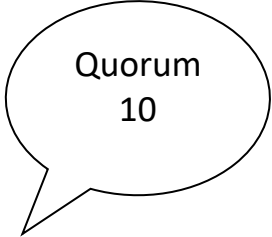


Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership meeting
30 August 2021, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
ZOOM meeting

Meeting Chaired by:

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



Quorum
10

Members (and substitute members) present

Anne Lyall, East Lammermuir Community Council (AL)
Barry Craighead, Vice Chair AP, Dunderpender Community Council (BC)
Jacquie Bell, Vice Chair AP, (JB) Dunbar Community Council (JB)
Mike Shaw, Dunbar Shore & Harbour Neighbourhood Group (MS)
Gill Wilson, East Lothian Association of Day Centres (GW) – by telephone
Allison Cosgrove, Dunderpender Community Council (AC)
Loretta Stewart (LS) Dunbar CC
Terry Prior, Hallhill TRA (TP)
Jo McNamara, Sustaining Dunbar (JM)
Cllr Norman Hampshire, ELC
Kate Darrah, The Ridge (KD)
Cllr Sue Kempson, ELC

Others in attendance

Gordon Horsburgh, Connected Communities Manager (GH)
Lorna MacLennan Business Support Administration, ELC (LMac)
Paola Vestri, Service Manager – Improvement, Policy and Communications,
East Lothian Council
Heather Young, VCEL (HY)
Lynsey Moody, Pump Park and Skate Park (LM)

Apologies received

Scott Marnoch, Active Schools (Secondary)(SM)
Pippa Swan, Dunbar Community Council (PS)
Dee Davidson, Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council Rep (DD)
Lynn Simpson, Small School Rep (LSi)
Stephen Bunyan, Dunbar Community Council (SB)
Helen Harper, CLD (HH)
Daniel Wight, Dunderpender Community Council (DW)
Tim Greene, Sustaining Dunbar (TG)

Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
<p>1. Chairman's and Introductory Remarks</p>	<p>GR Welcomed everyone to the meeting. GR stated that all papers associated with the meeting had been circulated. GR went round his screen and introduced everyone.</p> <p>Voting would be done via email. A voting template will be sent out after the meeting to everyone, if they could complete and send back.</p> <p>GR congratulated Ola from West Barns Village Hall who also votes on behalf of the West Barns Community Council, and who had done a terrific job with all the work she and her committee have achieved with WBVH. Ola has been appointed as Director of Creative Edinburgh. GR thanked Ola for the all work she had done in refurbishing the hall, but also for her commitment and support to the Area Partnership. Unfortunately Ola will no longer be attending the meetings and we look forward to welcoming her successor.</p> <p>Chair – JB has stepped forward for this position and will talk to her application later in the agenda.</p> <p>There are no funding applications to be considered at this meeting and it is hoped that we will see some for the next meeting as we still have a sum available.</p>	<p>LMac</p>
<p>2. Apologies</p>	<p>Apologies were noted as above.</p>	
<p>3. Notifications of declaration of interest</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>4. Draft Poverty Plan</p>	<p>East Lothian Draft Poverty Plan 2021/23 – Paola Vestri, Service Manager – Improvement, Policy and Communications, East Lothian Council</p> <p>GR introduced Paolo Vestri to the meeting. PV gave a verbal presentation on the EL draft poverty plan.</p> <p>Draft 2021-2023 East Lothian Poverty Plan The Council established the East Lothian Poverty Commission in October 2015 to report on how the Council and East Lothian Partnership could reduce inequalities and poverty. The Commission's final report included 56 recommendations based around eight themes, which were incorporated into a detailed Poverty Action Plan adopted by the Council and East Lothian Partnership.</p> <p>In March last year the East Lothian Partnership established a multi-agency Poverty Working Group to review progress with the Poverty Plan and then to develop a draft East Lothian Poverty Plan 2021-2023, taking into account the impact of COVID.</p> <p>The group includes representatives from key council services Education and Children's Services, Connected Communities, and Revenues and Benefits, along with the Health & Social Care Partnership, NHS Lothian and the third sector including Voluntary Centre East Lothian and the two East Lothian CABs.</p> <p>The working group reviewed progress with the Poverty Plan. This showed that many actions had been fully achieved and significant progress made against most of the other actions.</p>	

The group has developed a draft East Lothian Poverty Plan for 2021-2023 based around seven themes that were drawn from the Poverty Commission's report.

