

## **Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, 7.00pm – 9.00pm Held on ZOOM**

### **Meeting Chaired by:**

Jacquie Bell, Chair of the Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership (JB)

### **Members (and substitute members) present**

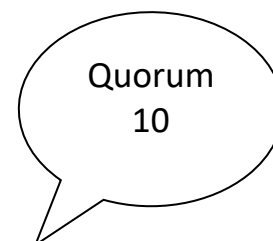
Anne Lyall, East Lammermuir Community Council (AL)  
Barry Craighead, Vice Chair AP, Dunder Community Council (BC)  
Mike Shaw, Dunbar Shore & Harbour Neighbourhood Group (MS)  
Gill Wilson, East Lothian Association of Day Centres (GW)  
Allison Cosgrove, Dunder Community Council (AC)  
Terry Prior, Hallhill TRA (TP)  
Cllr Norman Hampshire, ELC (NH)  
Stephen Bunyan, Dunbar Community Council (SB)  
Daniel Wight, Dunder Community Council (DW)  
Bea Taylor, DTA (BT)  
Cllr Paul McLennan, ELC (PM)  
Kate Darrah, The Ridge (KD)  
Paul Gillon, Dunbar Community Council (PG)  
Scott Marjoribanks, Small Schools, (West Barns Primary Parent Council) (SM)  
Cllr Sue Kempson, ELC (SK)  
Kathleen Harvey, West Barns Community Council (KH)  
Mark James, Sustaining Dunbar (MJ)  
Wendy Smillie, East Lammermuir Community Council (WS)  
John Lawson (Friends of Belhaven) (JL)

### **Others in attendance**

Caitlin McCorry, ELC -Service Manager, Connected Communities (CM)  
Helen Harper, ELC -CLD (HH)  
Lorna Maclennan,ELC - Business Support Administration, (LM)  
Heather Young, VCEL (HY)  
George Robertson, Zoom Host (GR)  
Patrick Gammell, Vice Lord Lieutenant, East Lothian (PG)  
Lucy Daniels, East Lothian Foodbank (LD)  
Jo Gibb (Climate Action East Linton) (JG)  
Michaela Phifer (Climate Action East Linton)(MP)

### **Apologies received**

Tim Greene, Sustaining Dunbar (TG)  
Katy Pollock, Support From The Start (KP)



Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
<p><b>1. Chairman's and Introductory Remarks</b></p>	<p>JB welcomed everyone to the meeting            JB introduced new members to the meeting – Scott Marjoribanks (Small Schools), Paul Gillon (Dunbar Community Council), Wendy Smillie (East Lammermuir Community Council), Kathleen Harvey (West Barns Community Council). Mark James (MJ) was attending as a Sustaining Dunbar substitute for Tim Green.            JB stated that all meeting papers had been circulated. Voting would take place post meeting by e mail. LM would distribute a voting template for voting members to complete and return to her.            JB advised that Gordon Horsburgh, Connected Communities Manager, had retired on November 17th. JB had sent a card on behalf of DELAP. A new Manager will come into post in January. JB had been involved in the interview process. It was hoped they would be at the next meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January.            JB paid homage to Cllr Willie Innes, Leader of ELC, who had passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021. JB had served alongside him when a member of ELC from 2007-12. She said that Cllr Innes had been very supportive of female Councillors and Community Councillors. She noted his artistic skills- he spent time doodling in meetings but was always on the ball to come in with relevant points. JB led a short silence.</p>	<p>LM</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p>	<p>Apologies were noted as above.</p>	
<p><b>3. The Queen's Green Canopy</b></p>	<p>JB introduced Vice Lord Lt. Patrick Gammell to the meeting to give an overview of the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) – a tree planting initiative for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022. This will be a significant Royal event as the Queen marks the longest reign of any British monarch. JB had previously circulated information.            PG gave background on the East Lothian Lieutenancy which represents the Queen in the County. Lord Lt. Roderick Urquhart is supported by the Vice Lt and Deputies. They assist with Citizenship ceremonies, local investitures and other significant events.            PG hoped that local people would take part in QGC. They could plant a tree in their own garden or join with others to plant a woodland with the landowner's permission. Trees will be marked by special plaques. Saplings will be provided by the Woodland Trust and Alba Trees. The website also gives opportunities to make financial donations.            Planting will be from October 2021 to March 2022 and October 2022 until March 2023. ELC Tree Officer, Mike Foy, was on hand to give advice and it was hoped other sources of expertise may be available. JB noted that her husband was a professional Forester/Landscape Architect. KD said that The Ridge could also assist.            AC noted concerns that some trees were not appropriate for planting in gardens or for the Scottish climate. Planting inappropriate species could be detrimental in the longer term. PG noted that the website gave advice on appropriate species for planting. Planting by children should be supervised by adults. MJ added that tree planting on moorlands and peatlands were different issues. The former being much less problematic. LD said she would ask Guiding contacts to contact PG.            SK noted concerns about planting on peatland and moorland.            DW expressed concern that planting on verges may affect cyclists. NH said that verges often contained utility infrastructure and so planting on them would be restricted.            PG said he and his colleagues would be happy to respond to any queries about QCG.            JB thanked PG for his presentation.</p>	

