

Meeting Notes – 23rd June 2025

There were 11 apologies, but with 12 members present the meeting was quorate.

West Barns Child Safety

Scott Marjoribanks expressed concern about the excessive speeding along the Edinburgh Road, threatening the safe route to school for our children.

West Barns Primary School has been asked to produce an Active School Travel Plan.

A lollipop person is not to be provided as it is considered that are insufficient children to justify one.

SM is working on infrastructure and signage options.

Weekly police checks have improved driver behaviour.

The pedestrian crossing is not on the desire line for those walking from the Bowling Club to the Primary School.

Dunbar Grammar School children cycle from West Barns and use this route.

Speeding is in both directions.

The CAPP report that no-one has reported any near misses.

There is uncertainty as to whether the speed reactive signs collect data on traffic performance.

It was agreed that the Parents' Council should endeavour to capture the number of children who cross the Edinburgh Road each day.

Funding Applications

13 applications were reviewed and voted upon.

The results will be communicated to the applicants once they have been reviewed.

Roads Budget

The role bearers have met again with the Roads Department. They have been given five possible projects to choose between to utilise the 2025/26 budget. Members voted on which of the five to choose and the choice will be communicated to the Roads Team.

Amenities Budget

An unfenced verge at Stenton needs to be tidied up.

The hedge along the East Links Farm Park cycle track is not being maintained.

There is Giant Hog weed between Newtonlees and Spott Road, currently going to seed.

Area Plan

A Housing workshop will be scheduled for September to consider the Housing actions that are in the Area Plan.

The conclusions from the Community Learning workshop will be communicated once they have been collated.

The meeting reviewed the **Local Economy and Urban Regeneration** actions in the Area plan.

Our community believes that a vibrant local economy is essential. Regeneration of land and buildings and the creation of new job opportunities are key to this. We will therefore support community-led projects that work towards:

- Dunbar High Street promoted and enhanced.
- East Linton High Street promoted and enhanced.
- Business Park Development.
- Remote working opportunities and hot desking

Dunbar High Street promoted and enhanced:

The current grant application to regenerate 86-88 High Street will give a new life to this historic building and generate two new residences in a building that is currently condemned.

The CARS programme will further enhance the fabric of some of the buildings on the High Street.

In addition to the above, the Area Partnership has been active in supporting the campaign to stop the implementation of Parking Charges in Dunbar, aware of the socio-economic damage it has done to other towns, and in particular to the High Streets in those towns.

Dunbar Trades' Association, supported by the newly formed High Street Residents Group ran a Town History Awareness Day this year which was hugely successful in promoting the heritage of our High Street.

At the same time, Dunbar Community Council funded a clean-up weekend to improve the appearance of the Closes around the High Street.

East Linton High Street promoted and enhanced:

A plan is in place to promote the High Street through the Annual East Linton Newsletter.

Both East Linton and Dunbar's High Streets were promoted in the recently published Dunbar & East Linton Magazine, which was delivered to every household in the area.

Business Park Development:

No progress is expected in this area for some years (until the site is developed).

Remote working opportunities and hot desking:

Sustaining Dunbar continues to explore ideas as to how to introduce hot desking.

East Lothian Partnership

Members attended a LIOP meeting with Emma Brown and Lucy Higginson. Community Groups have been invited to hold further individual workshops, but the view communicated to the Council is that the opinions of local people have been well communicated through the Local Place Plan and the Area Plan.

Co-op Local Community Fund

https://causes.coop.co.uk/?utm_source=vanity&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=LocalCommunityFund

Members were encouraged to promote this fund.

Applications close on 7th July.

At 20:55 the meeting closed