- In Work and not in Poverty – free from in work poverty
- Financially Included
- Having a Home
- Educated
- Healthy and Well
- Connected
- Empowered and Responsible

The draft Plan is closely aligned to, and sits alongside, other plans and strategies that will contribute to the aim of tackling poverty and breaking the cycle of poverty.

This draft plan takes into account the work that has gone on over the last year to support individuals and communities that faced financial and food insecurity and growing levels of poverty as a result of the COVID pandemic lockdown. This included the payment for Free School Meals and £100 Hardship payments over the Easter, Summer, mid-term and Christmas holidays.

The council received three tranches of funding from the Scottish Government to support people at risk. This money was used to support various initiatives, including a new Poverty Fund, allocation of additional funding to children's services and substantial support for food initiatives across the county distributed through Area Partnerships and Connected Communities Managers.

Just under £1m Scottish Government funding for financial insecurity and to support people adversely affected by the pandemic lockdown has been carried forward into 2021/22. This COVID funding, which is non-recurring is being allocated in line with the guidance from the Scottish Government to address the need to continue to support individuals and families at financial risk due the impact of COVID, along the same lines as in the last year.

As a quick measure of the impact of COVID increasing poverty we can look at the levels of Universal Credit claimants and unemployed in Dunbar. Between Feb 2020 and July 2021 the number of UC claimants in Dunbar increased 51% from 722 to 1094. The number of UC claimants seeking work increased by 55% from 192 to 298.

Turning to the draft plan itself. It includes a short introduction and background section.

The main part of the plan is the Action Plan, setting out 49 objectives/ actions with a short description of the work already being undertaken by the council and partners, and further actions that should be prioritised over the next two years.

1. In work and Not in Poverty

The Plan is based on the need to create more job and more better paid jobs in East Lothian to reduce unemployment and in-work poverty. The actions under this theme are based around the economic development strategy and the work of the Connected Economy Group, the City Region Deal, and work around employability and the Young Workforce.

2. Financially Included

Ensuring that people who do need financial support through benefits get access to advice and support and can access the benefits they are entitled to. This section also includes actions around Food Poverty and Period Poverty.

	<p>3. Having a Home The actions here are based on the current and emerging new Local Housing Strategy – increasing the supply of affordable, good housing and reducing homelessness and fuel poverty.</p> <p>4. Educated Reducing inequalities in schools and closing the poverty related attainment gap, addressing food insecurity among children, reducing the digital divide, increasing access to sport and activity, and supporting local Support from the Start initiatives.</p> <p>5. Healthy and Well The actions in this section mainly relate to priorities that are already part of the IJB’s Strategic Plan and the Children’s Services Plan, including improving access to adult and children and young people’s mental health services. It also includes an action to tackle the growing problem of social isolation.</p> <p>6. Connected This section covers connections in communities, digital connectivity and transport.</p> <p>7. Empowered and Responsible Starts with the very important commitment to ensure that people with lived experience of poverty have an input in the development of the plan and policies and monitoring their progress. It also includes commitments to community empowerment.</p> <p>Consultation on the draft Poverty Plan, which can be accessed via the council website: Draft Poverty Plan Survey - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) will end on 26th September.</p> <p>A revised and final draft of the Plan will then be brought to the Council and East Lothian Partnership for approval in October/ November 2021.</p>	
<p>5. Dunbar Pump Track and Skate Park</p>	<p>Dunbar pump track and skate park – Lynsey Moody</p> <p>GR introduced LM who presented initial ideas of what these facilities might consist of in Dunbar. This presentation is attached to the minutes. Lynsey welcomes comments on her presentation and can be contacted at lynsey.telfer@hotmail.co.uk</p>	
	<p>Heather Young from the VCEL was introduced and gave a brief of her job.</p> <p>As Locality Officer with the Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL), the Third Sector Interface here in East Lothian, her role is to support individuals, organisations and community groups with a range of topics including funding, policies and procedures, volunteer recruitment, training for trustees, staff, and volunteers and to share learning and development opportunities throughout East Lothian.</p> <p>This support is free at point of delivery as VCEL is funded by the Scottish Government to provide these services to the local community.</p> <p>VCEL also provide support to ensure that communities and third sector organisations in East Lothian can demonstrate how valuable they are, and promote the positive impact that they have in East Lothian.</p> <p>Heather’s email address is :- heather@volunteereastlothian.org.uk</p>	

