

## Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership meeting

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

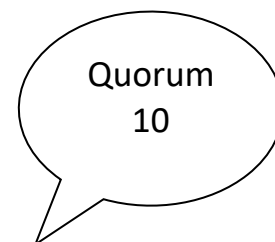
ZOOM meeting

### Meeting Chaired by:

George Robertson, Chair of the Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership (GR)

### Members (and substitute members) present

Anne Lyall, East Lammermuir Community Council (AL)  
Barry Craighead, Vice Chair AP, Dunpender Community Council (BC)  
Jacquie Bell, Vice Chair AP, (JB) Dunbar Community Council (JB)  
Mike Shaw, Dunbar Shore & Harbour Neighbourhood Group (MS)  
Daniel Wight, Dunpender Community Council (DW)  
Tim Greene, Sustaining Dunbar (TG)  
Gill Wilson, East Lothian Association of Day Centres (GW) – by telephone  
Stephen Bunyan, Dunbar Community Council (SB)  
Pippa Swan, Dunbar Community Council (PS)  
Kate Darrah, The Ridge (KD)  
Cllr Sue Kempson, Elected Member (SK)  
Cllr Paul McLennan, Elected Member (PMc)  
Kathleen Harvey, West Barns Hall, voting for the West Barns Community Council (KH)  
Dee Davidson, Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council Rep (DD)  
Loretta Stewart (LS) Dunbar CC



### Others in attendance

Gordon Horsburgh, Connected Communities Manager (GH)  
Lorna MacLennan Business Support Administration, ELC (LMac)  
Helen Harper, CLD (HH)  
Ann Richardson, Stepping Out (AR)  
Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)  
Naomi Barnes, Sustain Dunbar, (NB)  
Carol Orr, Link Worker (CO)  
Louisa Richardson, Link Worker (LR)

### Apologies received

Ola Wojtkiewicz, West Barns Hall, voting for the West Barns Community Council (OW)  
Scott Marnoch, Active Schools (Secondary)(SM)  
Lynn Simpson, Small School Rep (LS)

Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1. Chairman's Introductory Remarks	<p>GR Welcomed everyone to the meeting. GR stated that all papers associated with the meeting have been circulated. GR went round his screen and introduced everyone.</p> <p>Voting would be done via email. GR asked everyone to send their votes to LMac as soon as possible after the meeting. A voting template will be sent out after the meeting to everyone, if they could complete and send back.</p>	LMac
2. Apologies	Apologies were noted as above.	
3. Link Workers	<p><b>The Link Workers</b>, Carol Orr and Louisa Richardson had come tonight to introduce themselves to everyone and hopefully be able to network and learn organisations that operate within the Dunbar &amp; East Linton Area. They are both based within Dunbar Medical Practice but with restrictions they are mostly working from home. For example they are trying to help with social isolation, where they link the person with the appropriate organisation that can assist them. It will depend on the individuals needs as to what service(s) they require. This is a brand new service within East Lothian and it will take time for referrals to come through but also for the link workers to understand the organisations and services within the area. If you would like to get in contact you can using the email <a href="mailto:carol.orr@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk">carol.orr@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk</a>. GR suggested that the link workers contact either JB or GW who will be able to guide them to services within the area.</p>	
4. Notifications of declaration of interest	This gives members the opportunity to state a conflict of interest on any subject matter that is on the agenda. Declarations would be declared at the item.	ALL
5. Approval of Minutes	The minutes were approved by Gillian Wilson and seconded by Jacquie Bell.	
6. Matters Arising	<p><b>Amenities Budget</b> – GR had been in touch with Eamon John, Service Manager – Sport, Countryside and Leisure, ELC to ask if the hanging baskets were something that could come under the Amenities budget. The answer was that this would have to be funded from elsewhere and not from the amenities budget. The email has also gone to Sharon Saunders, Head of Communities and Partnerships, ELC to get an idea what this budget can actually be used for. PS stated that Amenity Services have been asked in the past for the schedule of work so that the community can have an influence of work to be undertaken, but this has never been passed on. GR asked GH if he could asked amenity services for the schedule. GH stated that Sharon Saunders, and Caitlin McCorry, have asked for a meeting with EJ to discuss the matter. No one is saying that Amenity Services do not look after the area, they do a great job under challenging circumstances.</p> <p>GR stated that the Dunbar Trade Association would have to complete an application form and submit to the Area Partnership and also to apply to Dunbar Community Council.</p>	DTA
7. Budget Update	The budget sheet was issued with the papers and states that there is £8,158 to allocate this evening. The roads part of the budget will not be spent this year and there will be no carry forward on this budget as road are only covering essential work due to COVID restrictions. GH will speak to Road colleagues to see when the West Barns Hall Disabled Parking is expected to be completed. In respect of applications to the General Fund, there is more being asked for than funding that is available, so some will get a proportion just now and the remainder from the new budget in April.	GH

