

## **Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 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)

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

Jo Waddell, Dunbar Trades Association (JW)

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

Katy Pollock, Support from the Start (KP)

Nigel Bird, Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council (NB)

Danny Wight, Dunpender Community Council (DW)

Mark James, Sustaining Dunbar, (MJ)

Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ) (from about 8pm)

Kathleen O'Brien, West Barns Community Council (KO)

Anne Pearson (CAEL)(AP)

Sue Anderson, Friends of Winterfield (SA)

### **Others in attendance**

Stevie McKinlay, ELC, Connected Communities Manager (SMc)

Lorna MacLennan, ELC Business Support Administration (LM)

Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)

Lucy Daniels, East Lothian Foodbank. (LD)

### **Apologies**

Philip Mellor, Dunbar Trades Association (PM)

Kate Darrah, The Ridge (KD)

Pippa Swan, Dunbar Community Council (PS)

Maggie McCole, The Ridge (MM)

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

Cllr Norman Hampshire (NH)



	<p>AC noted that the Group had discussed potential projects in East Linton, West Barns, Tynningham and Dunbar and which of them may be delivered in relation to the available budget. The Group had met with Callum Redpath of ELC Transportation.</p> <p>The feasibility had been discussed of projects at Preston Road in East Linton, an area that has been of concern to Dunpender Community Council and local residents for many years. 2 options had been considered.</p> <p>i)Traffic Lights at a cost of approximately £90,000</p> <p>ii)A priority system including pavement widening at a cost of around £40,000.</p> <p>There was discussion about the 2 options. SMc advised that an e mail vote would be circulated.</p> <p><b>b)Shore Road.</b> An update was requested. JB advised that proposals for the area were complex and required consultation at a later stage.</p> <p><b>c)Timetables.</b> This project had been granted funding at the June DELAP meeting. JB asked for an update. AC advised that work was ongoing and would be completed within the relevant timescales. JW offered to assist in distribution of the leaflet through hotels and other outlets in Dunbar.</p>	<p>SMc/LM</p> <p>AC</p> <p>JW</p>
7	<p><b>Amenities Budget Update – Final request for priorities (Stevie McKinlay)</b></p> <p>Amenities continued to assist with projects. SMc said he had spoken with their team and community groups about a number of ideas. He reminded members as to how the Budget works.</p> <p><b>Spott Core Paths.</b> Spott Community Association had undertaken much work to improve the path network around the village, especially at Spott Glen. In Co-operation with the Conservation Volunteers, Rangers, Nick Morgan (Access Officer) and Amenities they hoped to make further path improvements. DELAP Members voted to continue to support the work through the Amenities Budget.</p> <p><b>Planting-</b> Amenities had asked for funds to assist with bulb and wild planting in 3 areas of Dunbar. The cost would be around £35,000. Members noted the colourful displays around the Ward throughout the year.</p> <p>EH said that Friends of Winterfield had been discussing planting with Amenities and that they were keen to increase the number of native species at the Park. Using native species adds to the cost. MJ asked if the planting would last more than 1 year. SMc agreed to get more information from Amenities on the longevity of any planting and on the costs. DELAP members may then respond to an online vote on whether or not to approve a contribution to the costs.</p>	<p>SMc/LM</p>

	<p><i>Post Meeting - Amenities advised that the purchase would be for one time planting with no need to replant for decades. The example was given of daffodils in Dunbar that have flowered for 20 years.'</i></p> <p>A request was made for further ideas. SMc noted that as there was not a current Amenities Champion ideas could be passed to him.</p> <p>Some suggestions were made:</p> <p><b>Tynninghame Path.</b> DW said that Nick Morgan had had some funding to help create a path between the village café and Binning Woods to create a safe route away from the busy road. Unfortunately, the money had been diverted elsewhere. The project was ready to go but needed alternative funding. SMc agreed to meet with DW and others about this to see if the project could be progressed.</p> <p><b>Cycle Path on A199.</b> MJ noted that hedges along the route needed to be cut back on a regular basis for health and safety reasons. He asked if this could be addressed.</p> <p><b>Hedges-</b> A general question was asked about hedge maintenance. JB noted that ELC Housing could ask tenants to keep their gardens tidy and hedges cut. However, the maintenance of private gardens and hedges was more complex. Sometimes, if a private hedge was blocking a footpath owners may be approached and sometimes, they may be cut back by ELC to maintain access to the footway.</p> <p><b>Dunbar Churchyard</b> MJ noted that Dunbar Community Council were considering asking Amenities to reduce the mowing at the Churchyard and allow it to become a wildflower meadow. Some concerns were expressed about this idea. KO noted that there were War Graves in the churchyard that were under the care of the War Graves Commission. Also, there were other historic graves, and some graves were still attended by relatives. The churchyard included people with connections from outside of Dunbar. It was suggested that this suggestion needed consideration with parties out with Dunbar Community Council.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SMc/DW</p>
8	<p><b>DELAP Standing Orders Review (Stevie McKinlay)</b></p> <p>SMc noted that a number of meetings of the Working Group had been held. The initial members had been JD, AC, FO, TP and LJ. As TP and FO had left the Group further members were needed. JB said that it would be beneficial to have members from across the ward.</p> <p>It was noted that the Standing Orders had initially been produced by ELC when Area Partnerships had been set up. The intention had been that they could be changed over time to suit local needs. There was a discussion around what could be changed within the Standing Orders. SMc said that changes could be made through a simple majority of votes at an Area Partnership meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

