

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group



Minutes of
Open Meeting
14th September 2026
Harbour Chapel Dunbar

Attendees

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| ▪ Pippa Swan | ▪ Ewan McIntyre |
| ▪ Alasdair Swan | ▪ Brian Cox |
| ▪ Louise Glen | ▪ Gill Last |
| ▪ Bruce Craigie | ▪ Barbara Royle |
| ▪ Jamie Forrester | ▪ Sally England |
| ▪ Lawren Fraser | ▪ Tim Richards |
| ▪ Mike Shaw | ▪ Susan Christopher |
| ▪ Lee Porter | ▪ Kenny Maule |
| ▪ Malcolm Thomson | ▪ Elaine Ross |
| ▪ Catherine Ramsay | ▪ Bob Gates |
| ▪ Jane Robertson | ▪ Jay Kirkland |
| ▪ Eric Robertson | ▪ Wendy Robertson |

Apologies

None

1. Introductions

PS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Open Meeting 17.06.26

2.1 Amendments

Nil – The minutes were accepted as a true record.

2.2 Action Update

Most action items from last meeting have been attended to. The following matters arose from the action update:

2.2.1 Potholes

Due to the sea road being closed, the increased usage of the corners on Lamer Street (by the park and by The Creel) has led to potholes in these areas becoming much worse.

Also the footpath and steps by the side of Volunteer Arms are in disrepair. Anybody can report issues with roads by clicking on

[Fix My Street](#)

Action PS to report this time

2.2.2 Recycling litter

Bringing in empty bins quickly can help. Feedback could be sent to ELC recycling team that their process isn't completely working. Send a mini reminder to people to tidy up after themselves.

Action PS

2.2.3 Safer streets

Anyone interested in joining this working group please approach Jamie Forrester.

Action JF to pick a date.

2.2.4 Area partnership

Gill Last couldn't make it to the last meeting Area Partnership meeting but will go to next one.

3. Project Update

3.1 Colvin Street Community Garden

3.1.1 Update – Ewan McIntyre

The council have committed to the cycle store and it is expected to be delivered before Christmas.

The first phase of the Community Garden has been progressed. A meeting in early September led to the area being marked out in spray paint.

The project has £3000 from The Mushroom Trust. An application to the Woodland Trust has been made for funding for hedges (timeline March next year)

Trees could potentially be planted this year.

AG Thomson have been approached for a quote for scraping out the wetland and possibly supplying the rocks.

PS is also going to approach Gordon Whitelaw at ELC for a digger to scrape the area.

Action PS

The 'pond' will not be deep and will be covered by a sunken grill so that there is no chance of drowning.

Bob Gates noted that security around the area should be considered.

Jamie Forrester raised a concern that there are many youngsters who play football on the grass currently and asked whether provision had been made for this.

It was noted that the community had been invited several times to input their thoughts and ideas into the project. There will be further development of the other space in the next phase and therefore consideration of a turfed area or some football nets could form part of this.

If phase 1 is a success there is more likely to be funding for phase 2.

The community is encouraged to get involved and join the conversation now about phase 2.

PS thanked Euan for chasing and moving the project forward.

3.2 Funding opportunity

Malcolm Thomson highlighted a leaflet that had been delivered to Dunbar residents from SP Networks – they are allocating £800,000 to Dunbar and West Barns. Members are urged to fill in the form and not ignore this opportunity to secure funding.

3.3 East Beach Seaside Award

3.3.1 Flagpole repair

Thanks to Mike Shaw and David Maxfield (Max) for the 3D printing and flagpole repair.

3.3.2 Lighthouse in Playpark

Thanks to Kenny Maule for the new lighthouse in the playpark.

3.4 East Beach Kelp Management Plan Review – Louey Glen update

A meeting was held between residents (AS, PS, LP and LG) and ELC representatives David Wild and Jenny Hargreaves.

Overall the current kelp management plan is working reasonably well.

Current contractors Forth Resource Management (FRM) have responded well to requests for kelp removal, and there is a good working relationship with them. To date, five uplifts had been undertaken, with approximately 200 tonnes of kelp removed from the site. Kelp contaminated with rock and boulders had been moved back into the sea to allow it to be washed clean of kelp fly maggots.

There are weekly inspections of the beach by ELC and in between times AS is responsible for raising alerts to kelp dumps.

Access for heavy machinery to East Beach has been difficult this year particularly due to road closures and ELC will endeavour to provide advance notice of road closures which may affect access to East Beach.

It was agreed to develop Information Panels to explain the work being undertaken to manage the beach and the longer-term plans for the area.

Action PS

3.5 East Beach Sea Defences – Pippa Swan

A new sea wall is required. There has been a recent meeting with ELC and the lead consultant engineer for the breakwater project.

We have been sent two sets of very crude illustrations which fracture the face of the sea wall and also provide ramps for machinery and disabled access. This is the very beginning of a design phase and it would be useful to get comments now so that residents comments are already gathered when funding becomes available down the line.

It was noted by JF that any design must be put together with the existing engineering knowledge of the beach in mind.

Attendees were invited to write down their comments. PS will forward feedback to the engineers and ask to be included in further discussions about the sea defences.

Action PS

4. Any other business

None reported

5. Next meeting/Christmas social

7/8 or 9 December? To be advised.

Minutes by Louise Glen

Post Meeting Note

Creel Loaders Hedge

Thanks to Alasdair Swan, Brian Cox, Kenny and Pam Maule for trimming back the Creel Loaders hedge and removing a huge amount of greenery to the dump. ELC have agreed to give the hedge a really low cut in the spring to get it back into shape.