

Meeting Notes – 12th May 2025

The meeting commenced with introductions, a welcome to Sharon Young and thanks to Mitch Stevenson who is now moving to Morayshire.

Funding Overview

The general budget for the new year remains at **£45,000**.

The roads budget remains at £50,000...for capital projects only. Road signage is not included.

The amenities budget remains at £100,000 but can only be used to influence the use of men and machines, not for capital projects.

The next funding round will be in June 2025. There are already 10 applications. The Scrutiny Group will meet on either 4th or 5th June. Members will be sent the papers on 9th June. The next business meeting is on the 23rd June.

Funding applications will be aligned with actions in the Area Plan by the Scrutiny Group.

The shorter grant application form will now be used.

Area Plan

It was agreed that:

1. DELAP Area Plan Version 2.4 be adopted subject to the following amendments –
 - a. Introduce the words on page 3 to indicate support for the local economy
 - b. The introductory heading for Health & Wellbeing in the Action Plan be corrected.
 - c. ELC be replaced by East Lothian Partnership
 - d. The data on Community Learning be amended to be ELC specific
2. The approved plan, Version 3.0, be submitted to the East Lothian Partnership to inform the preparation of the East Lothian Plan.
3. The approved plan, Version 3.0, be published on the DELAP website, inviting comment from the general public.
4. Any DELAP member is to be encouraged to bring forward change ideas (for incorporation into the Area Plan) prior to any business meeting. Changes will be version controlled if adopted, and the latest version will then be published on our website.
5. Future business meetings will consider one Area Plan subject at a time. A briefing paper will summarise action that has been taken or will be taken in relation to that subject so that the Area Partnership can discuss the rate of progress being made.

Some of the data was challenged. This is provided in good faith, but if the data is the subject of discussion and is subsequently updated, it will have served its purpose.

East Lothian Plan

Because of ill-health, this programme has been further delayed. It is likely to be based on individual groups being asked to conduct further workshops in their separate silos. No discernible progress has been made over the last year.

Next Thursday's planned meeting on the East Lothian Plan has been cancelled.

Roads Budget

The role bearers are meeting with the Roads Department this week. They have been given five possible projects to choose between to utilise the 2025/26 budget. Members will be asked for their preference.

Spott Road is on the current work schedule.

Eweford Road remains a concern for West Barns and will be discussed at this week's meeting.

Amenities Budget

Already under discussion are:

1. Sensory trail – Dunbar
2. School bench – West Barns
3. Community Garden – East Linton
4. Spott pathway – East Lammermuir

Further ideas will be welcomed from members.

Plans for a replacement netball pitch at West Barns will be shared with the Area Partnership and the Amenities Team may have a contribution to play in any solution.

Communications and promotion of events

Monksmuir queried whether they are being sent the Area Partnership Newsletter.

Any contributions (with photos if possible) for the DELAP Newsletter will be welcomed.

All dates for forthcoming events should be sent to Alasdair Swan, together with any promotional material.

Updates on members' activities

These included –

1. Monksmuir development
2. DSHNG Writers' Court improvement project
3. ELCC – Renewables co-ordination
4. Home Start – as busy as ever with a need for new volunteers.
5. Climate Action East Linton – Climate hub; heat cameras; hedgerow expansion.
6. VSEL – new radio show.
7. West Barns – Tree planting; Bite & blether; Arts Workshop; Community Cup award.
8. DTA – Magazine; High Street clean-up; History Day; Planting & Seating; Parking.
9. Sustaining Dunbar – Connections & Biodiversity; Community Asset Transfer
10. Schools – more co-ordination between schools planned; leader for ASN sports needed
11. Ridge – new building; new capital project; Doors open Day; Sep Festival of Recovery

Upcoming events

1. Parking consultation on 22nd May 2025 in Dunbar Town House
2. Relay for Life – 21st June 2025