

**Minute of Dunbar & East Linton**

**Area Partnership AGM**

**Monday 24th March 2025 at 7.00pm.**

**Attendees:-**

**Members:**

Allison Cosgrove (AC) Chair, Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership

Alasdair Swan (AS) Vice Chair, Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership

George Robertson (GR) Dunbar Community Council

Pippa Swan (PS) Dunbar Community Council

Jo MacNamara (JM) Sustaining Dunbar

Anne Lyall (AL) East Lammermuir Community Council

Kath O’Brien (KO’B) West Barns Community Council

Mike Shaw (MS) Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group

Jo Demer (JD) Dunbar Grammar School Parent Council

Jo Waddell (JW) Dunbar Trades Association

Katie Wood (KW) The Ridge

Katy Pollock (KP) Homestart East Lothian

Mitch Stevenson (MS) VCEL

Haydn Thomas (HT) Climate Action East Linton

Suzie Fletcher (SF) Innerwick Parish Welfare Association

**Apologies:**

Andrew Ashton West Barns Community Council

Phillip Mellor Dunbar Trades Association

**In attendance:**

Stevie McKinlay (SMc) Connected Communities Manager, Dunbar & East Linton

Simon Davie (SD) Service Manager, Connected Communities

Laura Chant (LC) NHS Public Health

Marilyn McNeill (MMcN) Integrated Joint Board

Alyson Lanfear (AL) Dunbar Day Centre

R. Tinkler (RT) Dunbar Day Centre

Grahame Jackson (GJ) Dunbar Table Tennis

Jacqui Bell (JB) Dunbar & East Linton Health & Wellbeing Gp

Helen Faulds (HF) East Lothian Council (note of mtg)

|  |  | **Actions** |
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|  | **Welcome (AC)** |  |
|  | AC opened the AGM with a warm welcome and thanks to all those present for their attendance. |  |
|  | **Chairperson’s Funding/Evaluation Report 2023/2024 (AC/AS)** |  |
|  | AC gave a summary of the projects which were funded during financial year 23/24. The presentation given will be available following the meeting. A summary was provided for each group in receipt of funding, including project details, information on amount awarded & total cost of project, linkage to outcomes as laid out in the East Lothian Plan 2017-27, and a breakdown of the number of children/young people/adults/older adults who benefitted from the project.  Noted that support was given to applicants by Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL), enabling them to identify other avenues of funding outwith Area Partnership. |  |
|  | **Chairpersons Progress Report 2024/2025 (AC/AS)** |  |
|  | AC reported that when she and AS took on the roles of Chair and Vice Chair, the Partnership prepared a list of aims/intentions for the coming year. One of these aims was to engage with colleagues in the East Lothian Council Roads Team to progress work on identified key projects in Dunbar, East Linton, Stenton and surrounding areas. As a result of this engagement, some long awaited repairs to paths and roads were undertaken.  The Partnership tabled its thanks to colleagues in Amenity Services, who have been supportive and responsive to requests for work.  AC noted that work on the Area Plan had been a priority, and thanked AS for his hard work bringing this together.  Visits were made to several local groups, including Day Centres, Lunch Clubs and Community Council meetings. Community group meetings with local businesses (including Viridor and Torness) were attended, to build on existing relationships with these organisations.  The Partnership also sourced external funding for the twinning association to support a visit for a group from Lignières, France.  AC has recently met with the community representative from Coop and reported that information will shortly be shared on their community benefits work.  Noted that recent upgrade works to Lauderdale Park now nearing completion.  AC then reported on plans for the coming year - 25/26   * Community Learning workshop. * Work on the Health & Social Care action plan. * Continue to support asset transfer work. * Liaise with Councillors on plans for the Belhaven Hospital site. * Continue to work with East Lothian Council officials as they develop the East Lothian Plan.   AC advised that there is a need for members to participate in discussions over how time and resources are spent. She thanked all those involved in the Partnership for their work during the year, recognising the commitment involved and inviting them to continue to be part of the group moving forward.  SMc thanked AC for providing the updates and stressed the importance of celebrating the success of the Partnership over the past year. He acknowledged that it is a collective effort and passed on his thanks to everyone for their support.  SMc noted that it is important to look at the past year holistically. There was a slight reduction in funding for 24/25 which led to an increased scrutiny of applications, this evidenced the Partnership working well in terms of its decision-making function. During 24/25 there was an additional round of funding to ensure all monies fully allocated. A wide range of projects funded, some which are already established, others are relatively new.  SMc shared some information on the last year of meetings, including some statistics on the number of volunteer hours involved in supporting the Partnership. He tabled his thanks to all those who play a part, noting their contribution is significant and makes a huge impact to the success of community involvement.  AC then gave a vote of thanks to SMc and SD for all their support over the year. |  |
|  | **Ratification of Role Bearer Positions 2025/2026 (SMc)** |  |
|  | SMc updated those present on the recent vote for the role-bearer positions of the Partnership. The vote was held electronically this year, with core members asked to vote on the Chair and Vice Chair positions. SMc confirmed that AC had been re-elected as Chair and AC as Vice Chair.  Noted that any member of the Area Partnership is welcome to put their name forward to be considered for one of the role bearer positions. |  |
|  | **Ratification of Community Groups 2025/2026 (SMc)** |  |
|  | SMc confirmed that all 8 groups had indicated a willingness to remain members of the Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership, and this has been ratified.  A query was raised over the membership of the Health & Social Care Partnership. Agreed that this would be discussed outwith the AGM. |  |
|  | **A.O.C.B (AC)** |  |
|  | AC – there were no other items of AOB provided prior to the meeting. |  |
|  | **Closing Comments / Thanks (AC)** |  |
|  | AC closed the meeting by giving a vote of thanks to the following:  To HF for attending as minute-taker for the AGM.  To Rocío Pombo, who provides administrative support to the Area Partnership, with a special thank you for putting together the AGM presentation.  To Lorna Maclennan – who provided admin support to the Partnership until her retirement in May 2024.  To SMc for all the support and guidance given to the Partnership.  To LC, NHS Public Heath Team, for her support to the Partnership.  To Elected Members for their support across the year.  To all DELAP members for their work both at Partnership meetings and everyday as part of their own organisations. |  |
|  | **Date of our next meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 12th of May 2025, 6.00pm, Bleachingfield Centre. |  |