6. Approval of Minutes	There were a couple of changes which were amended before the meeting. Minutes were approved by AC and seconded by MS.	
7. Matters Arising	Dunbar Against Litter – Litter pickers were ordered earlier this year but unfortunately, they have not been delivered. GH will follow up with Andrew Hogarth. West Barns Social Event – this was not funded.	GH
8. Budget Update	<p>The budget was attached to the last minutes. It has been agreed that BC should be awarded £1000 to continue his repair of benches within Dunbar & East Linton area. GR thanked BC for his sterling work in repairing and replacing benches. There are benches at the promenade in need of repair and GR has asked Amenity Services to examine them prior to asking BC to undertake repairs.</p> <p>GR has also spoken to Amenity Services re the gates at Lauderdale Park. It is hoped that these will be repair or replaced for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>JB stated that the dangerous drain cover missing from Winterfield carpark has finally been replaced.</p> <p>GH stated that details of Scottish Government Funding that is available to organisations was circulated with the minutes. LMac will resend this information along with an application form for anyone considering applying. Information is as follows:-</p> <p>“DEL AP has received a devolved budget of £12,000 from East Lothian Council to support individuals/groups by providing activities and services, to support them to overcome financial crisis and support wellbeing. Some of those intended to be supported through this funding include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financially at risk households; ○ Marginalised households; ○ Short term isolators, including those asked to self-isolate under Test and Protect; ○ People at increased or extreme clinical risk from Coronavirus and require to undertake stringent physical distancing; ○ People unable to access food and/or essentials due to other barriers. ○ People requiring debt advice/management. <p>Bids for these funds will be made by utilising the same process as applications to our General Fund. Applications will be discussed at our full area partnership meetings and members will be asked to participate in an online vote.”</p>	LMac
9. Applications for funding	There were no funding applications for this meeting.	
10. Revised Area Plan	The revised plan has been sent out and will available in hard copy soon. If anyone would like a hard copy please let LM know, giving her you address. LM will arrange for it to be sent to you.	
11. Health and Wellbeing Group	<p>The minutes of the meeting of the 26th July are attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Main points were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-provision of Belhaven Hospital • Social Care • The Peer Group are now up and running after restrictions have been lifted. • Day centre 	

<p>12. Nominations for Chairperson</p>	<p>There had been one application for the position of Chair. This had come from JB who has been a member of the Area Partnership from the beginning.</p> <p>JB went through her application (attached).</p> <p>There were a few questions. BC stated that he was very impressed at the amount of groups that JB is part off. Could JB state how she will be able to continue to give 100% to all of these groups, considering the amount of time required to chair the Area Partnership. JB stated that she had a tremendous local experience and knowledge and felt she was well placed for the biggest challenge of Chair of the AP.</p> <p>KD stated that she is in awe of the energy and commitment that JB gives to various organisations in different sectors. Should she assume the position of Chair there would there be conflicts of interest? KD said that sometimes when she worked in schools there are amazing deputies, but when they become Heads they found this to be challenging. How does JB feel about assuming this responsibility? And about the whole skill set?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JB answered that she has chaired different meetings, and although she has been deputy she has been a key player. Area Partnership has council officers to provide support and also an experienced vice chair in BC. 2. Conflict of interest – these are declared at the beginning of the meeting. You must be impartial when in discussion. The Area Partnership is about a partnership and having a voice, and not putting some projects first. <p>GR thanked JB for her presentation. Should JB not be confirmed as Chair then the position will be advertised to the wider community. Can everyone please cast their votes in as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>13. AOCB</p>	<p>GR stated that LM will be sending out an email to everyone for them to confirm, or update their membership to ensure that our records are up-to-date.</p> <p>GR will chair the October meeting with the new Chair taking over thereafter.</p> <p>GR and JB reminded members that the Community Council election is on 7th October. Information is on ELC web site. Community Council election Community Council election East Lothian Council</p> <p>KD expressed her gratitude to the area partnership for their support to Ridge projects. The Ridge can report that all facilities are now in place at Black Bull Close. Electricity and hot water is now available, which was a requirement by the SQA to allow students to continue with their training. The Ridge has purchased property next to the Value Shop and they originally intended converting the flats for resale. However, the flats are much older than originally thought, with many features of historic value. The Ridge now plan is to record and restore this property so that visitors can view these original features. They hope that this conversion will ultimately provide affordable accommodation to local young people.</p> <p>GR thanked KD and also complimented her on her ability to find funding for all of these projects.</p> <p>GR thanked everyone for attending the meeting and will see everyone on the 4th October 2021.</p>	

