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EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of East Lammermuir Community Council held in Stenton Village Hall on Tuesday 12 June, 2018

Present: Cllrs: Janice Hanvidge/Janette MacDonald/Colin Bloomfield/Chris Bruce (Chair)/Cris Thacker/Anne Lyall/

1:00 Apologies: Cllrs: Elisabeth Wilson/Donna Collins

In attendance: Cllr Sue Kempson/Sandy Baptie – East Lothian Council Emergency Planning, Risk and Resilience Manager. Protective Services/
Pauline Jaffray

Following the Chair's welcome to all those in attendance at the meeting and after introductions were made, Sandy Baptie, advised the meeting of his role and responsibilities as East Lothian Council's (ELC) Emergency Planning, Risk and Resilience Manager with responsibility for Business Continuity.

Emergency Planning Risk:

Responsible for the development and maintenance of the East Lothian Council (ELC) emergency response plans and to assist with the co-ordination of the councils' response in an emergency/serious incident during and outside of normal office hours. Each individual risk is assessed and a response plan put together, which could involve many partner agencies including the police, fire, ambulance, SEPA – whilst at the same time, for the Council, the main priority is for the care of the people within the community, and particularly those most vulnerable.

Incident Response Management:

Identify training needs and organise the necessary training for key officers within ELC taking into account the principles of Multi Agency Integrated Emergency Management (IEM).

- Attend and take the lead for ELC at meetings organised by the East of Scotland, Regional Resilience Partnership Group and other external forums.
- Maintain close liaison with staff/management at Torness Nuclear Power Station.
- Organise, plan and take part in ELC and partners exercises as required.
- Keep up to date with changes to and ensure corporate compliance with duties arising from, the Civil Contingencies Act (CCA) 2004 and undertake all activities in connection with ensuring compliance with emergency legislation.
- Chair the ELC Emergency Planning WG and provide guidance to ELC staff on EP matters.

Resilience Communities Initiative:

In 2014 the ELC Emergency Planning and Risk Manager met all of the county's Community Councils and Tenants and Residents Associations to advise how they could offer practical assistance during times of emergency or any significant unexpected event including severe weather conditions. Several Community Councils drew up their own resilience plans and several created 'asset registers' which provides a record of skills and equipment available from local residents. Sandy advised ELC work closely with each town, village etc to create individual response plans most suitable for the area which they represent. An asset register is drawn up for each community together with a single point of contact (SPoC) and deputy contact for communication purposes. However, should an area decide it either does not need or does not see the creation of such plans or registers as being essential it would still assist communications during any significant event to have clear and open links between the Council and an appointed SPoC or deputy for when the said SPoC is unavailable. A workshop to help communities learn more about Resilient Communities and create networking opportunities will be held at the Brunton Theatre in Musselburgh on Saturday 27 October, 2018 at 9am and Mr Baptie would welcome representation from East Lammermuir Community Council and even better, representation from each of the villages. It would be good practice to have a SPoC and deputy from each village if that is agreed as the best way forward?

Does East Lammermuir Community Council wish to take part in this Resilient Communities initiative?

- If so...who will be the Single Point of Contact (SPoC) and deputy (as per above)? The appointed person (or persons if each village wishes their own SPoC/deputy) then communicates directly with Mr Baptie ensuring the chair and secretary are copied in.
- Contact details (mobile phone numbers etc) of the SPoCs and deputies for the 'emergency alert process' will progress subject to the Data Protection Act? Others can be added if required. Each village needs to be included.

Rest Centres:

Within East Lothian there are four designated Rest Centres and our nearest one is the Bleachingfield, Dunbar. A Rest Centre workshop will take place in the Corn Exchange, Haddington on Tuesday 26 June, 2018 from 10.15am- 1pm. Evacuees are sought to attend between 1015am 1nd 1130 am. Does ELCC wish to participate in Rest Centre training in the future?

In addition to the information provided on ELC website, there is now a dedicated App.

Penston House (TSCC)

Torness Strategic Coordination Centre (TSCC) is now based at Penston House, Macmerry to which ELCC are cordinally invited to hold one of their future meetings. Sandy would welcome the opportunity to give attendees an update on Torness matters and the current position with the Basic Safety Standards Directive (BSSD). A tour of the TSCC and an explanation as to its uses would be included prior to any meeting. Refreshments and, if needed, transportation would be organised by the Council. If acceptable a date and time should be decided. Sandy reminded all present that he is willing to attend any future ELCC meeting to provide an update on Torness matters and hopefully this would create reassurance and stop any rumours that may be circulating. It follows that he is also willing to provide information on Torness related matters by email also.