<p><b>4. Notifications of declaration of interest</b></p>	<p>JB and MJ declared an interest in the funding application from CAEL as it is affiliated to Sustaining Dunbar of which they are Directors. DW also had a link to CAEL.</p>	
<p><b>5. Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>APPROVED</b> (Proposed GW, Seconded BC)</p>	
<p><b>6. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p><b>Lauderdale Park Gates</b> – it was hoped that Amenity Services would be able to restore them. Information was awaited from them.</p>	
<p><b>7. Health &amp; Wellbeing Group</b></p>	<p><b>Health and Wellbeing Group</b></p> <p>Minutes of the November meeting had been circulated. The main area for discussion continues to be the Re-provision of Belhaven Hospital.</p> <p><b>Great Expectations - A Call for Action and Delivery</b></p> <p>This document had been circulated to members in full and summary form. It had already been distributed to members of the Health and Wellbeing Group (which includes Councillors, Community Councillors, MSPs, Reps from ELHSCP/IJB and other members of the community). It had been sent to Officers of ELHSCP/IJB.</p> <p>TP gave further information on the document and its purpose. It had been drawn together by members of the Older People’s Action Group which was a sub group of the Health and Wellbeing Group. The aim was to stimulate a proactive discussion with partners in order to generate a true co-production approach to the development of services for older people in Dunbar and East Linton Ward, including those with dementia.</p> <p>The document looks at the provision of care for older people within a historical context. It considers the current position and possible future provision.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to read the full document. Comments would be welcome to TP or JB.</p> <p>It was hoped to hold a community event in 2022 to share the document and the ideas within it to a wider audience. The form of this would depend on Covid regulations. It was felt important that the Dunbar and East Linton Community was involved in the decision making regarding the future provision of services.</p> <p><i>A copy of the executive briefing is attached to the minutes.</i></p>	
<p><b>8. Scotland’s COVID Community Memorial Programme, ‘Remembering Together’</b></p>	<p><b>Scotland’s COVID Community Memorial Programme, ‘Remembering Together’</b></p> <p>CM advised that the Scottish Government had allocated £100,000 per local authority for Covid memorials. There was much discussion about this. Attendees expressed concerns e.g. that the Pandemic was continuing, there had not been memorials to other pandemics, the funding seemed small if it were to provide any memorial of substance. KD suggested the planting of a memorial woodland. Further information was awaited from the Scottish Government and ELC.</p>	
<p><b>9. Membership</b></p>	<p><b>Potential New Members</b></p> <p>JB reported that she had approached a number of organisations within the Dunbar and East Linton area to see if they would be interested in DELAP membership. They included Dunbar Community Woodland Group, Belhaven Community Garden (who had felt they were already represented by their parent body, Sustaining Dunbar) Friends of Belhaven (John Lawson had already commenced attending on a non</p>	