14. Date of Next Meetings	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. 4th October 2021 22nd November 2021	
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Budget Allocation 21/22						
			A	R	G	o
			Amenity Services	Roads	General	outside funding
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	£100,000	£50,000	£	
					50,000	
08/03/21	The Ridge	Black Bull Close Utilities			2,522.00	
08/03/21	Sustaining Dunbar	Gardener for Community Garden Belhaven			2,522.00	5,000.00
26/04/21	The Surf School	Water Tank			1,200.00	1,200.00
14/06/21	Dunbar Area Christian Youth Project	Activities			5,000.00	
14/06/21	Tyinghame Hall	Renovations			4,000.00	
14/06/21	Dunbar Trade Association	Marketing Dunbar			5,000.00	
26/08/21	Bary Criaghead	continuation of the Bench repairs			1,000.00	
22/06/21	ELC roads	West Barns Disabled Car Park		12,000.00		
		Total Spend	£ -	£12,000	£21,244	
		Balance	£100,000	£38,000	£28,756	
			Amenity Services	Roads	General	
			A	R	G	

Dunbar and East Linton Local Area Partnership Health and Wellbeing Sub Group

Minutes of Meeting Held on Microsoft Teams on July 26th 2021

Present

Jacquie Bell (JB)(Co Chair) (DCC/Dunbar Day Centre/DELAP), Gill Wilson (GW) (Co Chair)(DCC/DELAP/Dunbar Day Centre), Jane Ogden Smith (JO) (ELHSCP), Terry Prior (TP) (DELAP/Hallhi8ll TRA), Janice Hanvidge (JH) (East Lammermuir Community Council), (Helen Harper (HH) (ELC CLD), Marilyn McNeil (MMc) (IJB Service User Rep), Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Cllr Paul McLennan MSP (PMc), Martin Whitfield MSP (MW), Karen Cowe (KC) (ELCAP),

In attendance Susan Woods (ELC) (Note taker)

- 1) Apologies** – Sue Northrop (SN)(DFEL), Lorna Bunney (LB)(Dunbar Dementia Network), Jo McNamara (JM) (Dunbar Dementia Network), Gordon Horsburgh (GH)(Connected Communities Manager), Caroline Wilson (CW), (Dunbar PPG), Maggie McCole (MM)(The Ridge), Cllr Craig Hoy MSP (CH). Michael Huddleston (MH) Alzheimer Scotland
- 2) Welcome** – JB welcomed all to the meeting. A special welcome was given to Susan Woods who has newly joined the Bleachingfield Centre team. She would be taking notes that JB would work on prior to circulation.
- 3) Minutes of 14th June.** These had been circulated by JB. They were approved by Group members.
- 4)Re-provisioning of Belhaven Hospital**

There are 2 aspects of this – the work of the Change Board and its working groups and the remit and scope of a Needs Assessment Document.

JB gave thanks to MMc, for her feedback on what was happening and for her efforts in trying to advocate the H&WB concerns about the processes to the IJB and ELHSCP Officers.

Community Hospitals and Care Homes Provision Change Board & Working Groups

JB had circulated a report that had been submitted to the IJB and approved on June 24th.

This indicated the creation of a replacement Change Board to revisit and oversee the IJB Direction 12 d on the re-provision of the Belhaven and Edington Community Hospitals and Esk Green and Abbey Care Homes. It had first met on May 31st and set a timetable of meetings. 3 working groups had been set up to look at Finance and Capital, Capacity and Planning and Community and Engagement.