Counter Terrorism:

ELC has statutory responsibilities related to Counter Terrorism and more specifically the Prevent strand of Contest, the UK Government's Counter Terrorism strategy. Prevent targets anti-radicalisation of all kinds including religion (including sectarianism), left wing and right wing extremist groups. Schools in the area receive presentations on anti-radicalisation and all school computers are fitted with filters to stop extremists sites being accessed. ELC staff receive training on anti-radicalisation. East Lothian remains a very safe area to reside in or visit but this is a national strategy and all members of the public must be aware of the threat and action to take. If visiting a 'crowded place' vigilance is key.

Safety Advisory Group (SAG):

ELC has introduced a Safety Advisory Group (SAG) process for all events taking place in East Lothian that impact on the public. The SAG (events) process is new for the Council and they are learning as they progress ensuring the process is improved. A new member of staff who will work 50% on the SAG process will be appointed soon and communications will improve. Indeed initially this new staff member, who Sandy will be responsible for, will work more than the 50% on events to ensure they get up to speed with the SAG process asap. Sandy explained ELC was committed to encouraging events to take place within East Lothian but only if safe and secure. The SAG process clearly identifies the organiser of an event and points out to him/her that they are responsible for safety. The SAG offers advice to the organiser and where assistance can be found such as insurance etc.

Following Mr Baptie's presentation, ELCC agreed to discuss this matter further and to consider the invitation for ELCC to hold a future meeting (early 2019) at the Penston House facility.

2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 12 June, 2018. The minutes were approved by Cllr J MacDonald and seconded by Cllr Colin Bloomfield

3:00 Any other business to be added to the Agenda:

- 3:01 Oldhamstocks Mediation
- 3:02 253 Bus timetable changes
- 3:04 Community Development Trust
- 3:05 WW 1 Fighter Landing Ground Commemorative Plaque for Skateraw

3:01 Oldhamstock Mediation – on going

3:02 253 Bus timetable changes. Due to Cllr Wilson being unable to attend the meeting, the following email was circulated to all members with regards to the changes to the 253 bus timetable for the 'Innerwick Loop' coming into effect on 2 July, 2018.

- There will no longer be any direct buses from Innerwick to Berwick upon Tweed and intermediate places such as Eyemouth
- Many weekday services will either turn round at Innerwick or miss it out altogether
- It appears that Crowhill and Dunglass (some of which is within the Innerwick area) are having all services withdrawn

- On weekday and Saturday mornings some of the missing scheduled services to Innerwick will be replaced by a stop at “Torness”. When this was mooted before it was pointed out that to access the lay-by near Torness on the North side of the A1 means crossing the A1, which is unsafe for pedestrians.

Summary

Border Buses are making a number of changes to the 253 timetable, almost all negative for residents of the Innerwick Loop (Thurston, Innerwick and Crowhill). Every bus time has been changed by minutes, either earlier or later, so local people need to look at the new timetables. Everyone will have their own favourite journeys and I have summarised some of the main changes below:

Berwick upon Tweed to Edinburgh service on Monday to Friday

Services are similar to now, but with two changes. Most services are about 10 minutes later and the following have been totally withdrawn: 0916, 1116, and 1316. There are still early morning services at 0721 and 0826 to help people get to work.

Curiously this timetable (and the ones for Saturday and Sunday) are headed: Grantshouse - Haddington, Haddington to Edinburgh, and Berwick to Grantshouse. This does not make geographical sense, so I hope they amend this before they print timetables.

Edinburgh to Berwick upon Tweed service on Monday to Friday

There are effectively NO DAYTIME SERVICES in the Berwick direction as there are no through services till 1744, and the last service back is 1432, which is impossible.

The evening ones are still there, with the last at 2014. Buses are between 14 and 24 minutes later.

It is quite clear that Border Buses don't want anyone from Innerwick to go to Berwick.

Berwick upon Tweed to Edinburgh service on Saturday

Services are similar, though slightly earlier, between 0722 and 1530, but the 1633 AND 1733 are withdrawn, making 6 not 8 services. Couldn't one of them run, preferably the later one?