	<p>voting basis) and Friends of Winterfield Park. She had also made contact with Wingate Flats TRA who were in the process of reforming.</p> <p><b>Request for Voting Membership from Volunteer Centre East Lothian</b> (VCEL)          JB advised that had requested voting membership of DELAP. HY from VCEL was present. HY is the Locality Officer for the East of the County. CM noted that VCEL were the Scottish Government funded interface for the Third Sector in East Lothian. VCEL had replaced STRIVE. They were seeking to become members of all 6 Area Partnerships.          HY gave more information on VCEL’s role in supporting the voluntary sector.          There was a long discussion about the request. It was noted that DELAP had existing representation from a number of local voluntary organisations with a mixture of voting and non-voting rights.          It was agreed that a postal vote on membership would be circulated by LM. This would be divided into a vote on Membership with NO Vote and Voting Membership.</p>	LM
<p><b>10. Budget Update</b></p>	<p>JB noted that the Budget Statement formed part of the Document Pack for the meeting.</p> <p><b>General Budget</b>          DELAP still had £28,756 to allocate subject to any further funding approval at the meeting.          Funding requests were welcome. Funding for the current year must be allocated by the end of March 2022.</p> <p><b>Roads Budget</b>          JB advised that the Disabled Car Park at West Barns Village Hall had cost £11,975.57. £3,750.00 had been given for the speed reactive sign at East Linton which was slightly more than had been voted for after the October meeting. The extra had been agreed by delegated powers of the Chair. However, for audit purposes the delegated decision would be recorded in the November minute. JB noted that PS (DCC Chair) had requested the resurfacing of the car park at Lauderdale Park. However, Alan Stubbs at Roads had advised that the area was not adopted and thus it was not eligible for the funding. Roads and Amenities were to discuss pot hole filling at the car park.          JB advised that some funds were still available for the current financial year although Covid had caused delays in the programming of work by Roads. Thus, requests could still be considered. Requests from rural communities would be particularly welcome. JB would be meeting with Roads Officer in December.</p> <p><b>Amenities Budget</b>          JB advised that Lauderdale Park gates were to be refurbished by Amenity Services. At the time of the meeting there has been no request for funding.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting: - Amenity Services had requested a contribution for the Lauderdale Park Gates. £5000 had been given under delegated powers of the Chair.</i></p>	
<p><b>11. Applications for funding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Garden for East Linton – Jo Gibb and Michaela Phifer - Climate Action East Linton - £4999.95 requested from the General Budget.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The application form had been circulated prior to the meeting.</b></p> <p>JB introduced JG and MP to the meeting. They spoke to the application. The funding was requested to develop a community garden from a playpark sited between McCall Gardens and Longstone Avenue in East Linton. Funding would also be used to employ a Garden Co-ordinator to oversee the project.</p>	

	<p>BC noted that the playpark was in need of overhaul and that local residents were keen to see it improved. He said that the area belonged to local residents. JG advised that some of the play equipment would be retained.</p> <p>There was discussion about the proposals.</p> <p>CM felt that clarity was needed on the ownership of the land. She would ask ELC Amenities for their views. It was noted by JB and GW that in some places e.g. Dunbar playparks had been sold to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties without the knowledge of residents which had led to issues of ongoing maintenance and legal responsibilities.</p> <p>It was queried if a planning application would be needed to allow any change of use. This would need clarification.</p> <p>There was also discussion about the need to employ a Garden Co-ordinator. BC queried the costs in relation to other costs like a swing. Volunteers may be able to clear the area, make benches etc. KD suggested that this would be beneficial. It may benefit the sustainability of a garden if there was ongoing monitoring of the facility and co-ordination of work. Other attendees agreed on the potential benefits It was noted that Belhaven Community Garden had a paid Co-ordinator which worked well. HY suggested that a Co-ordinator may be able to recruit volunteers who could help with the maintenance of the garden.</p> <p>It was agreed that some areas may need further clarification e.g. land ownership, need for planning permission. CM agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>It was agreed that the e mail vote would be divided between For/Against the application WITH Garden Co-ordinator For/ Against the application WITHOUT Garden Co-ordinator</p> <p>JB thanked JG and MP for their attendance. She advised that they would be informed of the outcome of the vote in due course.</p>	CM
<p><b>12. AOCB</b></p>	<p>NONE.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p> <p>It was hoped the new Connected Communities Manager would be present</p>	
<p><b>13. Date of Next Meetings</b></p>	<p>All meetings start at 7.00pm. At present they are held on ZOOM. Attendees should log on before the meeting starts time so that any technical issues can be resolved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>24th January, 2022</b>  <b>7th March, 2022</b>  <b>9th May, 2022</b>  <b>27th June, 2022</b> </p>	