	<p>It was noted that some ideas were clear. However, other areas were not e.g. Standing Orders state that all members have voting rights but VCEL was a member without voting rights.</p> <p>JB noted that DELAP had a Code of Conduct but no Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure to deal with any issues. She had raised this matter with the Head of Communities.</p> <p>JB noted that Tenants and Residents Associations were a particular issue. She had had contact with ELTRP who supported the East Lothian Tenants and Residents Groups and its overriding body the East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel. ELTRP appointed 2 reps to each Area Partnership at its AGM. ELTRP Representation was on a 2 yearly basis. Members must be on the Committee of their own TRA. At present ELTRP had no members of DELAP. It was agreed that the Working Group should do further work on Standing Orders and bring them for discussion at a future DELAP meeting and agreement at the AGM.</p>	
9	<p><b>DELAP Team Building Event (Jacquie Bell)</b></p> <p>JB noted that since Covid a number of new members had joined DELAP. Meetings were taken up with business and there was little time to get to know each other. She asked if members would like a team building event with activity and time to talk. DW suggested a Pétanque competition at the DELAP funded pistes. Other suggestions welcome</p>	ALL
10	<p><b>DELAP Scrutiny Group Feedback (Stevie McKinlay)</b></p> <p>SMc noted that the Group had met throughout 2022 including the Summer recess. It had considered the applications process and changes had been made to consider all applications in June and November.</p> <p>The applicants had been asked to present their proposals at different ways in November and June.</p> <p>Members were now asked to consider before the next round of funding applications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are the new arrangements working?</li> <li>2. Can they be improved?</li> <li>3. Anything else that anyone feels needs to be looked at.</li> </ol> <p>SMc stated it would be really good to get member's feedback.</p>	ALL
11	<p><b>DELAP Calendar of Commitments 2023-24 - Funding / Evaluations / AGM (Stevie McKinley)</b></p> <p>SMc asked members if they were happy with the Calendar of Commitments. The funding process was currently divided between June and November.</p> <p>SMc noted that project evaluations were ongoing. There was discussion as to how projects and their evaluation would be presented to the DELAP AGM in 2024.</p>	

12	<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p><b>a) Connecting Communities-</b> JB advised that a consultation was ongoing regarding active travel routes between Dunbar and West Barns. This Sustaining Dunbar project was funded by Sustrans. A map-based report would be produced. There was an Online Consultation. A drop-in session would be held at Our Lady of the Waves Church Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> September. MJ would be holding a bike maintenance café during the event.</p> <p><b>b) Dunbar and West Barns Local Place Plan Event.</b> This drop-in workshop event would be held at Our Lady of the Waves Church Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> September. This would be an opportunity for the community to add to comments made at the previous community events that had been held as part of the preparation of the DELAP Local Place Plan.</p> <p><b>c) VCEL Membership-</b> JB advised that this would be the last meeting for FO. FO said that her position would be covered by Tracey Redpath until she was replaced. Members wished FO all the best for the future.</p>	
13	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – 7pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Gibb Room, Bleachingfield Centre.</p>	

<b>Dunbar &amp; East Linton Budget Allocation</b>			<b>22/23</b>		
			<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>G</b>
<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>
<b>Date approved or rejected</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amenity Services</b>	<b>Roads</b>	<b>General</b>
00/01/00	ELC roads	Admin			0.00
11/07/23	Dunbar ASN Community Collective	Dunbar ASN teens			4,000.00
11/07/23	Dunbar Breastfeeding Peer Support Project	Dunbar breastfeeding peer support project			2,702.00
11/07/23	Can Do	Can Do Transport			4,544.00
11/07/23	Dementia Carers Support Network	Support Carers			1,664.00
11/07/23	Dunbar Grammar School	Dunbar Grammar Opportunities fund			4,893.00
11/07/23	Dunbar Music Festival	Extending the Reach of Dunbar Music Festival Across The Community			3,198.00
11/07/23	QMU	Enhanced Learning Tutoring Initiative			2,404.00
11/07/23	Dunbar Harbour	Dunbar Sparkling Harbour Festival			1,232.00
11/07/23	Dunbar Community Shed	Printer			168.00
11/07/23	East Linton Mens Shed	Equipment etc			1,579.00
11/07/23	Transport Group	Transport			431.00
11/07/23	West Barns Primary School Parent Council	School Grounds Project – Phase 1			3,227.00
11/07/23	West Barns Primary School Parent Council	Nurture Equipment			1,169.00
11/07/23	Wilder Outdoor Education CIC	Wilder 'Beach Bairns'			3,227.00
01/09/23	Amenity Services	Bulbs			2,000.00
		<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>£-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£36,438</b>
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£13,562</b>
			<b>Amenity Services</b>	<b>Roads</b>	<b>General</b>
			<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>G</b>

