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# EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN SPOTT VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 24 JANUARY, 2017 AT 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs: Janette Macdonald/Barbara Wyllie/Janice Hanvidge/Anne Lyall/  
Cris Thacker/Chris Bruce (Chair)/Elisabeth Wilson

**In attendance:** Cllr Michael Veitch and Pauline Jaffray

**Welcome:** Cllr C Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first of 2017 and wished all present a happy New Year. It was noted Cllr Veitch's last meeting would be on 7 March, he will be sorely missed.

**1:00 Apologies:** PC Gavin Ross and PC Jennie Stewart

**2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 13 December, 2016:** The minutes were approved by Cllr Bruce and seconded by Cllr Lyall.

**3:00 Any other business to be added to agenda:**  
6:01 Scottish Review of Planning

**4:00 Police Business:**

PC Ross had advised there was nothing of note to report within the East Lammermuir Community Council area. However, he advised hare coursing was prevalent in the neighbouring area and to report any illegal sightings immediately to 101. Also car and property security in the rural area required to be tightened up as more and more thefts are being reported. The next CAPP meeting takes place on Tuesday 31 January 2017 and Cllr **JM** hopes to attend.

**5:00 Treasurer's Report:**

The balance as at 24 January, 2017 stands at £582.09. Hall let refunds of £188 have yet to be received. The end of year accounts is in the process of being sent to the auditor.

Cllr Hanvidge asked all present to enquire with their village Community Associations whether they had in fact received their local priority funding. £560 for the year 2015/16 would have been paid directly by ELC to each Community Association after 15 March, 2015

and a further £557.50 would have been paid April/May 2015. Could Councillors also remind their Associations copies of all receipts for the expenditure, must be sent to Lillian Pryde.

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

**Development Trust:** Further advice and guidance to be sought. Cllr Wilson will contact the Development Trusts Association of Scotland. Cllr Bruce would pursue information from Natural Power and Local Energy Scotland. **EW&CB**

**ELCC Liaison Meetings – Viridor:** CB emailed Katie Colquhoun and received no response. EW had heard of the Viridor Liaison meeting by chance, had attended the meeting and requested copies of the minutes of the two meetings held in 2016. Not received. EW had also requested to be advised of the meeting dates for 2017. Again no response. Viridor have a very poor communication record and show a total lack of respect, not only to ELCC but to other local organisations. Once dates are advised it is hope Cllrs **EW & CT** will attend.

**Viridor Credits:** Cllr Wyllie advised she would be attending a Viridor Credits meeting on 2 March, 2017 at Eurocentral. BW will raise this issue.

**Viridor Energy Recovery facility – Heat Plan:** Cllr Bruce asked if the Heat or Energy from the Waste Plan, which is subject to the Planning Permission laid down for this facility has been submitted. No one present at the meeting could answer this question. It was the understanding of the meeting that any electricity generated, would go to Tarmac (Lafarge). Viridor would lay the required hot water pipes to the edge of their own site. Any other company or end user wishing to access this hot water facility would have to bear the costs of the additional installation. Realistically, ELCC felt it would only be industrial users who may express an interest but due to the cost of installation and the distance involved, it would be a very costly exercise. It was noted other incinerators, of a similar type to Viridor's, work best in an urban area, within a mixed development surrounding.

What is ELCC role within the Viridor Liaison meeting? Is it to ensure any heat generated is used?

#### **6:01 Scottish Review of Community Planning.**

The Scottish Government and COSLA remain fully committed to Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements. It is these key strategic building blocks, not structural change that will achieve our overarching purpose of sustainable economic growth, better outcomes and reduced inequalities for local communities in Scotland through delivery of high quality public services.

A document outlining the above has been sent to all Community Councils and details can be viewed on their website. All responses to this document must be submitted by 4 April, 2017.

Cllr Wyllie was half way through reading the documentation; however, there was much she could not understand. Who can ELCC approach for assistance? Cllr Veitch advised Dunpender CC is keen to do a joint consultation. **BW** would contact Alison Gosgrove and **CB** would contact Hilary Smith, chair of East Lothian Community Councils.

At this point it was noted that ELCC and other Community Councils have to take on more and more responsibilities. It was also noted ELC staffing has been reduced considerably. What is the best way forward and what would help ELCC to have a more local voice to fully represent the communities

which they serve. The meeting agreed ELCC would have a full deliberation at their March 2017 meeting and discuss the resources, skills required.

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

**Planning Applications:** One notice had been received and forwarded on to all ELCC Councillors.

#### **Liaison Meetings:**

**CAPP** Cllr JMcD would attend the next CAPP meeting.

**Belhaven Hospital Forum** Cllr JH would attend the next meeting

**Tarmac** meeting to be held on 28 March, 2017 from, 6pm-8pm. Cllr EW to attend and Cllr CT would confirm attendance.

**Spott:** The rumble strips to the south of the Spott Road roundabout have yet to be refreshed and are included in ELC's plan. However, the new lane markings on this roundabout are still of concern. Cllr Veitch met and spoke with PC Gavin Lindsay who had monitored the situation and reported back that the new lane markings are correct; it is poor driving which is of concern.

Cllr Veitch further advised the next meeting of the Scottish A1 Action today group will meet on 22 March, 2017. Date to be confirmed. A representative of ELCC should attend this meeting and **CB** would ask Cllr Collins if she would like to attend.

The change in the Perryman's buses which service Spott and now no longer tie up with other transport links are still an issue. Cllr **AL** to advise Perryman's.

**Innerwick:** The Community Payback team cannot get involved with the cleaning of the Innerwick War Memorial. The War Memorial Trust can offer technical expertise and will provide 70% of the funding. Cllr Veitch has spoken with ELC Stuart Pryde, who viewed the area and noted an offending tree has been removed. **MV** would speak with Mr Pryde again to ascertain the situation. Cllr **EW** noted there was a Laburnum tree at the site, a plant which is poisonous and should this be removed?

Innerwick Parish Welfare (IPW) is functioning. A chair has been appointed and the driveway repairs to the village hall are underway. It was noted ELCC does not have a representative on this association and both Innerwick Community Councillors should attend. Can **EW** and **DC** make contact with IPW and if ELCC can help in any way with IPW, please let us know.

Cllr EW has noted there appears to be little communication between Thurston Manor Leisure Park, ELCC and the village. Can this be remedied in anyway? ELCC noted we had had representation on ELCC from the Dunham family, when they owned the Leisure Park. It was suggested we hold our ELCC meeting at Thurston on 25 April, 2017. Cllr **JH** would make contact with George Hope, Director.

Cllr MV is meeting with ELC Roads Department on 25 January, 2017 to discuss the siting of a new bus shelter.

**Stenton:** Thanks were expressed to ELC for the installation of rumble strips and a speed reactor in the village.

The refurbishment to Stenton village hall is nearing completion and snagging issues are being addressed. It will be opening for business in February, 2017.

**Oldhamstocks:** Work promised by Excalon for the repair and reinserted verges is still outstanding. **MV** to contact Bill Laird of ELC Transportation department.

**ELCC Newsletter:** Copy date for all news items and social events to be with Cllr Macdonald by 10 February, 2017.

**8:00 Correspondence:**

**Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership AGM** will be held in Dunbar Grammar School on 27 February, 2017. **BW** and **AL** will represent ELCC

**Scotrail Public Meeting – Prestonpans:** An open public meeting, organised by Prestonpans Community Council will take place in Prestonpans Town Hall on Wednesday 1 March, 2017 from 7pm-9pm.

**9:00 Date of Next Meeting: 7 March, 2017 in Stenton Village Hall at 7.30pm.**