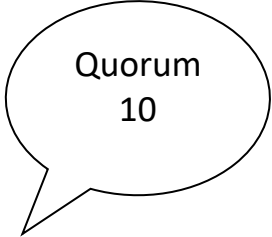


Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership meeting
4 October 2021, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
ZOOM meeting

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, Dunpender 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)
Allison Cosgrove, Dunpender Community Council (AC)
Terry Prior, Hallhill TRA (TP)
Cllr Norman Hampshire, ELC
Dee Davidson, Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council Rep (DD)
Pippa Swan, Dunbar Community Council (PS)
Lynn Simpson, Small School Rep (LSi)
Tim Greene, Sustaining Dunbar (TG)
Stephen Bunyan, Dunbar Community Council (SB)
Katy Pollock, Support from the Start (KP)
Maggie McCole, The Ridge (MM)
Daniel Wight, Dunpender Community Council (DW)
Nigel Bird, Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council Rep (NB)

Others in attendance

Gordon Horsburgh, Connected Communities Manager (GH)
Caitlin McCorry, Service Manager Connected Communities (CM)
Helen Harper, CLD (HH)
Lorna Maclennan Business Support Administration, ELC (LM)
Heather Young, VCEL (HY)
Elaine Morrison, East Lothian Foodbank (EM)
Catherine Finlayson, Craft Studio (CF)
John Lawson, Belhaven TRA (JL)

Apologies received

Loretta Stewart Dunbar CC (LS)
Cllr Sue Kempson, ELC (SK)
Cllr Paul Mclennan, ELC (PM)
Kate Darrah, The Ridge (KD)

Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1. Chairman's and Introductory Remarks	<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>LMac</p>
2. Apologies	<p>Apologies were noted as above.</p>	
3. Notifications of declaration of interest	<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>
4. Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes were approved by GW and seconded by JB.</p>	
5. Matters Arising	<p>Dunbar Against Litter – GR was pleased to announce that the litter pickers have now been delivered to Dunbar Against Litter.</p> <p>The area partnership has been asked to disburse £12k of Scottish Government funding, which has been allocated to address food poverty and financial insecurity. The Ridge has an application pending for discussion at item 8.</p> <p>Chair – GR was delighted to announce that Jacquie Bell has been voted in as Chair of Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership. GR stated that JB was well versed in the 'goings on' of the Partnership and the area due to her commitments to the Dunbar Community Council. GR stated that he will meet with JB to go over items regarding the Area Partnership prior to our next meeting in November.</p>	
6. Helen Harper – Summer Programme	<p>GR welcomed HH who gave an update on the summer programme that ran this year. HH stated that the money that funded this 'Summer of Fun' project came from the Scottish Government.</p> <p>HH and youth workers delivered a summer activity programme over afternoons for P4 –P7 children. Participants were referred by primary schools and they contacted families with children that they thought would benefit from provision during the holidays. Some of these children were already known to staff through their attendance at youth clubs and nurture groups. Activities included tie dye, stone painting, sand art, bug hotels, football, and outdoor play, combined with cooking lunch.</p> <p>Family trips were arranged to East Links family park, Lauderdale Park and the John Muir alpacas. This allowed younger and older siblings to attend and have quality family time. Tickets for East links family park were also given out to social workers and to Home Start for families with young children under 5 to visit with their key workers and to support volunteers.</p> <p>A programme for Dunbar Grammar School pupils ran from 10am-3pm and included Samba drumming, cookery with Dunbar Dinners, Digital Buddies with older people, and trips to East Links family park and Lochend Woods.</p> <p>Children were provided with paid places to attend Forest School activities and there was also support for a families who needed respite via paid places at Countess after school club.</p> <p>Children were supported to attend arts service activities, messy play sessions and buggy walks for families with under 3's. These were provided in partnership with Home Start East Lothian and health visitors.</p>	

Scottish Government funding supported a range of activities and created a nurturing environment for children, young people and their families. Some of these children and young people would have had limited opportunities over the holidays due to their circumstances, which included financial hardship, mental health issues and family breakdown. Some children required one-to-one support and these additional funds enabled them to have a quality experience.

