

Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Meeting held on 26th June 2023 at 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, East Lothian Association of Day Centres (GW)

Anne Lyall, East Lammermuir Community Council (AL)

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

Andrew Ashton, West Barns Community Council (AA)

Stephen Bunyan, Dunbar Community Council (SB)

Esther Hughes, Friends of Winterfield (EH)

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

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

Jo Waddell, Dunbar Trades Association (JW)

Jo McNamara, Sustaining Dunbar, (JM)(Substitute for Mark James)

Scott Marjoribanks, Small School Parent Councils (SM)

Others in attendance

Lorna MacLennan, ELC Business Support Administration (LM)

Helen Harper, CDO, ELC (HH)

Apologies

Philip Mellor, Dunbar Trades Association (PM)

Kate Darrah, The Ridge (KD)

Pippa Swan, Dunbar Community Council (PS)

Mark James, Sustaining Dunbar, (MJ)

Stevie McKinlay, ELC, Connected Communities Manager (SMc)

Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ)

Maggie McCole, The Ridge (MM)

Katy Pollock, Support from the Start (KP)

Nigel Bird, Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council (NB)

Danny Wight, Dunpender Community Council (DW)

<p>1.</p>	<p>Welcome The meeting was quorate.</p> <p>JB welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially HH who was attending for ELC in the absence of SMC.</p> <p>JB noted that the time between 6 and 7 pm had been an opportunity for members to discuss the funding requests with applicants. She hoped that members had found this useful. AC stated that she was extremely saddened that more DELAP members had not taken the chance to meet with applicants and discuss their requests in detail.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Apologies – Noted above.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Notification of Declarations of Interest – Members with an interest in the applications were asked to leave the room for discussion of the item. Members should also note any conflict of interest on the voting form.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 16th May 2023 Approved (Proposed GW, Seconded EH)</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Consideration of Funding Applications –</p> <p>JB advised that there had been an excellent response to the request for applications. The Scrutiny sub group had met to given an initial consideration to the applications and comments had been passed on to members and applicants.</p> <p>JB advised that the amount available to allocate to projects was £35,000. The total requested was £42,832.80 which was £7833 over the amount available. Members would have the option to fully support, partially support or refuse the requests.</p> <p>SB said that it was a challenging exercise to go through all the applications, particularly when the sum requested was greater than that available. He suggested that a summary document would have been helpful.</p> <p>JB noted that voting would be by e mail after the meeting.</p> <p>JB gave an outline of each application before it was discussed by members.</p> <p>a)Dunbar ASN – Teens - £5000 – There was discussion around the cost of equipment etc. They would be advised to contact the East Lothian Educational Trust (ELET)for monies.</p> <p>b)Baby and Me (Breastfeeding Group) - £3154.50 – There was a discussion around some costs. It was felt a positive that the application was to support parents and baby. They would be advised to contact VCEL about further funding options.</p> <p>c)Can Do – Transport - £4753.44 – JB noted that this is a well-established organisation that used to be called East Lothian Special Needs Play Scheme. There was a discussion round the cost of the full application. There was an acknowledgement that complexity of the travel arrangements for high needs children made the cost high.</p> <p>d)Community Carrot £1795 – This application had been withdrawn as monies had been obtained from another source</p>	

e)Dementia Carers Support Network – Stimulation for families living with Dementia - £1800 – There was a discussion around how the project might be evaluated as there was a list of costs but no clarity as to what part DELAP were being asked to fund. they would evaluation this application, as

f)Dunbar Grammar School - Inclusion Fund - £5000 This funding would be used to help disadvantaged pupils to be included on trips and activities.

g)Dunbar Music Festival - £4500 – JB stated that this is well established group that was seeking to widen its scope post Covid

h)Dunbar Trades Association 75th Anniversary Film - £2000 – This would give information on the history of local trade. The intention was to show it in the John Muir Birthplace as part of an exhibition. It might also be shown elsewhere. It was noted that with the number of new homes in the area not all would know the history of local businesses and their importance to the area.

i)Dunbar Community Shed - £170 – The sum had been reduced as FO had sourced a laptop. There was a discussion about Wifi access.

j)East Linton Men’s Shed – £1838.63 – There was a discussion about whether a first aider was available at sessions and that the group did not seem to have a social media presence.

k)Haddington Twinning – French Exchange Programme, French Swim Event £1684.02 – There was discussion about the high cost of the application for the short period of the visit.

l)QMU – Enhanced Learning Tutoring Initiative - £2850 –This project had secured positive outcomes for those who had been involved previously. There was discussion about sustainability of the project and it would be suggested that an approach should be made to ELET.

m)Dunbar Harbour Trust - Sparkling Dunbar Harbour Festival - £1500
This 2 day event was felt to be a positive to boost tourism to the harbour and town.

n)DELAP Transport Subgroup- Timetables - £475 – There were a number of questions about this project including the print run, time sensitivity of information and obtaining information from operators. Members were not clear as to the division of costs between graphic design costs and printing.

o)Wilder Outdoor Education - Wilder ‘Beach Bairns’ - £1860 – It was clarified that the applicant was a CIC and that profits were reinvested in the business. The applicant was an established provider of outdoor education.

p)West Barns Parent Council (ASN Equipment) - £1247.21 – JB noted that the small school was popular with parents of children with additional support needs. It was suggested that the applicant may approach ELET for further monies.

q)West Barns Parent Council (Outdoor Spaces) - £5000 – There was a desire to improve the outdoor environment around the school following the upheaval of building works. AA gave an insight to the school and importance of the outside environment, particularly for children with additional support needs. It would be a long term project. It was suggested that advice may be obtained from Naomi Barnes of Sustaining Dunbar regarding the development of garden space. Suggestions were made of alternative sources of funding including ELET. Equipment, plants etc may also be sourced elsewhere.

6.	<p>Community Benefits – LM noted that various community benefits were available due to all the development in the area. ELC had a wish list. Members could make suggestions to SM/LM to pass on to the appropriate department. There were no guarantees of success. FO advised that VCEL also had access to an NHS list but they could not be accessed by ELC or community councils.</p>	
7.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>a)Terry Prior – FO requested a vote of thanks to Terry Prior, who had resigned, for his work on behalf of DELAP. This was noted.</p> <p>b)Engage- Planning for an Ageing Population. Jane Ogden Smith of ELHSCP had requested that a briefing be given on the next stages of consultation to the meeting on 11th September. There were mixed views on this. Some members felt that the discussion on Standing Orders proposed for that meeting would take time. JB agreed to get further information on the proposals from Jane Ogden-Smith. (JB).</p> <p>c)VCEL Inspiring Volunteer Awards 2023. BC thanked those who had nominated him in the Community Volunteer of the Year category. He had not won but it had been a privilege to attend as a member of DELAP. He said it had been good to see the younger generation represented at the event.</p>	
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 7pm on 11th September 2023 in the Gibb Room, Bleachingfield Centre</p>	