It was noted that the wording had changed from Re-provision to Provision.

There was concern that the meetings were not public meetings and that there were no public minutes. Thus, the only source of information was through MMc.

MMc had asked for the Chairs of H &WB groups to be included and thought this had been agreed.

However, this no longer seemed to be the case. MMc had noted her concerns about this to Alison MacDonald (Chief Officer of ELHSCP).

JB had written to Alison MacDonald to ask for an update on the inclusion of members in meetings and on the Integrated Impact Assessment. The response was a copy of a briefing paper for MSPs and Councillors which was a summary of the report that had gone to the IJB. Until JB requested it the document had not been sent to Dunbar Community Council (DCC). JB had circulated it to the other CCs in the Ward and also to the Chair of North Berwick H&WB group.

Members expressed continued concern about the exclusion of local voices in the decision making process. The Change Board, the working groups and the IJB itself had no resident from Dunbar and East Linton Ward amongst their membership. The elected ward member who attended the IJB did not give feedback to the Community. PMc noted that Friends of Edington in North Berwick had had no update contact for a long time. They had not been aware of the new Change Board remit.

JO said that a Communication and Engagement Strategy was being worked on. It should be ready around August and she could share it then. The working groups would bring together options for community consultation and a report would go to IJB around November.

Members expressed concern that this was not the Co-production with communities promised at the IJB in December 2018. In 2019 local working groups were to have been set up and this was spoken of again at the most recent community meeting in January 2020. There was concern that without a local say in the formulation of models of care there would be likelihood of communities and IJB/ELHSCP being at loggerheads if it was felt that models were being imposed. At the IJB of December 2018 it was agreed that there should be space for local responsiveness rather than one size fits all. In December 2018 it had been agreed that Extra Care Housing was not suitable for all - that an element of 24 hour care was still required. Consultation on options already drawn up was the lowest level of consultation and removed from the Terms of Reference of the Change Board which stated that a key responsibility was to "ensure a culture of involvement, engagement and appropriate consultation." and the IJB/ELHSCP Strategy Document which referred to the importance of consultation and community engagement.

NH suggested that the bringing forward of options should be left to the professionals. PMc felt that that was unfair given the level of professional experience of members of the H&WB Group. Also important was local knowledge and lived experience. There was also the negative past experience of such options being presented for consultation. Closure of Ward 2 had only been one of a number of options. It had not been the preferred option of the community but it had gone ahead in 2018 as the preferred option of ELHSCP. The Health Minister had not been willing to invest the monies needed for upgrade Ward 2 - saying that proposals for reprovision were ongoing.

NH also suggested that it was difficult to make judgements on provision when it was not known if local authorities would still be running social care in the future. The future shape of IJBs was not known. In response, concern was expressed that Dunbar and East Linton Ward had seen service cuts including at Belhaven Hospital whilst the population was growing. In contrast North Berwick, Haddington and Musselburgh had all seen new facilities opening or being built. There was a shortage of beds, particularly for those needing Social Work funding. Local people were being placed at a distance e.g. North Berwick which was difficult for family members to visit without a car. Hospital beds in Haddington or Edinburgh also made visiting difficult. Couples were known to have been separated between care homes in different towns.

NH said that the IJB were still saying that services would not be removed until alternatives were in place. This had been the original promise by Gerry Power of NHS Lothian in 2009 and repeated since by NHS officers and Scottish Health Ministers, Shona Robison and Jeanne Freeman..

Integrated Impact Assessment - This had been spoken of for over a year. MM noted that it seemed it was more of a capacity assessment. There was concern about the limited remit of such a document.

Older People's Action Group - TP and the team were to meet after this meeting. A document was being drawn up. TP had made FOI requests but found the responses limited e.g. on investment in services.

It was agreed that JB would write to Peter Murray, IJB Chair. MW offered to countersign such a letter. MSPs were asked to also raise the concerns e.g. with the Health Minister and Chair of NHS Lothian. PM had already had dialogue with the Minister and he had previously spoken to Alison MacDonald.