Attendance at summer activities was as follows:-

Primary 4-7 children 25 and secondary school young people we had 15.
Families from Home Start = 7
Social Work/ Education = 9
Youth club/ community = 22

This included several children and young people with particular wellbeing needs:-

- Children from low income households. 90% of the families we worked with were in this category.
- Children from priority groups, larger families; families with a disabled child or adult; young mothers; families with children under one; and minority ethnic families.
- Children from families who have been shielding during the pandemic and whose ability to engage in activities and socialise was very limited. We would not have been able to engage with a lot of these children and young people if it had not been for the local connections and relationships of trust already built through youth clubs, nurture groups and wider support groups.
- We supported care experienced children and young people from both foster and kinship carers.
- Some young carers mostly from our DGS group.
- Children who had significant issues during lockdown which included family breakdown, negative financial circumstances plunging families into poverty and we were able to signpost them to help and support. We had a few families that had just moved to the area and were about to support children in getting ready for school, their transition from primary to secondary and leaving school.

This summer offer had children's rights and wellbeing at its heart, founded in the UNCRC and GIRFEC. It was important that, as far as possible we shaped activities around what children and young people of all ages say/have said that they want and need, and included what would help them to recover and re-engage in their local communities. Local relationships and connections were vital to engagement and ensured that support reached those who would most benefit.

We built on existing services, local assets and knowledge. Connections were already be in place at a local level, with local youth groups, third sector organisations and our community partners working in tandem.

Feedback from parents was very positive and they expressed how appreciative they were of the programme for their children and young people. They found the contact and care to be invaluable. Importantly, families expressed how they could take part without worry or stigma.

Some secondary school pupils told us that they did not normally do anything during the holidays and that parents were otherwise occupied with

	<p>work, health issues and family worries. The programme provided some respite and routine. They enjoyed trying new activities like Samba drumming where they felt their confidence building each week. They also expressed just how difficult this last 18 months have been for them.</p> <p>This has been a different summer activity programme compared to previous years. We found the children and young people to be quite anxious, stressed and more likely to be emotional and therefore, requiring a caring and nurturing approach. The programme benefited from having variety and additional workers to catch young people when they needed a lift and to encourage them to take part and engage. Parents have fed back that the children were more ready and prepared to return to school.</p> <p>HH stated that they were recruiting more youth workers at the moment to provide more support to outlying villages as travelling is not always an option.</p> <p>HH thanked LM who organised tickets for East Links and the trip to see the Alpacas. GR said 'is there nothing that she is not involved in'. HH stated that she did not know she would do without her.</p> <p>GR stated that it was great to see this programme being delivered within the Dunbar & East Linton Area. There had also been a successful programme delivered when the Area Partnership received educational attainment funding.</p>	
<p>7. Budget Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Budget The budget is shown at the bottom of the minutes. The Partnership has £28,756 still to allocate. If there are any project needing funding please apply. This funding must be allocated by the end of March 2022. • Roads Budget GH had updated GR with the actual cost of the disabled car park at West Barns Village Hall was £11,975.57. The budget sheet will be updated to reflect this. If any community has a project, please complete an application so it can be brought to the meeting. • Amenity Budget On some occasions Amenities has been asked to do work, which was not always possible, but if there are any projects, please let us know as this is the best time of year to get work completed. There was a question about the gates at Lauderdale Park. GH will follow up. 	<p>LM</p> <p>GH/LM</p>
<p>8. Applications for funding</p>	<p>These will be voted on by email after the meeting. All papers were circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>A. Craft Studio/Craft Shed – For Equipment - £2250 from IT COVID recovery £2250 from General Budget. GR gave some back ground to the Craft Studio and their work to address social isolation, improve health & wellbeing, promote the transfer of skills, and improve mental health. This project has a shop in the High Street and at Spott Road. GR introduced Catherine Finlayson, Director of the Craft Studio to support her application and take questions. CF stated that they have craft courses for children, wood turning, sewing, and knitting. Their aim is transferring skill from older to younger people. Like everyone during the pandemic, they have been hit hard, having to pay rent, but not being able to produce sales. She also said that BC had been to the Craft Shed. Benches can be made to order amongst other things. BC stated that he had been impressed and had visited the studio 2 or 3 times. CF said that they hoped to be sustainable in the longer term. This application would help to update</p>	

their IT and also to purchase more proficient equipment so that saleable items can be produced.

