

Dunbar
Shore and Harbour
Neighbourhood Group



REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Current Committee

Chair	<i>Pippa Swan</i>
Vice Chair	<i>Mike Shaw</i>
Treasurer	<i>Brian Cox</i>
Secretary	<i>Not appointed</i>
Member	<i>Joan Johnson</i>
Member	<i>Alasdair Swan</i>
Member	<i>Mark Cavanagh (new member)</i>
Member	<i>Liz Curtis</i>
Member	<i>Colin Barnes</i>

Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group (DSHNG) remains a fully constituted Tenant's and Resident's Association and has representation on the East Lothian Tenants' and Residents' Panel (ELTRP).

Membership for 2016/17 stands at 65 and has remained constant with some leavers and some joiners.

Meetings started with the AGM in February and we met every month until June. After a summer break, meetings were held from September to November. All were open meetings and all were generally attended by no fewer than 8 people and generally no more than 15. We remain grateful to Dunbar Methodist Church for continuing to allow us to use their hall.

Open meetings were almost exclusively updates on current projects. Minutes are emailed to all members, local councilors, Community Councillors and Dunbar Trades Association and are posted on DSHNG website. Members without email may get paper copies but this does not always happen

Live projects are managed outwith meetings and for 2016, these projects have included:

CREEL LOADERS – *Statue, garden, paving and interpretation panel*

Project value: £40k
Team: Kevin Heffernan, Ian Dane, Brian Cox.
Project: The team successfully delivered The Creel Loaders statue in September and are now working on the delivery of an interpretation panel for which funding has been granted by ELC. The panel is expected to be in place by Easter 2017.

VICTORIA STREET HISTORY HUB – *Interpretation panels, paving and seats*

Project value: £15k
Team: Kenny Maule
Project: Kenny has led this project from the outset. 11 panels telling the story of Victoria St will be installed in February. It is hoped that paving works,

incorporating Rita Bradd's Herrin' Road poem, will be complete by the summer.

EAST BEACH REGENERATION – *Coastal defences and beach improvements*

Project value: £1.5m +

Team: Pippa Swan supported by full East Beach Regeneration Team (DSHNG, ELC, Scottish Water) + Consultants (RHDHV, OOBE Design)

Project: The team has determined a trial in an attempt to encourage self regeneration of the East Beach. Infrastructure to be constructed before 2018 will include a new 'bio' groyne and defence mattresses to the sewage interceptor pipe. (c£300k)
A design for an upgrade to Lamer Street has also been identified and this will inform ongoing sea defence work. (Guesstimate - £1m +)

The project has attracted wide interest and Kenny Maule has presented/will present to Forth Estuary Forum and SNH.

EAST BEACH KELP MANAGEMENT – *Contractor management for kelp removal*

Project value: £20k plus

Team: Pippa Swan with Mike Shaw

Project: Analysing issues after large kelp dumps, liaising with ELC, organising contractor, managing publicity. This year we had several one/two day clearance projects and one seven day project which cost ELC something in the region of £15k. Thanks go to AG Thomson for being endlessly inventive and helpful.

EAST BEACH CLEANS – *Monthly beach cleans in summer*

Project value: Priceless

Team: Mike Shaw with Pippa and Alasdair Swan, Kenny Maule and others

BEACH GARDEN – *Intermittent gardening of Beach Garden at Vennel*

Project value: 0

Team: Su Nuttgens, Lesleymay Miller, Brian Cox, Liz Curtis and others

BEACH PATH – *Upgrade of path edge on common good ground*

Project value: ELC time/labour

Team: Pippa Swan with Area Partnership

Project: ELC labour designed and planted the path edge adjacent to the Playgarden

LOGAN'S LANE – *Handrail improvement*

Project value: ELC time/labour

Team: Colin Barnes with Pippa Swan

Project: Extend handrail to make safe – completed 2016...after 2 years of trying!

In addition to the above, DSHNG members...

- joined with RNLI day (helping Mike Shaw to run the very successful Tombola Stall),
- walked the walk for Civic Week,
- represented DSHNG at CAPP meetings (Mike Shaw),
- represented TRAs on Area Partnership board

- made representation in respect of development at Coastguard site
- made representations in respect of development at 1 Shore Street
- kept East Beach Facebook and DSHNG website live (thanks to Sue Guy)
- kept East Beach noticeboard refreshed (thanks to Alasdair Swan)

Whilst the same names keep re-appearing in projects, it remains so important that the active participants feel supported by the wider membership and this is happily the case. Feedback, when it comes, is always constructive and generally encouraging.

My sincere thanks go to all project teams and to the wider membership for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P.A. Swan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Pippa Swan
Chair
Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group

7 February 2017