5) Day Services

Changes to Day Services for both Older Adults and those under 65 had been brought together under 1 Change Board (Transformation Change Board). These groups did seem to have different needs e.g. a regular ask of people with disabilities was work whereas those over 65 were past working age. Again minutes of the Change Board were not in the public domain. A report indicating the proposals for the future direction of travel had gone to IJB on 24th June.

Dunbar Day Centre

General -The AGM had been held on June 23rd. Richard Smeed was now Chair. GW would be remaining on the Association of East Lothian Day Centres Committee.

The Day Centre was looking to become a SCIO.

The Day Centre had re-opened for a limited number of centre based clients on 24th May. Unfortunately, it had had a brief Covid related closure in June and had had to close again this week for Covid related reasons (staff family members being in contact with people who had tested positive.) JB and GW noted the effective handling of the closures by the staff.

The Day Centre had a waiting list of referrals.

As part of a pilot with ELHSCP the Centre had also been offering some outreach visits.

Future Service Model- The Change Board had been looking at the future model of service delivery. Again, involvement of the current day centre trustees, service users, carers etc was patchy. JB noted that as a Day Centre Trustee she and other Dunbar Day Centre trustees had been at one brief online meeting with Christine Johnston of ELHSCP some months ago. There had been mention of a Development Day to include Trustees from the East Lothian Centres. This had, in the end, been an internal development day for IJB members.

GW had attended some meetings of the Association of Day Centres with Christine Johnston and the ELC Cabinet Members for Health and Social Care (Cllr O'Donnell and now Cllr Akhtar).

The IJB will be progressing the Meeting Centres Model – initially a pilot in Musselburgh.

The existing Day Centres will see their funding model change. Historically, they have been grant funded by ELC. The grants given had been set initially for 3 years and continued for this financial year without uplift. Dunbar Day Centre had found that the cost of running the blended service was more expensive. The new proposal is for Day Services to be funded by a process of competitive tender. There were concerns about this. Tendering would involve considerable work for small groups of volunteer trustees and staff. GW noted the time spent by Carers of East Lothian (of which she is a Trustee and Vice Chair) in producing a tender for submission to ELC in order to continue the service they had provided for many years. As far as was known there had only been one tender submitted. GW noted concern about the timescale for working on a tender application. The new arrangements would commence on 1/4/2022 but as yet the remit/process for tendering was not yet known. There was concern that the timescale was becoming short and there was potential for uncertainty, particularly for staff. There was concern as to how to value tender applications and that some of the day centres may be put off by the bureaucracy of the process in making an application at all.

Day Services for Adults With Complex Needs

A Report had gone to the IJB on June 24th. A pilot provision model was being trialled in Preston, Seton Gosford Ward.

JB again noted difficulty in getting information. She and GW had attended a consultation event in Dunbar some years ago. She had also been to a meeting at Randall House of interested parties in early 2020 but had heard no more of that group meeting again.

JB queried the involvement of service users and families in the development of proposals. JO said she had details of engagement activities over the last couple of years.

JB noted concern that many people with complex needs wished to work. There had been a development in the 1980s and 90s of services like ELVOS and people she knew as a specialist social worker had loved going to work, whether paid or voluntary.. She was aware of the successes of people who had moved on to full time employment through schemes like Remploy and Shaw Trust. Some of the people she knew, who had once worked, seemed to now spend time being supported to go to a range of clubs. The closure of resource centres like Mansfield Road had led to some service users missing out on the friendship base, particularly for older users, that the Centres had provided which had followed on from schooltime friendships at Lugton and Westfield. JB noted the Area Co-ordination model in some areas like Midlothian.

KC noted the experience of some ELCAP users. They have residents within community houses but also support people in the wider community. She noted the impact of Covid on Day Centre attendance at units like Tynebank where numbers have been restricted. She spoke of people known to ELCAP having programmes of Bingo and Boccia.

It was agreed that service users/families/carers needed choice and a voice in the modelling of service provision.

6) Link Worker Update

The link workers were not present. JB noted that she was aware of some social prescribing to local activities e.g. Some people had been referred to activities led by the new Community Gardener, Caroline Bryden at Belhaven Community Garden.