AC thanked CF for her presentation and their good work in tackling social isolation, but she queried whether children attending had access to potentially dangerous machinery? SF reassured AC that there were separate room for the machinery and the area for the children. Only those aged over 16 can go into the machine room for safety and insurance purposes. AC thanked for her reply and said that this project deserved support.

PS stated that she supported this application. She had recently had the privilege of a tour of the shed and was astonished at the quite modest way that the shed do their business and the bespoke items that can be made.

JB stated that this project was good for the community and was helping after COVID where people have felt isolated and their health and wellbeing can also be helped. JB stated that there was also a Parkinson's Group meeting each Thursday. JB said that she hoped that her application would be supported and that in the future the project could expand.

Post Meeting:-

The votes for the IT equipment from the Scottish Government COVID recovery funding were emailed in: - 14 yes; 0 No; 0 dOfI; and 0 abstain. The votes for the other equipment from the general fund were emailed in: - 14 yes; 0 No; 0 dOfI; and 0 abstain. The decision forms have been sent out to the applicant and will be processed.

B. The Ridge – COVID recovery/poverty and hardship - £12,000

GR stated that this proposal had been raised at the last meeting. An application had now been received, which has been circulated by email. This application was for the Scottish Government funding to address food poverty and financial insecurity. GR asked MM to go through the application. MM stated that through collaboration with other organisations within the area, the Ridge were well placed to manage this fund. This funding would help at the time when furlough is ending, the £20 Universal credit stopping and fuel prices are rising. It would help people over the winter months. MM stated that they would hope to make the money go as far as possible and benefit the widest range of people as possible.

NH commented that a lot of the financial support for other issues had been devolved and with support from local organisations this proposal would be of benefit to the community as the Ridge has the trust of those who seek their assistance. It's a challenge to get help out to those who need it most as many don't want a handout, but really need support and assistance from a trusted organisation.

CM reminded everyone that CAB has been given additional funding to help with extra demand and to direct people to CAB where necessary. CM also reminded MM that ELC Benefits team have funding to help low income families. GH would send the information to MM after the meeting. JB stated that CAB was not in Dunbar but in Haddington. Not everyone has the means to travel to Haddington and CAB was not coming to Bleachingfield. Transport was challenging for people on low incomes. Also the Ridge has a good reputation within Dunbar and would be sign-posted by word of mouth.

NB stated that this was an excellent application, but questioned £350 for administration when this money could be put into people's pockets. He asked if MM could please explain. MM stated that distributing funds

	<p>would require a staffing cost. However, the Ridge will keep costs down to a minimum as they would like to see as much money going to people as possible.</p> <p>BC asked about the villages, as they would have families and individuals who could need assistance? Also this was a large sum with some of the funding being used for Christmas and fuel cards as well as room hire. BC hoped that the majority would go to people with needs. MM stated that they do not have premises of their own and therefore the cost of hiring rooms to assist people would have to come from this money. Fuel cards provide essential support with electric and gas costs and these were important in order to address poverty. The Christmas lunch provides targeted support and was organised to help to improve self-esteem and wellbeing.</p> <p>DW thanked MM for her presentation of the application but wondered if other organisations could apply for monies. DW also highlighted the need for effective evaluation and queried that the small sum of money for evaluation. MM stated that other organisations could apply for funding, but that most of the funding would go direct to people in need. She said that evaluation is already embedded into Ridge projects so this model will be adapted to reflect any new priorities.</p> <p>DW also asked about the criteria for people receiving monies from this funding. MM said that needs emerge during conversations with local people and organisations and this knowledge will help to direct support to people who require it the most. Partner organisations can and do assist by signposting people to the Ridge. HH stated that some of the money will support weekly cooking classes and Monday evening meals provision, which is resuming at Bleachingfield Centre. She referred to regular conversations between community organisations that help to understand current challenges within the Dunbar and East Linton Area. KP asked if Home Start would have to apply for funding but MM stated that as before, they would work together to distribute funding.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting: - The votes for the other equipment from the general fund were emailed in: - 13 yes; 0 No; 1 dOfI; and 0 abstain. The decision forms have been sent out to the applicant and will be processed.</i></p> <p>C. Dunpender Community Council – New Speed Reactive Sign - £3,500 from the Roads Budget.</p> <p>GR stated that this application was to replace an existing speed sign which is not repairable. AC stated that there had been concerns expressed by residents of Drylawhall area of East Linton where there is a narrow path and traffic is speeding. GR stated that this sign was a modern model, which can also provide useful data.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting: - Roads Colleagues have been informed to move ahead with this purchase and to go to the cost allocated or come back to the Partnership.</i></p>	
<p>9. Health and Wellbeing Group</p>	<p>Bullet points of the meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination Programme- Krista Clubb and Diane Gray had attended the meeting from the East Lothian Vaccination programme. They had addressed some of the issues that had arisen due to the centralised booking system for flu vaccines e.g. older people from East Lothian being given appointments at Ingliston. It was noted that GPs will no longer be involved in any vaccination programmes following a change to the GP contract. Paul McLennan MSP and Martin Whitfield MSP were present. They had agreed to take back the issues to Holyrood to prevent problems in future years. 	

