

Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Meeting
held on 27th November 2023 at 19.00 – 21.00
in Bleachingfield Centre, Dunbar.

Meeting Chaired by:-

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

Members (and substitute members) present:

Allison Cosgrove, Vice Chair (AC)

Gill Wilson, Dunbar Community Council (GW)

Anne Lyall, East Lammermuir Community Council (AL)

Andrew Ashton, West Barns Community Council (AA)

Stephen Bunyan, Dunbar Community Council (SB)

Esther Hughes, Friends of Winterfield (EH)

Scott Marjoribanks, Small School Parent Councils (West Barns) (SM)

Nigel Bird, Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council (NB)

Danny Wight, Dunpender Community Council (DW)

Mark James, Sustaining Dunbar, (MJ)

Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ)

Kate Darrah, The Ridge /Trade Association (KD)

Pippa Swan, Dunbar Community Council (PS)

Barry Craighead (BC)(Co-opted member, non-voting)

Allison Elliott, Dunbar Rotary (AE)

Others in attendance

Stevie McKinlay, ELC, Connected Communities Manager (SMc)

Lorna MacLennan, ELC Business Support Administration (LM)

Sue Cairns, ELTRP (SC)

Patsy King, ELTRP (PK)

Nicola Craig, West Barns Village Hall/Dunbar ASN (NC)

Apologies

Kath O'Brien, West barns Community Council (KO'B)

Ron Tinkler, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (RT)

Mike Shaw, Dunbar Shore & Harbour Neighbourhood Group (MS)

Mitch Stevenson, VCEL, Locality Officer (non-voting member) (FO)

Katy Pollock, Support from the Start (KP)

Pamela Shields, Dunbar Community Council (PS)

Julia Edmonds, CAEL (JE)

1.	Welcome JB welcomed everyone to the meeting. JB stated that this is the last meeting of the year. Everyone introduced themselves round the table.	
2.	Apologies Apologies are stated above.	
3.	Notification of Declaration of Interest JB asked if anyone had a declaration of interest. DW stated he had DoFI on the application for the Tynningham Community Farm.	
4.	Minutes of Meeting held on 27th November 2023 Everything was correct, MJ stated that his Bike Maintains café did not take place.	
5.	East Lothian Tenants & Residents Panel update JB introduced SC and PK from ELTRP, who were asked to come and talk about how the representation for ELTRP. SC asked PK to speak about the arrangements that had been put in place 10 years ago. PK explained how ELTRP had been given 2 places on each of the 6 Area Partnership. Through negotiation they had decided that the representative should be part of ELTRP and should sit on the committee. ELTRP communicates with all the TRA's in each area. They have a process within the organisation to get Representatives for the Area Partnership. At the AGM of ELTRP, representatives of each areas ratified, and the information sent to the Area Partnership Admins. TRA's are given training on representation and training about Area Partnerships. There will be a meeting on the 6 December with Dunbar & East Linton area TRA's to find reps for the Area Partnership. SC stated that if there was to be any chances that ELTRP would be involved. SM thanked SC and PK for their input. Both left the meeting.	
6.	Roads Budget update JB stated that Tom Reid, Head of Infrastructure, had to give apologies for the evening. There was a discussion around the roads budget, and the fact that the Area Partnership project that were approved had been shelved now. SMc stated that Roads Colleges were to get the preparation for the projects so if funding is available, they will be ready to deliver the project. This discussion moved to a talk about budgets.	SMc
7.	There was a general discussion around the budgets devolved to Area Partnerships and the JB was asked to contact the other Area Partnership Chairs to discuss the withdrawal of Road funding to the Area Partnerships. There was an acknowledgement that some of the discussion needed to be taken to a separate meeting on the Area Partnership, funding from ELC and a way forward. SMc stated that this could be arranged.	JB SMc
	General Budget Applications The voting will be done via email. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newtonless Tenant's & Residents' Association, £1,000 – JB spoke to the applications. This was a new group. PS stated that TRA's are given funding through ELC for startup. As this is a new TRA on the meeting on the 6th December PS will offer help and assistance but said that the application still should be considered 	ALL

	<p>as printing cost to publicise their existence around the area that they represent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Lothian Countryside Volunteers, field path from Pencraig Hill to East Linton, £5,000 – JB went through the application. There had been some questions which were answered with a site visit by SM, Ann Pearson and Nick Morgan, Outdoor Access Officer, ELC. With new housing and the path needing some adjustments. LJ asked if the landowner had been approached to contribute as he would also benefit from the adjustments. This application was more than £5,000 but adjusted due to the cap the D&ELAP. • Tynninghame Community Farm, £4,970 – JB went through the application. DW went through some of the aspiration and what they were hoping for the future. There was also a question re car parking, this has been put on the planning application would be part of the field. There was a question re Phantassie and the vegetable boxes they do. DW stated that the group had been in touch with them, and it was felt that what they are doing is more than just vegetable boxes. There was a hope that people would want to do gardening which is good for mental health and well as learning new skills. What is being asked for is only a small part of the funding required. <p>SMc stated that the partnership has received two other applications, but they came in late. If there was any funding left these would be looked at.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Amenities Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Path at Binning Wood - SM stated that there had been a request from Tynninghame and Amenity Service to try and improve the core pathway from Tynninghame to Binning Woods. DW gave an overview of the project as he had attended a site meeting to discuss the area. Unfortunately, this would not be the whole project, but people would be able to walk instead of using a car. Vegetation needs cut back and a new entrance. The community of Tynninghame are raising funds for one part of a gate. SMC stated that this would be added to the voting when sent out. 	<p>ALL</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>DELAP AGM/Funding Evaluations</p> <p>SMc thanked LM for her amazing work with the Evaluations. She has picked out the achievement on the evaluation forms and created posters which will be able to be used at the AGM on the 26th February 2024.</p> <p>There was a discussion round Area Plan and that using some of the information from the place plans to refresh the plan.</p> <p>SMc stated that this was the last meeting of the year and he thanked everyone for their attendance at meetings and those who have been involved in the other sessions during the year. SMC stated that he hoped that these sessions would continue next year and move the Area</p>	<p>SMc</p>

	<p>Partnership forward. SM was asked if he would speak to Management and find out what was happening with funding for the Area Partnership. SMC stated everyone should have a restful Christmas period and see everyone at the next meeting which is the AGM.</p> <p>JB thanked the work that SMC and LM have done for the Partnership this year and wished everyone all the best for the Festive Season.</p>							
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