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<b>Dunbar &amp; East Linton</b>								
<b>Budget Allocation 21/22</b>								
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			<b>Amenity Services</b>	<b>Roads</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Scottish Gov Money</b>	<b>Scottish gov IT monies</b>	<b>outside funding</b>
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>			
25/12/60	The Ridge	Black Bull Close Utilities			2,522.00			0.00
11/06/68	Sustaining Dunbar	Gardener for Community Garden Belhaven			2,522.00			0.00
14/04/03	The Surf School	Water Tank			1,200.00			0.00
11/02/30	Dunbar Area Christian Youth Project	Activities			5,000.00			0.00
31/07/17	Tyinghame Hall	Renovations			4,000.00			0.00
08/02/04	Dunbar Trade Association	Marketing Dunbar			5,000.00			0.00
26/08/21	Barry Craighead	continuation of the Bench repairs			1,000.00			0.00
23/09/21	ELC Roads	West Barns Village Hall Disabled Parking		11,975.57	0.00			
04/10/21	craft studio	IT equipment			0.00		2,250.00	
04/10/21	craft studio	equipment			2,350.00			
04/10/21	Dunpender community council	speed reactive sign		3,750.00	0.00			
04/10/21	The Ridge	COVID recovery			0.00	12,000.00		
30/11/21	Amenity Services	Lauderdale Park gates			5,000.00			
22/11/21	East Linton	Community Garden			5,000.00			
		<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£11,976</b>	<b>£33,594</b>	<b>£12,000</b>	<b>£2,250</b>	
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£38,024</b>	<b>£ 16,406</b>			

## Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership

### Health and Wellbeing Sub Group

#### Minutes of Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 by Video Conference Call

**Present** – Jacquie Bell (JB) (Co Chair) (DCC/DELAP/DDC), Helen Harper (HH) (CLD), Martin Hensman (HH), (Hub South East), Jamie Forrester (JF) (ELHSCP), Marilyn McNeil (MMc) (IJB), Wendy Smillie (ELCC), Lyn Jardine (LJ) (Office of Paul McLennan MSP), **Note taker** – Susan Woods (ELC)

**1) Welcome and Introductions** – JB had welcomed all to the meeting. A particular welcome was given to Wendy Smille from Oldhamstocks who had replaced Janice Hanvidge as the representative for East Lammermuir Community Council. JB not that she had approached Dunpender Community Council for a representative but as yet nobody had come forward.

**2) Apologies** – Martin Whitfield MSP, Cllr Craig Hoy MSP, Cllr Paul McLennan MSP, Gordon Horsburgh, Lorna Bunney, Terry Prior, Caroline Wilson, Gill Wilson, Sue Northrop.

JB noted that Jane Ogden-Smith was off sick.

**3) Minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October- APPROVED**

#### **4) Vaccination Programme**

JB advised that she had continued to have contact from people in the community experiencing problems in accessing Flu and COVID Booster vaccinations. These included long waits on the telephone helplines, errors on the computer booking system e.g. that they had had a booster when they had not, no availability of appointments locally and alternatives being some distance away. The difficulties were causing anxiety for people, especially older people with no computer and no family to assist. JB had fed back individual issues to Krista Clubb and Krista had contacted people directly. JB also reported that security had been required to assist with the vaccination hub at Haddington after abuse etc. from some people who had been turned away.

LJ said that the vaccination programme was forming a large part of MSP Casework at the present time.

Paul McLennan was due to be meeting with the Chief Executive of NHS Lothian to discuss the issues. Feedback would be given back from this meeting.

#### **5) Provisioning of Belhaven Hospital**

**ELHSCP Publication** – JB had circulated a document “Community Update 1 – Community Hospitals and Care Homes Provision. JB said that this document was welcome – an update had been requested since a previous newsletter from Alison MacDonald in August 2019. JB agreed to promote it more widely to the public e.g. via social media. MH said that IJB/ELHSCP were keen to be engaging with stakeholders and wider communities on developments.