	<p>The telephone number to change or to find out about your appointment is 0300 790 6296.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Lives - There was a presentation about the scheme which provides supported placements for adults, mostly people with learning difficulties. Further carers are needed for long term placements, they also hope to offer day care and short breaks if sufficient people come forward. • Belhaven Hospital Re provision- There had been further discussion. The IJB/ELHSCP Team are developing proposals through the Change Board and Working Groups that will be open to public consultation in 2022. There is no intention to involve local health and wellbeing groups in the discussions at this stage despite promises made at the IJB meeting of December 2018. A Communication and Engagement Strategy is being drawn up. • A small group led by Terry Prior has been working on a document, 'Great Expectations' to look at local demand, needs and solutions for services. <p>There was a discussion around the report that TP was collating and also where the paper should be sent to. It was agreed that it should go to the IJB and the Scottish Government. It was also discussed about consultation and how to engage different people and organisations. It was hoped to have a separate meeting on this topic and hopefully a face-to-face meeting to discuss the draft and make sure that everything has been included.</p> <p>NH stated that flu and COVID injections are to be carried out centrally -any problem use the number already given.</p> <p>There is a National Care Service for Scotland consultation https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-care-service-scotland-consultation where they are looking to centralise services.</p> <p>East Lothian has the highest bed blockage in Scotland, but have the best hospitals. Services such as hospital to home, or care home services need to be improved to help with bed blockage.</p> <p>All new care homes/hospital etc. would have to be built by central government as part of a national service rather than at local level, So not sure if this would help this area.</p>	
<p>10. AOCB</p>	<p>GR stated there was a couple of AOCB.</p> <p>GH let the meeting know that this would be his last meeting. He has resigned from his post and will be leaving mid-November. GH stated that he had great admiration for all the volunteering efforts with the Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership. GH thanked everyone for their work and his only regret was not being able to have more face-to-face meetings. GR stated that he was sorry to hear this and wished GH all the best for the future.</p> <p>JB just wanted to thank GR and PS for all their efforts as Chair in the past and for taking DELAP through one of the toughest times. GR co-ordinated all of the volunteers in the resilience teams and repurposed computers for the kids in the ward. He also developed summer schools and had oversight of all the education attainment monies. A round of applause for GR as he stands down as chair.</p> <p>GR stated as a way of conclusion that he had enjoyed being Chair of DELAP – it's had its up and downs but enjoyable and glad he had been of some</p>	