<p><b>8.</b> <b>Applications for funding</b></p>	<p>All papers for the meeting were circulated before the meeting. All votes will be taken by email. The Email will be sent out by LMac and please return the email as soon after the meeting as possible so the decisions form can be organised and sent out to applicants. Although there is more money required for the applications than is available, GR asked that everyone vote on the whole amount. Between GH and GR they will decide who will get what funding this year and the rest of the funding from next financial year.</p> <p><b>a) Dunbar Against Litter- £2,712.00</b> There was a discussion around the litter problems within Dunbar Area but also the good work that the group are doing around the area. There was also discussions around bins and the lack of in many areas but as some of the areas have not been adopted by East Lothian Council then bins would not be supplied. Romie Blair founded the organisation, who has 50 volunteers who work on a rota basis. There are currently volunteers on a waiting list but not enough equipment to go around. LMac had spoken to Andrew Hogarth from Amenity Services to see if litter pickers could be loaned to the group but was told that these could not be loaned due to COVID restrictions. GR emailed Eamon John, AH's manager, who has asked AH to provide litter pickers. The cost of the litter pickers would be taken off the amount, if it was awarded to purchase the other equipment. KD suggested that the group should approach Asda Community Fund and Be Green who support this sort of group. Members were asked to vote on this after the meeting.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting:- This project was awarded £2,202. GR emailed Eamon John who agreed to supply the litter pickers for the group.</i></p> <p><b>b) Sketch and Wander - £2,400.00</b> this application was postponed, as due to restrictions this can't go ahead – will be considered when restrictions are favourable.</p> <p><b>c) Homestart- to help with a post-natal group - £1,000</b> GR introduced Ann Richardson who runs the group to give a brief outline of the work that is being carried out. There has been a group with Bleachingfield for a number of years. The group started with funding from the Scottish Government but this has run out and sourcing additional funding for the group has been challenging as lot of funding streams have been put on hold at the moment. The women who attend the group are post-natal and may be finding it challenging to cope due to post-natal depression, a fear of looking after a young baby with no additional help from family or the family is estranged and there may also be other factors as to why they need support. This is a good source of knowledge for the Link Workers to know about for their 'book of knowledge'. There was a discussion around evaluation and also about how people cope when groups like this can be heavily oversubscribed. There was also a discussion around Mental Health and COVID. As people have not been able to see other new parents and young children, some will find it challenging during the limited way ahead. They will find it harder as lockdown is eased. The question was asked about the qualifications of the people who are delivering the classes. This was clarified by both AR and KP. Everyone was asked to vote after the meeting.</p> <p><b>d) Sustaining Dunbar - Belhaven Community Garden – Gardener - £5,000</b> GR introduced Naomi Barnes who now does the post the OW was doing. NB talked to the application. She outlined when the project was established, the newer equipment that had been bought and the plans for the future. There was a lot of discussion around the fact this</p>	
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was a salaried post and that is something that is not permitted through the partnership. There was discussion around hoping that the community could be encouraged more, to learn about planting, rearing and the harvesting life cycle of the garden. This is turn would hopefully encourage more people to grow within their own gardens and enjoy the fruits of their labour and help younger people to understand where and how things like vegetables come from. There were raised beds within the primary schools which used to be used by the school, so it was hoped that the gardener would go to the school and plant up these with the help of the children and teachers. The nursery also wanted to encourage young children to plant things and they had hoped to start to do this at the nursery but are needing support to do this. They were hoping to arrange events to encourage members of the public to come and see and enjoy the garden. At the moment they are waiting for other funding from Be Green, Belhaven Brewery, and the National lottery to help with the exciting project. Along with salary, insurances have to be purchased. There was some questions and further discussions. Members are to vote after the meeting.

*Post Meeting:- This project were awarded £2,478. The rest of the money £2,522 will be given to the group from next year's budget.*

**e) The Ridge – Black Bull Close Services - £5,000**

GR asked KD to speak to this project. KD told members about the project and how it had come so far forward. There is now a work shop within Black Bull Close but this has only cold water and solar panels provide electricity. SQA has stated that they would like to see hot water provisions and electricity in the building for students. As restrictions are in place this seems the best time to get this work completed. There was a discussion around the students and their gender. At the moment there is one female student who is doing extremely well and it is hoped that when people are allowed back into school that she will be able to promote joinery to girls. Members were asked to vote for this project after the meeting by email.

