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Minutes of Meeting of  
East Lammermuir Community Council  
held on Tuesday 24 November, 2015 at  
7.30pm in Spott Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs: Chris Bruce (Chair)/Janice Hanvidge/Janette MacDonald/Jason Ormiston/ /Anne Lyall/Peter Armstrong

**In attendance:** Sue Northrop, Dementia Friendly North Berwick/East Lothian, /Cllr M Veitch

**Apologies:** Barbara Wyllie/Pauline Jaffray/Donna Collins/Elisabeth Wilson

Cllr Chris Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Sue Northrop was invited to address the meeting on her work at Dementia Friendly North Berwick/East Lothian.

It all started when a small group of people from the community and local agencies got together to ask what more we could do for people in North Berwick affected by dementia. We were inspired by the Dementia Friendly Communities set up in places like the Highlands, and Motherwell. What could we do in North Berwick?

We decided to ask the community and arranged 2 community events in April 2014 to give local people an opportunity to find out more about dementia and to say what they think should happen. The North Berwick Community Centre provided meeting rooms, practical support and a £500 grant to help with things like photocopying. We asked everyone who attended the event to take part in our consultation exercise to capture ideas. The feedback was comprehensive.

Just like everyone else, people with dementia want things to do, places to go and people to see. They want to live the lives they choose as respected and valued members of the community for as long as possible. Two of the biggest problems faced by people with dementia are stigma and loneliness. These aren't solved with a pill, but by other people. Understanding why someone is struggling with money in a shop, being less impatient when they are taking longer than you think they should, can reduce anxiety and stop people feeling judged. Bad experiences and the fear of stigma often lead people with dementia to stop going out leading to loneliness.

Little courtesies make a big difference. Whilst there is currently no cure for dementia, every one of us the potential to make a real difference to the lived experience of people with dementia and their families and friends. That's what Dementia Friendly Communities are all about. A Dementia Friendly Community is a community that is good for all of us. Across East Lothian, communities are talking about what makes somewhere a good place to be if you have dementia. People in North Berwick, Dunbar, Haddington, Musselburgh and Tranent are

organising community information days, fund raising events, concerts and dances. Young and old are coming together and building friendships across the community and learning about each other. People living with dementia have choices, friendships and respect.

East Lothian's Dementia Friendly Communities are wholly community led and run. They are fuelled by generosity, compassion and community spirit. Community organisations and individuals – Community Centres, Day Centres, Churches, Community Councils, Schools, independent businesses, Sheltered Housing and the third sector get the buzz going in their communities and things start to happen. Every community is different and does Dementia Friendly in its own way. The model is simple: People make things happen.

Dementia Friendly East Lothian provides whatever support and encouragement communities need to help them realise their aspirations in whatever way they can.

Information leaflets, dvd's, and training manuals are available to ELCC residents locally at the Dunbar Dementia Hub at Bleachingfield. Here, a comprehensive network has been setup for learning and sharing.

Dementia Friendly is now part of the East Lothian Area Partnership Plan.

For further information email [sue.northrop@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.northrop@btinternet.com) or call 07702433860 or visit the website [www.dfel.org.uk](http://www.dfel.org.uk) or Facebook: Dementia Friendly East Lothian.

Chris thanked Sue for coming along and inspiring us all with her example of what can be done with a little good will by a relatively powerless group of individuals!

**2:00 Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of 6 October, 2015 were approved.

**3:00 Any other business to be added to agenda:** None

**4:00 Police Business:** No report available. Peter Armstrong reported that he was told at the CAPP that the Police did not see attending our meetings, or providing a report, as a high priority at present.

**5:00 Treasurer's Report:** The balance as of 25 November, 2015 stands at £1256.17. The year end accounts have been audited.

**6:00 Matters Arising (Previous):**

**A1 Expressway:** Cllrs M Veitch reported that the next A1 Action Group will meet on Friday 4 December. Any A1 issues will be discussed at this meeting, including the safety concerns discussed at ELCC throughout the recent months.

**Broadband:** Cllr CB reported that ELCC will know by February 2016 whether our area will be included in the 95% of households who will receive superfast broadband or in the 5% which will not be included in the national roll-out.

There has been no progress as yet from our approaches to Community Windpower and Natural Power regarding possible solutions to improving the rural broadband coverage in the East Lammermuir area.

Village Councillors to progress local discussions in the four villages.

Cllr CB and Cllr JH will continue to pursue Lothian Broadband to see what it can do to improve broadband in Oldhamstocks.

Cllr AL will seek to find out the broadband requirements of Spott at their next Community Association meeting.

Cllr's JM and BW will relate broadband discussions to Stenton Community Association at their AGM on 25 November.

**Ferneylea Windfarm:** The two turbines have been operating since February 2015. The Community Benefit of £7,500pa, which will be split between ELCC and Co'Path & Cove Community Councils, is due February 2016. Cllr CB reported that ELCC have yet to be approached regarding benefit fund allocation.

**Crystal Rig 3:** Community Benefits of £69,000 will be split between ELCC and Garvald & Morham Community Councils once CR3 is in operation. Cllr CB will look into turbine location to help negotiate the funding split.