It was anticipated that there will be a public consultation process in 2022 with a Report to IJB at the end of 2022.

MH noted ongoing discussions with ELC about housing provision. Extra Care Housing is an important part of the mix. JB noted issues for extra care housing that had been raised before e.g. rights of tenure for a surviving spouse if the cared for person dies, rights of property owners if their care needs can no longer be met in the accommodation. There were also questions about the level of support that could be given to individuals – some people would always need 24 hour care for their physical or dementia care needs. NH advised that another care village was being mooted for North Berwick. This might need to hire around 100 staff. This raises questions about the sufficiency of the local care workforce to support ongoing care needs of the community given the ageing demographic of the population.

MH noted how COVID had impacted on the model of care that may be provided in the future, especially given the issues that had faced the care home sector.

There was a discussion as to how often updates should be produced. Quarterly bulletins were suggested. NH agreed to discuss this further with colleagues.

MH and LJ noted that an independent housing With Care Taskforce had been established to look at institutional and private care.

**Great Expectations** – JB had circulated this document which had been drawn together by Terry Prior, JB, GW, Sue Northrop and Janice Hanvidge.

JB and Terry would be meeting with Paul McLennan to discuss it on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

The document would be brought to the DELAP Meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. JB was in discussion with Connected communities staff regarding how to disseminate it to a wider audience in the community. This would be likely to be in early 2022.

## **6) Joint Meeting of Health and Wellbeing Group Chairs**

JB had attended a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Issues of mutual concern had been discussed including the provisioning programme for community hospitals which had been compounded by the closure of services at Edington Hospital in North Berwick.

Maureen Allan of VCEL had attended to give information on the new Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund which VCEL would be administering on behalf of the Scottish Government.

## **7) Day Centre Update – JB had given an update.**

New staff had started. The mixture of buildings based and community outreach services continues. The Carers Act Funding had been received which will be used to support the outreach work. However, the ongoing ELC grant had remained static for a number of years.

A social Drop In had started on Tuesday mornings between 10 and 12. Initially this was for coffee and chat but it was hoped to introduce activities like Bingo or dominos in the future.

It was hoped to start recruiting volunteers again to help support the work in both the centre and in the community.

Work was ongoing to upgrade the kitchen.



No letter had been received from Council Officers to advise that the tender process was just an Audit trail as suggested by Cllr Hampshire at the H & W meetings of September and October. In the meantime, VCEL were offering training to Trustees of all the East Lothian Day Centres in tendering processes.

**8) Meeting Centres for People with Dementia.** JB had updated

Progress is continuing on the development of a Meeting Centre in Musselburgh.

JB, Sue Northrop and Michael Huddleston of Alzheimer Scotland had met with Maria Burton of Dunbar Day Centre and Kirstie McLuckie of Dunbar Grammar School to further discuss options for Dunbar. Maria was currently taking part in training on Meeting Centres through the University of Worcester.

The initial focus of a Meeting Centre will be at the school based on the existing intergenerational work that has been ongoing for some time. However, there is scope for other facilities elsewhere in the ward. Kirstie had suggested that S5 pupils may be able to do some work to look at possible venues and demand in the New Year. A further meeting will be held in early 2022.

**9) Link Worker Update-** Nobody present to give a report

**10) Patient Participation Group-** Caroline Wilson had been unable to be present to give a report.

The PPG were looking for new members.

**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. Mattin had advised that The Ridge had applied for funding for recovery work. He would appreciate feedback on the questions from the Health and Wellbeing Group.

It was difficult to consider any answers to the questions as Maggie McCole from The Ridge was not present. A Link Worker may also have been able to supply some information from their work.

LJ suggested that she could do some information gathering work on this area. JF also agreed to make further enquiries.

**Andy's Man's Club-** HH noted that the group was popular which showed the demand for support. There had been 18 attendees at the last meeting. They had had to move into a larger room at the Bleachingfield.

**Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.** JB had attended a briefing on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

This Fund will be administered by VCEL on behalf of the Scottish Government. East Lothian had been awarded £278,832.73. The Fund is aimed at supporting community based initiatives that promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing and mitigate and protect against the impact of distress and mental health within the adult population.