	<p>service to the community. There has been great support from, Stuart Gibb, Doug Haig and Gordon Horsburgh Connected Communities Managers and I give my thanks to them. There was always someone he could approach to smooth the process when dealing with internal departments. GR gave a huge vote of thanks to LM who is a little demon in the work that she achieves, and the work that she carries out. All of the paper work, minutes, presentations, applications for funding, and she does a terrific job. She also has another 2 area partnerships to look after as well and I do not know what we would do without LM. Thank you from GR for all the work you have done for DELAP. What would we do without her! CM looks after all the 6 Area Partnerships and the Community Councils which could not be more diverse but Caitlin is our champion and fights our corner in ELC.</p> <p>My thanks to our volunteer members, who give up their time to come along to these meetings, read and review applications, make recommendations and vote accordingly. They have a multitude of back grounds and experience which really makes Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership work so well.</p> <p>So this morning the doorbell rang and there was 3 visitors LM, BC and GH bearing gifts which I was delighted with but not did not feel deserving to all the attention I was being given. GR showed a couple of photos on a shared screen, (these are at the end of the minutes). Thank you for the flowers, mugs, (with both DELAP and Dunbar CC logos), a voucher for a meal and Glenmorangie. Thank you for all of your support and I hope that you give the same support to Jacqui, your new Chair.</p>	
<p>11. Date of Next Meetings</p>	<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 style="text-align: center;">22nd November 2021</p>	

Please send any apologies to: d&el-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk or call 01620 8278



Dunbar & East Linton			Budget Allocation 21/22				
			A	R	G	S	o
			Amenity Services	Roads	General	Scottish Gov Funding	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	Tynningame Hall	Renovations			4,000.00		
14/06/21	Dunbar Trade Association	Marketing Dunbar			5,000.00		
26/08/21	Barry Craighead	continuation of the Bench repairs			1,000.00		
22/06/21	ELC roads	West Barns Disabled Car Park		11,975.57			
4/10/21	Craft Studio	IT Equipment				2,250.00	
4/10/21	Craft Studio	Equipment			2350.00		
4/10/21	Dunpender Community Council	Speed reactive Sign		3500.00			
4/10/21	The Ridge	COVID Recovery				12,000	
		Total Spend	£ -	£15,475.57	£23,594.00	14,250.00	
		Balance	£100,000	£34,524.43	£26,406.00		
			Amenity Services	Roads	General	Scottish Gov Funding	
			A	R	G	S	

Dunbar & East Linton Local Area Partnership

Health and Wellbeing Sub Group

Minutes of Meeting -2pm on 4th October 2021 by Video Conference Call

Present – Jacquie Bell (JB) (Co Chair- DCC/DELAP/ DDC). Gill Wilson (GW)(Co Chair - DCC/DELAP/DDC), Cllr Paul McLennan MSP (PMc), Martin Whitfield MSP (MW),Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH), Martin Hensman (MH) (Hub SE), Helen Harper (HH) (CLD), Sue Northrop (SN) (DFEL), Krista Clubb (KB) (Vaccination Team).Diane Gray (DG)(Vaccination Team), Louise Robertson (LR) (Shared Lives) , Maggie McCole (MMc) (The Ridge), Louisa Richardson (LR) (Link Worker)

1. **Welcome and introductions.** JB had welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** – Marilyn McNeil, Lorna Bunney, Terry Prior. Gordon Horsburgh (GH) (Connected Communities Manager), Mike Huddleston (Hub SE), Jamie Forrester (ELHSCP) (Unable to access meeting) Jane Ogden Smith of ELHSCP was not present to facilitate presentations.
3. **Minutes of Meeting on 6th September** – Had been circulated by Jacquie Bell. APPROVED.
4. **Vaccination Programme**– Krista Clubb and Diane Gray had attended.

There had been various issues with the flu vaccination programme e.g. appointments to over 70s offered at Ingliston, problems with the website, non-functionality of the 0800 number. This had led to queues at Haddington Community Hospital. It was noted that the programme offered appointments as the crow flies and that this was not always appropriate. Some residents from Edinburgh had been offered appointments in East Lothian which had caused them difficulties.

It was noted that issues had led to distress and anxiety for members of the public. PMc and MW agreed to feedback identified issues to Holyrood.

Sources for transport help were noted e.g. Handicabs.

It was hoped to offer Covid drop in at future weekends for over 16s.

12 – 15 year old drop in Covid appointments would be at The Fort. Appointments would be offered more locally.

It was noted that due to changes in the GP contract they will no longer provide vaccination services. Concerns were expressed about this regarding provision in more rural parts of the county in particular.