**At Home in East Lothian** Sheila Durie from At Home in East Lothian has communicated to Cllr CB that their lottery bid to bring three years of cross generation and co-ordinated activities & classes for the elderly in the ELCC Village Halls has been turned down. It was deemed that there are currently too few elderly people in the ELCC area to justify the bid. The members agreed that it would be good to see this project happen, and the justification for turning the project down is disappointing.

## **7:00 Councillors' Reports**

**Action:**

**Innerwick:** Rubble stacked at a derelict wall next to the bus stop is not only unsightly but a health & safety risk. Cllr M Veitch has already asked planners to look at this. **MV**

There is Ash dieback in Thorntonglen. This is a disease of ash trees caused by a fungus which causes leaf loss, crown dieback and bark lesions. Once a tree is infected the disease is usually fatal, either directly, or indirectly by weakening the tree to the point where it succumbs more readily to attacks by other pests or pathogens.

Cllr DC forwarded that a motorbike and tools had been stolen from Thortonloch, but had all since been recovered.

The Heat Plan for Viridor's Waste To Energy Plant (Incinerator) to be discussed with Cllr DC  
**JO**

**Oldhamstocks:** Following a recent repair, water is not draining on the road below Blackcastle Farm. **MV**

At a recent meeting, it was almost unanimously agreed to draw up plans and related documents for the village hall.

Work on the verges in the village has now started.

The Bridge opening celebrations took place at on Friday, 23 October, with circa 30 people attending.

Cllr CB related that Dunbar Community Bakery is looking to see if East Lammermuir residents would be interested in having bread delivered to the four villages. **JM to seek info**

**Spott:** Cllr Lyall advised again on the poor state of the road out of Spott (towards Dunbar). Cllr M Veitch believes the road has already been assessed but will look into it. **MV**

The Grand Opening of the newly refurbished Spott Village Hall took place on Sunday 22 November. Congratulations to all involved in the project.

**Stenton:** Several potholes (not all) have recently been filled on the Main Street through the village.

#### **Liaison Meetings:**

##### **Lafarge Tarmac**

**PA**

Lafarge Tarmac has been bought by CRH, Cement Roadstone Holdings, an Ireland based company. They will be now known as Tarmac.

CRH is in the top five of international cement producing companies. They operate in 37 countries, in 4,000 locations with 90,000 employees worldwide.

The Dunbar plant will be operated by Tarmac; CRH will support the works technically. Dunbar is CRH owned. The present version of the Dunbar plant is 30 years old. It has been under-invested, and has been running on the will of the workers. To bring the equipment up to its original state there are 11 projects, costing £14.2 million. CRH required a detailed plan. In 2015/16 £10 million to be spent, 2017 £4.2 million. The Dunbar plant will become more important with the rail link a big plus.

On 5th January 2016 the plant will begin a 35 day shut down. For the workers this will mean a 6 day week, 10 hours per day. The Dunbar interim manager is Real Simard, the Maintenance manager is Dave Drain, and the Environment Co-ordinator is Josh Bryan, phone 861363. All concerns/complaints regarding the plant should be addressed to Josh Bryan.

Next liaison committee meeting 22nd March 2016, 18.30 - 20.30, at the Dunbar works.

Cllr PA resigned as ELCC representative for Tarmac Liaison. Many thanks go to Peter for his work on behalf of ELCC with the Dunbar cement works over a number of years. Innerwick Cllr's JO & EW to discuss replacing PA as ELCC representative.

### **Community and Police Partnership Meeting (CAPP)**

**PA**

This month's priorities are: Dog fouling, Anti-Social behaviour/High Street issues, Parking in Dunbar and the villages.

Cllr PA resigned as ELCC representative at the local CAPP Meetings. The next meeting on 25 January 2016 will be his last. Cllr JM will attend CAPP Meetings thereafter on behalf of ELCC where possible.

### **Viridor Credits**

Panel would next meet on 9 December, 2015.

**BW**

### **8:00 Correspondence:**

ELCC received a letter from Alan Stubbs, East Lothian Council Road Services Manager detailing East Lothian Council's - Decriminalised Enforcement of Parking Consultation Request.

The Council is proposing to take over responsibility for enforcement of on-off street car parking from Police Scotland following the removal of the Traffic Warden service in February 2014. A formal submission will be made to the Scottish Government requesting that an Order be made to transfer Parking Enforcement powers from the Police to the Council under the provision of the Road Traffic Act 1991.

It is envisaged that following publication of the Order, Decriminalised Parking Enforcement will apply to all local roads within the Council boundary with the exception of the A1 trunk road.

A comprehensive review of existing Traffic Regulation Orders will be undertaken and, once introduced, the effect of the new enforcement measures will be monitored to determine whether the new system is working efficiently and to establish whether any amendments to waiting restrictions are needed to meet the needs of local residents, businesses or other road users.

Comments can be made in writing to Alan Stubbs or alternatively via email to [parking@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:parking@eastlothian.gov.uk) by 10 December 2015.

Further information is available from Peter Forsyth on 01620 827724 or email [pforsyth@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:pforsyth@eastlothian.gov.uk)

### **9:00 Dates of Next Meetings:**

12 January, 2016 – Innerwick Village Hall  
8 March, 2016 – Oldhamstocks Village Hall  
17 May, 2016 – Stenton Bowling Club  
23 August, 2016 – Spott Village Hall  
25 October, 2016 – Innerwick Village Hall  
13 December, 2016 – Oldhamstocks Village Hall