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**Post Meeting:- The votes for the projects**

	Dunbar against Litter	HomeStart	Sustaining Dunbar	The Ridge
<b>Yes</b>	13	13	9	11
<b>No</b>	0	0	0	
<b>Dofl</b>	0	0	4	1
<b>Abstain</b>	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

**9. Roads Budget Proposals**

This was covered under budgets.

**10. Health and Wellbeing Group**

The minutes are attached.

The bullets points are:

- Belhaven Hospital Provisioning - Concerns about the continued delay.
- DunBear Park Care facility - Will not be supported by members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link Workers - A presentation had been given by Carol and Louisa who have been appointed to the role.</li> <li>• COVID response - update given</li> <li>• Independent review of Adult Social Care - discussion. Some good points. Concerns raised about centralisation and the reality of funding for proposals.</li> <li>• Next meeting April 12th</li> </ul>	
<b>11. AOCB</b>	<p>GR stated that the Partnership had received a thank you from Belhaven Church after granting them money to help fund a new kitchen within the church hall. Pictures attached.</p> <p>The partnership also received photographs of Tynninghame Hall to show some of the work that had been carried out with funding from the partnership. Picture attached.</p> <p>NB from Belhaven Community Garden thanked the partnership for the funding to help with the poly tunnels within the garden.</p> <p>GR stated that Scott Marnoch had raised the question on the Seafield pond.</p> <p><i>Post meeting –At a meeting on the 10 March 2021 on of the country side Rangers were asked about the pond. They made it very clear that the pond is not suitable for water sports due to the longstanding contamination which includes e coli and build-up of blue green algae. As far as she was aware this has been ongoing for at least 15 years that she knows of. The source of the contamination is not known despite looking for it. There may be a forgotten septic tank somewhere. The situation has gotten worse since Cala homes were built in Belhaven/West Barns- with more run off into the pond. Also there has been an increased water flow since the A1 was duelled. They do try to work out ways to improve the water quality. Latest idea is barley straw which will be trialled this year. The Countryside Ranger stated that she would not let her dog swim in the pond due to the very poor quality of the water and thus definitely a NO to use by active schools.</i></p>	LM
<b>12. Date of Next Meetings</b>	<p>All meetings start at 7.00pm on ZOOM at present. Please try to log on before the meeting starts so technical issues can be resolved.</p> <p>26th April 2021 14th June 2021 <b>NOTE:- NEW DATE</b> 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 4th October 2021 22nd November 2021</p>	

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Dunbar & East Linton		Budget Allocation	20/21				
	General Budget	50000					
			Amenity Services	Roads	General	COVID/scot gov money	outside funding
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	£ 100,000	£50,000	£50,000	£	£
08/04/20	Dunbar Community Council	Wheel Chair Access to Belhaven Beach			2,483.00		
08/04/20	Dunbar in Bloom	For water equipment			1,000.00		
08/04/20	Sustaining Dunbar	Project with John Muir			2,500.00		
30/03/20	Dunbar Community Council	COVID 19				500.00	
08/04/20	The Ridge	COVID 19 Loan (9,500)					
00/01/00	ELC Roads Admin	Roads Related Projects		2,500.00			
00/01/00	ELC Roads	West Barns Village Hall carpark (DISABLED)- <i>NOT COMPLETED THIS YEAR</i>		12,000.00			
00/01/00	Dunbar Community Council	COVID19				10,000.00	
24/06/20	Dunbar Trade Association	Hanging Baskets			1,000.00		
24/06/20	Belhaven Church	Kitchen Refurbishment			5,000.00		
24/06/20	Tynninghame Village Hall	Toilet Refurbishment			5,000.00		
24/06/20	West Barns Hall	Kitchen Refurbishment			5,000.00		
24/06/20	West Barns Community Council	Notice Board			300.00		
00/01/00	Barrys Benchs - cherry trees	Plaques for Barry's benches			164.40		
15/09/20	Dunbar Walking Football Group (DWFG)	mobile defib			250.00		
15/09/20	Sustaining Dunbar	Community Garden			964.00		
15/09/20	Connective Communities/Community Carrot	Meal service				1,616.00	
15/09/20	ELC Ranger Service	Fencing at Traprain Law			1,535.00		
15/09/20	Lauderdale Park - paid	Cycle Racks					300.00
06/10/20	Dunbar Junior Hockey Team	For equipment			246.00		
25/11/20	Dunbar Christmas Lights	Christmas Lights			4,000.00		
25/11/20	East Linton Christmas Lights	Christmas Lights			2,100.00		
25/11/20	The Ridge	Counselling			5,000.00		
25/11/20	The Ridge	Christmas Lunches				2,000.00	