7) Mental Health Services

JB and HH spoke of the new Andy's Mans Club which had begun at Bleachingfield on Monday nights. It is part of a national network of support groups for men at risk of suicide. Local leader is Richard Taylor. Meetings are 7-9, a time of day noted to be particularly linked to male suicide incidence. It is a drop in service.

HH agreed to share information with JO so that the service could be noted to the mental health staff at ELHSCP.

8) COVID Update

Incidence

Local incidence had continued. This had had an impact on some businesses and also services. JB and GW noted that the Day Centre had had to close for a 2nd time as staff had had to move into isolation. The schools had also been affected prior to the holidays.

In response, a mobile testing unit was regularly at the Leisure Pool. Other testing units were in Haddington and Musselburgh.

Vaccination Programme

JB continued to volunteer through VCEL at the vaccination hub. She noted continued issues of the appointment system e.g. people from the ward given appointments in Bathgate, Gorebridge and Edinburgh whilst people from Midlothian, Edinburgh and West Lothian were given appointments at Haddington. Some of them had described difficulties in getting to haddington e.g. getting a lift due to the limited public transport. A recent day had seen 248 no shows. The drop in service at Haddington was seeing a good take up.. many of them were East Lothian people who did not want to go to the allocated appointments elsewhere in Lothian and were advised that there were no slots at Haddington. It may have been that Haddington no shows were some of those from elsewhere and that they had been able to get drop in vaccines nearer their homes.

JO noted the use of the mobile vaccine clinic which had been to Dunbar and vaccine clinics at events e.g. at Musselburgh Races.

JB noted issues for those who are double vaccinated in EU countries. They could travel to other EU states, using a pan EU vaccination certificate, without isolation, but following Brexit, the EU certificate was not yet recognised in UK/Scotland.

Flu Vaccines

JO noted that the flu programme will be administered through community hubs. GW asked if GPs had been asked for their views on this. JO advised that vaccination administration was part of changes to the GP contract.

9) Shifting the Balance of Care Change Board – On line Workshop on 17th June JB had attended.

This was a combined workshop from the Shifting the Balance of Care Change Board and the Primary Care Change Board. Those present noted that the event was useful in giving an opportunity for the public to hear what work was being done and to raise issues. It was suggested that the other Change Boards might do similar events given their key role in service planning whilst having low public

Key themes

Services at Haddington Community Hospital. There was a discussion about some services that were now available at Haddington. This was followed by consideration of services that might usefully be made available that currently involved long journeys into Edinburgh e.g. mammography, dexa scanning, minor injuries. There was also discussion about services that had been centralised from GP practices into Haddington e.g. ear syringing.

Transport. The discussion on Haddington Community Hospital based services and the centralisation of some services that once had been available at GP practices led to a discussion of concerns about transport to the site. These had been ongoing before it opened. Public transport is poor and there is not enough space for a turning circle for buses within the site. The limited public transport puts pressure on the parking spaces available. Disabled bays fill up quickly. Even from the disabled bays there is a long walk for those with poor mobility. There was a suggestion that a fleet of golf buggies may be used.

JB had noted the limited charging facilities for electric cars.

CWIC – There had been a video about the new system for appointments in Musselburgh. Concerns had been raised about accessibility of the new resource.

Joined up thinking. There was a discussion about the need for linkage between services e.g. a long wait to see a podiatrist may determine a need for a referral to orthotics with the patient left to get their GP to start again. A number of experiences were outlined e.g. JB had broken her foot 3 years ago. After waiting a year for podiatry she had now been waiting a further 2 years for orthotics.

Presentations – JB had asked for the presentations from the event to be made available to share with the H&WG Group.

10) Public Information Newsletter – This is still needed. The Newsletter, which had been signed off for distribution, had been rendered out of date and work was needed on another. This was felt to be important given the number of changes being proposed by the IJB/ELHSCP.

11) Independent Review of Social Care – More information is needed. As noted earlier this has implications for the future delivery of services. The Scottish Government will be producing a White Paper. JB noted continued concerns by SASW (Social Work Professional Body) for the implications

for professional social work. There were concerns about governance e.g. inspections of services. JB also noted the ongoing discussions on the future of social care delivery in England.