5. **Shared Lives – Presentation by Louise Robertson.** Unfortunately, as Jane Ogden-Smith could not be present, Louise could not fully share her presentation. It was agreed that Jane would be asked to share the information. Louise spoke of the work of the team. They are seeking new carers, particularly for long term placements. JB spoke of her professional knowledge of the benefits to people with disabilities. JB agreed to share any publicity on social media.
6. **Re-provisioning of Belhaven Hospital** -Update.

JB had again contacted Peter Murray (IJB Chair) regarding involvement of the Health and Wellbeing Group in the Change Board and Working Groups as promised by him at the IJB Meeting of December 2013. Response had been circulated by JB. Peter Murray had advised that Health and Wellbeing Group reps will not be included in the meetings. The involvement of Jamie Forrester and Martin Hensman was to give a link between the Change Board/Working Groups and the Health and Wellbeing Group.

In the meantime, JB had had contact with Hilary Smith, Co-Chair of North Berwick Health and Wellbeing Group. They are also concerned about the exclusion of local voices in the future planning of services. The North Berwick situation had been compounded by the temporary closure of 9 inpatient beds and other services at Edington.

Hilary was hoping to arrange a joint meeting of all Health and Wellbeing Group Chairs to discuss a way forward.

Martin Hensman noted progress of the work of the IJB/ELHSCP. At this stage work is focussing on current system capacity. Discussions are ongoing regarding Communication and Engagement.

Cllr NH noted the impact on the local proposals of the consultation by the Scottish Government on the creation of a National Care Service. He suggested that no progress could be made at this stage as local authorities may no longer be involved in the provision of social care. JB had noted that the consultation process was ongoing until October 18th and that there was opposition to the proposals from organisations like COSLA and SASW,

Great Expectations- A Call for Action Terry had been pulling together the Document that he, Jacquie, Gill, Janice and Sue had been working on. This needs sign off by the Editorial team and Older People's Action sub group before consideration by the H and WB Group of what action to take with it e.g. circulation, call for meetings with Health

7. **Day Centre Update** – New staff had started.

Tendering – Process had been deferred until 2023 after request by Christine Johnston at the IJB meeting in September. Christine had asked for time for Trustees to be trained in tendering. The letter from Council officers to clarify that it is an audit trail rather than a tender process as mentioned by Norman on 6th September had not been received. The paperwork from Christine had suggested that it would be a competitive process. NH agreed to chase the documentation from Council Officers to be issued to Day Centre Trustees.

Funding- Given the delay in the tender process there had been no uplift in funding. A small extra for 2 years from the Carers Act Funding will be payable for 2 years to allow for outreach work.

AELCC -Richard Smeed, Chairman of Dunbar Day Centre is now AELCC Chair. Gill will continue to attend the meetings.

8. **Meeting Centres** Update – Jacquie, Gill, Helen, Michael Huddleston and Sue had attended a meeting at DGS on September 10th. This had been an initial discussion about setting up a Meeting Centre based on the longstanding work at the school. There was discussion about the various areas of dementia work going on in the town.

Next meeting at DGS. 1pm on October 8th.

9. **Link Workers**-Carol Orr had left. She will be replaced by Sarah. This seems to have been an internal appointment.

10. **Patient Participation Group**- No update available

11. **Mental Health Services**

MELDAP- JB had had a letter from Martin Bonnar of MELDAP seeking information.

- a) As part of Covid recovery how do we maximise opportunities for people who are affected by their/and others alcohol or drug use in the Dunbar area?
- b) What might assist to encourage those affected by their own drug and alcohol use (therefore at risk of multi drug overdose) to engage in low threshold support leading to drug and alcohol treatment/recovery?

JB had noted the work of The Ridge. Martin had advised that The Ridge had applied for funding for recovery work. He would appreciate feedback on these questions from the Health and Wellbeing Group.

Given the small attendance at the meeting a response was not possible. JB would appreciate any information to feedback to Martin Bonnar.

12. **Care Services for Under 65s with complex needs** – No further information.
13. **Independent Review of Social Care** – Consultation Open until October 18th
14. **Public Information Newsletter** – Still needed for the various updates in East Lothian.
15. **AOB – Snack vans/Healthy Eating** – JB had noted local applications for snack van provision. These seemed at odds with the proposals for a Good Food Charter. Community Councils across the county had raised concerns.
16. **Date of Next Meeting** – 2 pm on 8th November