Criteria were still being drawn up. The Fund is due to open on November 30<sup>th</sup> and the first tranche of money must be distributed to organisations by 31<sup>st</sup> March. It is expected that further funding will be forthcoming. There had been a discussion about the kinds of organisations that may be able to apply. There is a restriction on the maximum turnover as so East Lothian operations of national organisations may not be able to apply. There should be scope for small grass roots groups to be able to apply.

JB will pass on further information when it is available.

## **12) Services for Under 65s with Complex Needs**

JF gave an update on the pilot project in the Preston, Seton, Gosford Ward.

There will be recruitment for Resource Co-ordinators.

2 neighbourhood networks will be set up – one of these will look at transitions from education to adult services.

East Lothian Works will be looking to set up a programme for supported employment. This will be tendered.

VCEL are being spoken with on options for vocational opportunities e.g. supported voluntary work to enable people to develop skills that may lead to employment in the longer term.

Consideration is being given to opportunities to enable people from the Dunbar area to access activities.

**13) Scottish Government Consultation on National Care Service** – JB advised that this had closed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> after an extension from October 18<sup>th</sup>. ELC had held a briefing on 28<sup>th</sup> October. JB had asked for this to be recorded. ELC had noted concerns about the inclusion in the service of many responsibilities beyond Adult Social Care which had been the focus of the earlier Feeley report e.g. Children and Families Services. Other organisations like COSLA were also concerned about the centralising proposals and that the costs of reorganising would take funding away from already financially pressured front line services.

Further information will be forthcoming in 2022.

**14) Messaging on use of A and E Services by NHS Lothian.** A and E services were under severe pressure. The public were being asked not to go to A and E unless the situation was life threatening. It was noted that East Lothian had no Minor Injuries service since the Edington had been closed. The CTAC services now in place there did not treat children. There had been a recent incident of a mum and child from North Berwick who had had to go to RHSC in Edinburgh after a fall and were then stranded in Edinburgh due to transport difficulties. It was noted that

the situation was causing anger and upset to the public. It was felt that clear messaging was needed to be given on alternative options, especially out of GP hours.

### 15) Care Package Availability.

This was a major issue across the Lothians. There were problems in accessing packages and some service users had had packages reduced. The difficulties were leading to bed blocking in the hospitals as people could not return home without appropriate care being in place for them in the community.

There was a discussion about the problems of recruitment and retention of care staff e.g. poor pay and working conditions. This was all the more difficult in rural areas.

There was a discussion about the use of Telecare. JF said that ELCAP and others had considered this.

HH said that she had access to some monies for digital equipment. She spoke of the digital buddy scheme linking older people with young people from DGS.

LJ gave a link to an Alzheimer Scotland resource – [www.alzscot.org/adam](http://www.alzscot.org/adam).

JF said that complaints from service users/carers had reduced after ELHSCP had issued a letter.

LJ said that the MSP Office would like a heads up on what is happening so that they can give clear messaging to people who contact them.

### 16) AOB

**Snack Vans at Coastal Car Parks** – JB highlighted recent applications in response to tendering by ELC. The East Lothian Food Network had been working on a Good Food Charter and some of the offerings seems to be counter to the messaging on eating healthy food from local sources.

**Hospital At Home/Hospital to Home** – JB had had contact with Sarah Lortscher who lives in Dunbar and would be happy to give a presentation to the Group. It was agreed that JB and JF would look into this.

**Connected Communities Manager.** JB advised that Gordon Horsburgh would be retiring. The interview process for his replacement was ongoing. JB would be involved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of interviews as Chair of DELAP.

**Cllr Willie Innes-** JB noted the sad death from cancer of Council Leader Willie Innes on 24<sup>th</sup> November. He had been a Councillor for Prestonpans for over 30 years. He had been an effective Council Leader and a passionate champion for his community. JB said that as a Council Colleague from 2007-12 (although of a different party) she had found him very supportive. He had felt that there were not enough female councillors and that more of their number should be encouraged. The funeral was to be on 12<sup>th</sup> November. It was expected that current Deputy Leader, Cllr Hampshire, would succeed him

### 17) Date of Next Meeting - 2 pm on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021