution

6.01 No notices of necessary changes to the constitution had 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 the meeting for their good humour and patience at the necessary formality of the meeting and closed the AGM.

OPEN MEETING

1.00 Minutes of Last Open Meeting – 15th February 2022

1.01 Minutes of the last meeting were circulated a year ago. No amendments were requested.

1.02 Action Items:

1. The status of action items from last year's open meeting was reported as follows:
2. Special Projects – see Chair's Report
3. New projects – Playgarden update, Jubilee Marker Stone, Sandcastle Competition, Summer Social Event – none actioned due to lack of volunteer input
4. CAPP Liaison – actioned by Mike Shaw
5. Vestigial walls – KM had no success with ELC
6. Blocked gulleys – no action by Scottish Water
7. Street Lights – attended to (thanks to KM)

AS noted that a sandcastle event had taken place thanks to the Land Art Festival and it is hoped that this will be repeated this coming year.

2.00 Project Update

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)

3.00 Projects for 2023

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 | |

PS to ask if Susan Mowatt will be willing to continue with this.

PS

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 progressed.

- East Beach Sea Defence Master Plan
John Thomson, Patarick Dolan, Kirsten McGuire, (cc Ewan McIntyre)
- East Beach Access
John Thomson, +
- Promenade Summer Facelift
Joan Johnson, Frank Kirwan, Sue Shields
- Neighbourhood Pedestrian Plan
Pippa Swan

Pippa will reshare the OOB scheme to the teams above and to Susan Christopher and will co-ordinate a first meeting for each group, as required.

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If any member would like to join any of the above groups, please email:
shore_harbour@yahoo.co.uk

3.03 Funding for projects:
AS advised that funding for projects would almost certainly be available from DCC, by application.

4.00 CAPP (Community and Police Partnership)

4.01 Mike Shaw has been attending these meetings with the police but meetings had been sporadic. 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.

5.00 Treasurer's Report

5.01 None, following AGM.

6.00 AOB

6.01 Neighbourhood Watch

DSHNG has just been signed up for this. Members will only get notifications via DSHNG if they are deemed to be relevant or useful.

6.02 Local Development

Dunbar residents will shortly be invited to make contributions to a Local Place Plan that will guide land use and development from 2025 – 2035. DSHNG will consider co-ordinating a response for this area.

PS

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. A further review is required and solutions may be proposed as part of the Local Place Plan.

6.04 East Beach Groyne

Sand is piling up at the groyne and it was felt that it was time for the boards to be reinstated at the cut. John Thomson will contact ELC to try to find out who the new engineer is and get him/her to arrange with AG Thompson to get the boards put back.

JT

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 Silver Street Garden/Colvin Street Triangle

Sue Shields asked about land at the bottom of Silver St, which is in private but remote ownership. Mike Shaw offered to give Sue the history. Sue will consider whether there was some work could be done to protect/enhance these spaces.

SS

6.07 Closure of Public Toilets

Liz Curtis raised a concern about the potential closure/repurposing of the Bayswell Road WCs. There was a view that the Live at the Lavvies initiative was a good one and that it might be a way of funding the unit.

PS will write a letter to ELC on behalf of DSHNG.

PS

7.00 Meetings

7.01 Frequency of meetings was not discussed.... but should have been! Given that we will have live projects, PS will canvas opinion by email.

7.02 **The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m** and was followed by a social.