

Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Meeting Held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at Dunbar Town House

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,(BC)

Gill Wilson, East Lothian Association of Day Centres (GW)

Allison Cosgrove, Dunpender Community Council (AC)

Scott Marjoribanks, Small Schools, (West Barns Primary School Parent Council) (SM)

Stephen Bunyan, Dunbar Community Council (SB)

Andrew Ashton, West Barns Community Council (AA)

Nigel Bird, Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council Rep (NB)

Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ)

Mike Shaw, DSHNG (MS)

Terry Prior, Hallhill TRA (TP)

Mark James, Sustaining Dunbar (MJ)

Others in attendance

Lorna MacLennan, ELC - Business Support Administration, (LM)

Stevie McKinlay, ELC, Connected Communities Manager (SMc)

Esther Hughes, Friends of Winterfield Park (EH)

Marilyn McNeill, East Lothian IJB (MM)

Apologies received

Katy Pollock, Support from the Start (KP)

Daniel Wight, Dunpender Community Council (DW)

Pippa Swan, Dunbar Community Council (PS)

Fiona O'Donnell, VCEL, Locality Officer (FO) (non-voting member)

	Agenda Items	Key Discussion points	Action
1.	Chairman's and Introductory Remarks	<p>JB welcomed everyone to Dunbar Town House. She noted that there was no hybrid facility for the meeting as the Community Room did not have the facilities.</p> <p>LM stated that the meeting was quorate.</p>	
2	Apologies	As noted above	
3	Notification of Declarations of Interest	These would be declared at relevant points during the meeting.	
4	Minutes of the meeting held on 29/8/22	These were approved. (Proposed and seconded by LJ and AA)	
5	Matters Arising	<p>Shore Road Car Park – JB had met with Calum Redpath of ELC Roads. He had confirmed that the £21K payment for the car park had been taken from the 2022-23 budget rather than from 2021-22 as had been agreed. The reason given was that the work had not been completed until April 2022. Landscape and Countryside had also had their contribution taken from the current financial year. The sum is noted in the attached budget paper.</p> <p>Cycle Racks – Information supplied by some communities had been sent to Ian Lennox, Team Manager – Assets and Regulatory, Road Services. AL advised that she would submit suggestions for East Lammern communities.</p> <p>John Muir Country Park</p> <p><i>The Plantation</i> had been badly damaged by Storm Arwen in November 2021. DELAP Members, including DW and MJ had raised concerns at the DELAP Meeting at that time. JB noted that the ongoing position had been discussed at the John Muir Country Park Advisory Group Meeting held on 28th September where concerns had been raised by Dunbar Community Council member, Kevin Searle. He had noted that many trees were still lying on the ground and access routes remained restricted. The meeting had been informed by Neil Clark of Landscape and Countryside that the landowner was being advised by Forestry Scotland. An update was to be sought on progress with clearance.</p> <p><i>All Ability Access from Linkfield Car Park.</i> This had been desired for some time PS had worked on a project for better beach access. More recently, Friends of Belhaven had been asking for improved access over the salt marsh, including repairs to board walks. The Advisory Group had been told that work were delayed due to the long term sick leave of a key member of staff.</p>	AL

		<p>Spott Road – Safety for pedestrians and cyclists has been of concern for some years. One side has no pavement for much of the length and the other pavement is very narrow at the northern end. Improvements had not qualified for Spaces for People measures as that had only been intended for temporary measures. Permanent solutions were still to be considered further and would need alternative funding. In the meantime, Mike Naysmith, seconded from Sustrans to ELC was working on a masterplan of active travel routes across the town. His work might link in to the proposed project to better connect Dunbar between the A1 and the town centre via the new housing estates. by Sustaining Dunbar for which an application had been made to Sustrans</p> <p>Station Car Park Extension – This had been discussed for many years. JB advised that the project had halted as Network Rail were not willing to fund the costs which had increased beyond that initially envisaged. Members were concerned by this, feeling it was a short sighted decision in light of the increasing population of the town.</p>	
6	<p>Connected Communities Manager – update (SM)</p>	<p>Chair’s Anniversary. SM thanked JB for her work during her first year as DELAP Chair. He thanked everyone else for their contributions to the Partnership.</p> <p>Youth Work SM advised that services had started up again and included a Senior Youth Club on Thursdays. Caroline Algeo (CA) was working with a targeted group of pupils at Dunbar Grammar School to build up relationships with both the youths- and key members of staff. Work with P7 pupils at the Primary School will follow to assist them with transition to the Grammar School. P7 to assist with transition will follow.</p> <p>Cost of Living Crisis Supports. A list of warm venues, refreshment points and advice services for those in need was being drawn up in conjunction with VCEL and Paul McLennan MSPs Dunbar Poverty Forum.</p> <p>Bleachingfield Management Committee This had started to meet again. It was hoped to reinvigorate the committee with new members. Anyone interested would be welcome to join.</p>	
7	<p>Budget update</p>	<p>General Fund – The fund had £36,607.20 remaining. The deadline for applications was 09/10/2022. SM asked that members should contact him in the first instance if they wished any applications to be considered at the November meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