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25/11/20	Tynningame Hall	Heating			2,900.00		
25/11/20	West Barns Hall	Engagement and West Barns Christmas Lights			2,100.00		
25/01/21	HTRA - East - Peer Support Group	Peer Support Group				1,250.00	
25/01/21	Community Carrot	COVID Monies				350.00	
01/03/21	Community Carrot	COVID for Larder				800.00	
11/03/21	The Ridge	Scottish Government COVID				3,000.00	
11/03/21	The Ridge	Black Bull Close			2,478.00		
11/03/21	Homestart	post-natal help group			1,000.00		
11/03/21	Sustaining Dunbar	Gardener			2,478.00		
11/03/21	Dunbar Against litter/Dunbar Community Council	Equipment			2,202.00		
29/03/21	Barry Benches	bench repairs			300.00		
01/03/21	Education funding	Holiday provision					4,800.00
		<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 14,500</b>	<b>£ 50,000</b>	<b>£19,516</b>	<b>£5,100</b>
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 100,000</b>	<b>£ 35,500</b>	<b>£-</b>		
			<b>Amenity Services</b>	<b>Roads</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>SC GOV</b>	<b>Others</b>

**Dunbar and East Linton Local Area Partnership**  
**Health and Wellbeing Sub Group**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held on Microsoft Teams on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Present** – Jacquie Bell (JB) (Co Chair) (DELAP/DCC/Dunbar Day Centre), Jane Ogden -Smith (JO) (ELHSCP), Maggie McCole (MM) (The Ridge), Sue Northrop (SN)(DFEL), Marilyn McNeil (MMc) (IJB), Cllr Paul McLennan (PMc), Carol Orr (CO) (Link Worker), Louisa Richardson (LR) (Link Worker), Janice Hanvidge (JH) (East Lammermuir Community Council)

**1) Apologies** – Gill Wilson (GW)(Co Chair) , Gordon Horsburgh (GH)(ELC), Helen Harper (HH) (ELC).

**2) Minutes of Meeting** -8<sup>th</sup> February - Approved

**3) Re-provisioning of Belhaven Hospital.**

There was a long discussion.

JB noted that she had written to Alison MacDonald of ELHSCP and the Health Minister, Jeanne Freeman. Responses were awaited.

Concern was noted that the new ELC budget gave no accounting reference to any new care facility.

MMc noted that she had spoken to Alison MacDonald and resources were tight. JB noted that re-provision had been promised since 2009. Investment had been refused previously by Shona Robison when Health Minister on the grounds of new development discussions being in progress. PMc suggested that any new development may be some years ahead.

There was continued concern about the lack of information about a timescale or programme for the Needs Led Analysis promised to ELC Councillors in 2020. New proposals had been forthcoming e.g. on the Herdmanflat site but there was no indication as to how these fitted in to wider planning proposals for the provision of care. JB noted that Friends of Herdmanflat had not been happy that they had not been consulted about the proposals described in the local media for Extra Care Housing.

There was concern that there was no clear concept of future provision plans. There had been long promises of co-working with communities but no concrete evidence of this being developed. Communities were frustrated that there had been no dialogue with communities since the IJB of 2018. In the meantime, speculative developments e.g. DunBear Park and Goldcrest at North Berwick, which has been appealed to Scottish Ministers, will continue to appear. There was repeated concern that beds in the Dunbar area had been cut since 2009 whilst the population was increasing. It was known that local people were being cared for in Haddington, Edinburgh and elsewhere who might previously have been cared for at Belhaven.

PMc noted his concern about the closure of local facilities by stealth if they no longer met care standards. JB noted that this had already happened at Ward 2 where there had been a repeated refusal by the then Care Minister , Shona Robison MSP, to pay for improvements on the grounds that re-provision of the facilities was in progress. It was agreed that a clear direction was required from ELHSCP/ELC/IJB. It was agreed that Alison MacDonald and Cllr AKhtar should be invited to a future meeting to discuss concerns with group members. JO agreed to take this forward with Cllr Akhtar and Alison MacDonald. **JO**

SN suggested that other H&WB Groups should be brought into discussions as the re-provision of services has an impact across the county.