No point worrying about getting back from Berwick, as you can't get there for a day out (see below).

Edinburgh to Berwick upon Tweed service on Saturday

Services are similar for the ones that terminate in Innerwick, except that the 1620 is withdrawn.

You can get back from Edinburgh on a Saturday afternoon, leaving Edinburgh as late as 1850, arriving Innerwick at 2014. All services are slightly later (about 4 minutes).

The service on the alternate hour, which actually goes to Berwick, provides a service to every village on the route, EXCEPT Innerwick. It's impossible to go to Berwick on a Saturday until 1744, arriving Berwick 1846, so a day out is out of the question.

Berwick upon Tweed to Edinburgh service and v.v. on Sunday

Services are reduced from 4 to 2 in both directions. You can leave Innerwick at 0916, which is a better for anyone wanting to go to church in Dunbar, and return at 1210, arriving 1224. However this is worse for people who work in Dunbar, The other journey leaves Innerwick at 1516 and returns from Dunbar at 1810 arriving 1824. A day out in Edinburgh would mean leaving at 0916 (arriving 1040) and returning at 1700 (arriving 1824), which is quite reasonable.

In the past when I have complained about the Berwick connections I have been told to go to Spott Road and change. I have tried this and it did work, though it obviously took longer, and it is not a guaranteed connection. In addition Border Buses don't offer “through ticketing”, where you would only pay for one, not two tickets for the journey.

ELCC agreed to support the complaint notified by Cllr Wilson with regard to no consultation, either from Border Buses or ELC has taken place. The actual content of changes submitted and to ask whether a risk assessment has been done for the proposed Torness bus stop. Cllr Bruce agreed to write to our Innerwick ward councillors to ask them to take this matter up and to advise Cllr Kempson of this intention. **CB**

3:03: Community Development Trust

CB has had a number of conversations with Craig Potter of Natural Power with regard to the proposed Crystal Rig III Draft Funding Agreement. The Lawyer representing Natural Power is not as stringent as he first was, as most of the questions raised have been dealt with and incorporated within our Draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Community Benefit Fund. However, Fred Olsen as owners of Crystal Rig do need to agree the MoU document before it can be submitted to OSCR. **CB** will keep the project moving along. Community Councillors agreed two possible dates for a visit to the Crystal Rig site and CB will propose these to Craig Potter.

3:04 WW 1 Fighter Landing Ground Commemorative Plaque for Skateraw:

After a lot of badgering, PJ had only just received (12 June, 2018) a response from ELC with regards to a site meeting. PJ had not received any response from EDF energy. A site meeting has been arranged for 9.15am on Thursday 21 June, 2018. **PJ/JMacD/JH** would attend.

4:00 Police Business:

JMacD has circulated the CAPP meeting report held on 8 May, 2018 to all ELCC. Since that meeting an attempted theft of a quad bike and tools from a property outside Stenton, has been reported to the police. As has the theft of hens and their eggs from a property outside Oldhamstocks.

5:00 Treasurer's Report:

The balance as at 12 June, 2018 stands at £673.49

6:00 Matters Arising:

See items under Item 3:00

7:00 Councillors' Reports

Stenton:

Speed Reactor sign has been removed. Cllr SK will ask where it has gone. JMacD commented it would have nice to have been informed. **SK**

The pot holes and verge erosion on the Presmennan road is very bad.

Spott:

Water is flooding on Deuchrie Brae and AL will speak with local farmers to enquire if it is coming from their fields.

Some pot holes in Spott have been repaired, but it is an ongoing battle.

Oldhamstocks:

Cllr SK has reported the Himalayan Balsam to the necessary ELC department and has received an assurance it will be looked at.

Innerwick:

The village hall is undergoing a makeover, with the interior and exterior being painted. It is hoped this would be completed in time for Innerwick Flower Show on 4 August, 2018.

Youths are using Thurston Cemetery as a drinking den and leaving all there debris strewn around the graveyard. A number of complaints have been received and Cllr Collins contacted Thurston Manor Leisure Park to raise the issue with them. The security staff will patrol the area and a warning has been issued to Thurston residents.

8:00 Correspondence

All necessary correspondence has been forwarded to ELCC.

9:00 Date of Next Meeting: 21 August, 2018 in Spott Village Hall