	<p>Roads Shore Road Car Park. As noted at Item 5 the £21,000 for this had come from the 2022-23 budget. A number of members were unhappy that a project undertaken at the end of the last financial year, specifically identified to utilise the remaining 21/22 budget, had run over into 22/23. Members asked how they could challenge the matter further. SM indicated that the Partnership could write to ELC, indicating their concerns and asking for the matter to be reconsidered. However, JB noted that when a similar situation had arisen with the Disabled Parking Bays at West Barns Village Hall ELC Officers had not been willing to reinstate the money to the later year's budget even though the previous year had been underspent.</p> <p>Works for 2022-23 JB advised that in her meeting with Callum Redpath he had noted that some works had gone ahead/would be going ahead funded by Roads. <i>Belhaven High Street</i> had been resurfaced between Shore Road and Summerfield Road. MJ suggested that when the white lines were repainted better provision should be made for cyclists in their design. <i>John Muir Gardens</i> (original Persimmon estate) was to have mono-block renewed.</p> <p>It had been agreed by JB and Mr Redpath that the pavement in Westgate, near the Day Centre which had been on the DELAP wish list for a number of years would be resurfaced in October/November at a cost of £2000 to DELAP.</p> <p>Mr Redpath had suggested that members may wish to consider carriageway resurfacing at Stenton. This was in poor condition. The cost to DELAP would be around £20,000. There was discussion around this. Members felt they wished more evidence that this work was required.</p> <p>Mr Redpath had suggested that DELAP may wish to spend other monies on some of the drop kerbs that had been outstanding on the wish list.</p> <p>SM asked members to make any further suggestions for the 2022-23 budget within the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>Works from 2023 onwards Mr Redpath had noted a number of areas where paving slabs might be replaced by tarmac. These included Gala Green, De Lisle Street and others. DELAP may wish to fund these works.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
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		SK suggested that members may wish to bring forward proposals for projects to cover a number of years	
		<p>Amenities There had been no amenities spend to date. Members were asked to provide any suggestions as soon as possible.</p>	ALL
8	Health & Wellbeing Sub Group Update (JB)	<p>Meeting of August 22nd JB advised that the minutes would be circulated once completed. TP asked that slides presented by Bruce Dickie of ELHSCP at the meeting might be circulated. JB agreed to do this.</p> <p>Great Expectations 2 TP advised that he was waiting on further data to progress this. SM was assisting with this.</p> <p>Health and Social Care Community Day JB noted that preliminary work was underway for a community day to give information to the public on services/activities/volunteering opportunities etc and to enable community groups to network. It was hoped that this might be held in November.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB/LM</p>
9	VCEL Funding & Training Update	SM advised that any organisation may contact himself or VCEL (FO) regarding any training needs.	ALL
Comfort Break			
10	Roads Priorities 2022/2023	See Item 7	
11	Development of the Area Partnership	<p>Area Plan Review There was a general discussion regarding the updating of the DELAP Area Plan. TP noted the work done over the Summer to improve DELAP Scrutiny procedures. He felt that more needed to be done regarding the Partnership's function to influence service planning and delivery. SM asked if members felt they were delivering on this. One response was forthcoming which was that DELAP seemed to lack teeth on this matter. SM said it was within his remit to support DELAP in moving this matter forward. To do so would require members to come forward as leaders to represent the "community voice".</p> <p>TP indicated that he was willing to undertake work to progress the Area Plan update. It was agreed to set up a Short Term Working Group. MJ and GW expressed an interest in the work. AL said that she would speak to East Lammermuir CC members about taking part. SM asked other members to consider taking part. Those interested should contact him.</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>ALL</p>

		<p>Short Term Working Groups <i>Scrutiny Group</i> – This would be continuing its work e.g to look further at the Application Form. MJ suggested the the Partnership receive a report from organisaitons that have been made awards e.g. 6 months afterwards, to be able to be able to judge effectiveness and for future applicaitions. <i>Area Plan Update</i> (as discussed above) <i>Roads & Amenities Budgets</i> – Planning of forward programmes may benefit from specific groups <i>Standing Orders</i> – These would benefit from updating</p> <p>Training for Area Partnership Members – SM advised that there was a need to consider the training needs of partnership members and how that training may be delivered. There was also a need to ensure that members understood the everyday workings of the Partnership.</p>	ALL
12	AOCB	<p>Date of the next meeting – This needed to be changed due to a clash with a Dunbar Community Council meeting.</p> <p><i>Post meeting:- the date of the next meeting will be the 28th November 2022.</i></p>	

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Budget Allocation			22/23						
			A	R	G	SGM	SGM IT	HH	o
			Amenity Services	Roads	General	Scottish Gov Money	Scottish Gov IT monies	Holiday Hunger	outside funding
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	£ 100,000	£ 50,000	£ 50,000			£3,600	
09/05/22	Innerwick Hall	Refurbish of Hall			3,000.00				
09/05/22	The Ridge	SIGNAL			3,000.00				
09/05/22	DCY Project	Resources			1,791.00				
09/05/22	Harbour Trust	The Castle			3,372.00				
09/05/22	Dunbar Day Centre	Refurbishment of Kitchen			2,229.80				
00/01/00	Shore Road	Car Park		21,000	0.00				
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		Total Spend	£ -	£ 23,500	£ 13,393	£ -	£ -		
		Balance	£ 100,000	£ 26,500	£ 36,607				
			Amenity Services	Roads	General				