12) AOB – None

13) Date of Next Meeting – 2 pm on 6th September

Jacqui Bell's application for Chair

In 250 words, or less, please tell us a little about yourself and your involvement/connections with the local community.

A retired Hospital Social Worker, I have lived with my family in Belhaven since June 1989. My husband is a Landscape Architect, working between Edinburgh University and the University of Life Sciences in Tartu, Estonia where he is Professor of Landscape Architecture.

Since moving to Dunbar I have played an active part in the community.

I have been a member of Dunbar Community Council (DCC) since 2000, aside from 2007-12 when I was an ELC Councillor for Dunbar and East Linton Ward. I have been Secretary since 2012 and from 2012-15 I was also Vice Chair. Since 2017 I have administered the Community Council Facebook Page which has become a "go to" place for the community to find information and to raise concerns and issues which I follow up with relevant organisations and agencies. I am DCC's Planning Link to ELC and regularly attend Planning Committee to present the views of DCC and the community. I go to a variety of meetings with ELC and other organisations on behalf of DCC.

In addition, I have been Minute Secretary of West Barns Community Council since 2017. I give this small Group additional support and advice in dealing with a variety of matters to help them fulfil their role e.g. Planning.

I have been a member of DELAP since it was founded. I have been a Vice Chair since 2014. I have been a Co-Chair of the Health and Well Being Sub group since it was formed in 2017.

I am a member of many community groups within Dunbar and wider East Lothian including Sustaining Dunbar (Trustee), Dunbar Day Centre (Trustee/Secretary), Sescot Radio (Trustee/Secretary) East Lothian Antiquarian and Field Naturalists Society (Vice President), East Lothian Community Rail Partnership (Board Member), John Muir Birthplace Trust (Trustee), Dunbar Community Bakery (Trustee), Belhaven Church (Congregational Board), Dunbar Lyric Group (Committee), Friends of Winterfield (Committee), Dunbar Community Woodland Group, Belhaven Residents Group, RAGES, Community and Police Partnership, Dunbar Trades Association. Through these memberships I know many local people.

For time off I enjoy reading, tapestry, travel, music and amateur dramatics. My family has a house in Latvia.

In 250 words, or less, please tell us why you are nominating yourself for the position of Chairperson of Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership and what qualities you feel you can bring to this role?

I believe I have a variety of experience and knowledge to be an effective Chair, able to take over from George who has done an admirable job, especially during the difficult days of Covid.

Experience and Knowledge

- a) I have been Vice Chair since 2014. Thus, I understand the operation of DELAP. I have been involved in the development of its Area Plan. I have existing working links with the DELAP staff as well as other relevant people at ELC Connected Communities, other ELC Departments and within other agencies and organisations e.g. Police.
- b) I have good knowledge of the Ward and the issues faced by different communities. I am aware that DELAP needs to give attention to the needs of the smaller village communities as well as the larger Dunbar town.
- c) I have experience of advocating for my home community
- d) I have a variety of committee experience including Chairmanship e.g. the Health and Wellbeing Sub Group
- e) I have experience of Grant allocation – from DELAP but also as a past member of the Viridor Landfill Tax Grants Panel.
- f) I have IT skills including use of Social Media. Dunbar CC Facebook page, which I administer, has nearly 2000 likes. It would be good to widen the public awareness of DELAP in a similar way.
- g) I have Media/Communication Skills to widen public knowledge of DELAP. I have an excellent working relationship with Cameron Ritchie at East Lothian Courier and I am a Trustee of SESCOT Radio.
- h) I have public speaking experience – I have addressed conferences of up to 1500 people.

Qualities include

- a) A good memory for past events, decisions, people etc. An eye for detail when giving feedback – the importance of clear paper trails of decision making.
- b) A team player – able to work with a variety of people – staff and other Committee members
- c) Tenacity – to try to seek the best outcomes for my community. I will keep chasing things until they are completed e.g. the moving of the James Kirk Way Speed reactive camera took a couple of years. I have been fighting for improved A1 safety since 2001.
- d) Integrity/Dependability – If I say I will do something I will do it.....or give a good reason why I have been unable to do so.
- e) I am well organised and able to prioritise competing tasks/responsibilities