#### **4) Extra Care Facility at DunBear Park.**

There had been no further information from SAOL. JB and other Dunbar Community Council (DCC) members had attended a presentation to Hallhill TRA by Ken Ross. There were concerns regarding the SAOL proposals, particularly that SAOL had no track record of care provision for older people in the community. Their documents were based on theory rather than practice. DCC were minded to oppose any application by SAOL for extra care housing at the DunBear Park site as, although care for older people is required in the area, the proposal was not felt, following community discussions, to be an appropriate solution to local needs.

#### **5) ELC Health and Social Care Cabinet Member/IJB Chair Update.**

It was noted that Cllr O'Donnell had stood down from her Cabinet/NHS Lothian/IJB role with immediate effect. Cllr Akhtar will be Cabinet Member/NHS Lothian Rep. Cllr Akhtar will be IJB Chair from 25-31/3 with Peter Murray becoming IJB Chair from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

#### **6) Day Centre Update.**

East Lothian Day Centres had heard that they will have the same level of funding for the next financial year. This was of concern as there had been no funding uplift for a number of years which did not allow for any increase in the pay of staff members. The funding future beyond 2022 was still for discussion.

Discussion was still ongoing as to how Day Centre staff would be awarded the £500 bonus promised by the Scottish Government in 2020.

#### **7) Link Worker Presentation.**

Carol and Louisa introduced themselves. They were appointed by RVS in late 2020 and are based in the Dunbar Health Centre/East Linton Practice. Louisa is full time and Carol Part Time. They started to receive referrals from Health staff about 3 weeks ago. They will signpost people referred to them to services/organisations that may be able to support their physical or mental health needs.

There was a discussion about the role. It was noted that information would build up as experience of referrals and signposting/social prescribing progressed. Within time they may build up a picture of available resources but also of areas of unmet need.

Information was given on local groups and services that they may be able to refer people to. They had picked up on a list of groups from VCEL but it was noted that this was limited in content and that others in the community could give further information and suggestions on local resources.

It was noted that the area had transport issues which made it difficult to access community supports. Note was made of rural areas like Oldhamstocks which have no bus service at all. It was noted that although most appointments might be on line or at the Health Centre consideration should be given to those in the rural parts of the ward where a local centre e.g. village hall may be a useful meeting point. It was noted that some parts of the ward had poor mobile/Broadband connections. There was also discussion of the digital divide. SN noted organisations that may be able to give digital supports.

It was noted that workers may pass people on to specialist advice e.g. benefits but that the workers would not complete benefit applications on behalf of those referred to them. They would not do Benefit tribunal work etc. There was concern that the workers may make referrals to organisations but those referred would then sit on waiting lists. It was queried how those on waiting lists would be supported whilst waiting.

There was concern that referrals to services may create down stream pressures e.g. to the Day Centre or The Ridge if there was no vacancy for a place/support.

Carol and Louisa will continue to attend the H&WB Group.

#### **8) Celebrating Communities.**

A number of discussions had been held with a wide range of issues raised for those with dementia and their carers.. JB and GW will meet with Helen Harper to discuss a Dunbar area response.

SN noted that some H&WB Groups had a funding allowance for tasks from their Area partnerships.

#### **9) Covid Response.**

Appointments had been taking place for vaccination. JB had attended a number of volunteer shifts at Haddington Community Hospital. There was some concern that people from East Lothian were being offered appointments as far away as Bathgate.

#### **10) VCEL Volunteer Task Force.**

JB noted local issues regarding the recruitment of volunteers. JB will be discussing the issues with Maureen Allan, Chief Officer of VCEL.

#### **11) Independent Review of Social Care.**

There was a brief discussion. Some positives were noted e.g. a greater voice for unpaid carers. However, there were concerns e.g. increased centralisation, a top heavy new structure, proposals made without sufficient resources to enable them to be implemented e.g. a legal right to respite. JB was to attend briefings by SASW, the Professional Social Work body who had been concerned that there had been no social work representative on the panel of experts. Response to the Review will be ongoing and can be further discussed at a future meeting as responses to it develop.

#### **12) Digital Resources.**

JB noted requests for provision. Suggestions were made of resources.

#### **13) Public Information Newsletter.**

JO advised that this was in hand for signing off.

#### **14) Date of Next Meeting – 2 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

JO will arrange a Teams Link.

**Jacquie Bell**  
**Co Chair**  
**14/3/2021**

Belhaven Church Kitchen Renovation



Tynninghame Hall







Barry's Benches repairs

