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EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of East Lammermuir Community Council held in Innerwick Village Hall on Tuesday 2 October, 2018

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

1:00 Apologies: Cllr: Elisabeth Wilson/Cllr Sue Kempson

In attendance: Pauline Jaffray

Cllr CB welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised Elisabeth Wilson would be standing down from ELCC and all being well Mr Martin Fife will be co-opted to represent the parish of Innerwick at our next meeting. PJ advised Cllr Kempson was attending another meeting, but hoped to be in a position to attend ELCC meeting this evening, providing her other meeting finished in time.

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

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

3:01 ELCC Minutes dated 1 May, 2018

3:02 Aikengall II and IIA – EL Benefit Fund draft agreement

3.03 Skateraw Memorial plaque Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT)

3:01 ELCC Minutes date 1 May, 2018

An objection to the accuracy of the minutes dated 1 May, 2018 has been made by Sheila Ainslie/Angus MacDonald/Ian Christison/Marie Florence MacDonald who attended ELCC meeting on 1 May, 2018 to advise of their concerns with the way the proposed development of the new Oldhamstocks village hall is developing.

The correspondence dated 9 August, 2018 expressed the disappointment and surprise at the section of the above minutes concerning the aforementioned visit. The minute, in their opinion, did not reflect the content or the discussion accurately. A copy of this correspondence was forwarded to all EL Community Councillors'.

Prior to this item being discussed Cllr CB advised his note of interest and it was agreed Cllr Colin Bloomfield, would chair this section of the meeting. After discussion it was agreed to respond to each concern raised.

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Comments

1) Para 3 line 5

“.....there was an approximate attendance of 45 people.”

ELCC accepted.

2) Insert after para 7

Cllr EW asked whether OCA would be funding it all with money from The Neuk, Ferneylea etc or would Crystal Rig money be required? Cllr JH replied that OCA would be looking for Crystal Rig funding?

ELCC accepted but it was further noted OCA would be seeking funds from other funders as well as Crystal Rig.

3) Insert after para 9 and delete first sentence of para 10

Cllr CT asked Ian C what engagements, those against the project, have undertaken to prove people are not totally behind the project. IC said he had spoken to people. SA said in the recent OCA survey 61 people out of c.210 had voted against the current plans. SA added that the turnout was about 50% of households.

ELCC accepted, but added back in Cllr CT 'commented that projects in their very nature can be divisive'.

4) Para 12. Cllr Bruce did **not** “advise” the meeting. It also shows bias particularly by using the phrases “just one” and “even though”.

We suggest para 12 is replaced with the following:

When asked by Cllr CB (Chair) about how many of the 22 people at the AGM who were against the current plan joined the committee SA stated that 1 person had joined and added that she understood the committee was not a happy place at the moment being made up of members of five families and only a few others. A MacD asked why there were so many co-opted members.

ELCC rejected this comment. CB did advise the meeting, as this was new information to members, of significance to their perception of the advice offered by the members of the public. Perhaps worth adding that a plea was made by a resident at the Annual General Meeting for new members and particularly those with different views, to join the committee.

5) Para 14: Again Cllr CB did not advise the meeting. We don't know why this paragraph is included.

ELCC accepted

6) Para 15 We would like the following inserted:

Add this wording: Cllr EW suggested Cllr CB should stand down as chair for this item, given his role at OCA. Cllr Bloomfield agreed to chair for this item.

ELCC accepted.

7) Para 16 We would like the following inserted:

Cllr J Macd described, in detail, the process taken in Stenton's village hall extension. Users and user groups were consulted continually. Four or five architect's submitted plans and the community decided which they wanted taken forward. Consultation took about two years and only when 85% of the community were in favour of the plans were they submitted to planning. A Macd said that's exactly what we want in Oldhamstocks, i.e. options, choice, consultation and input.

ELCC rejected as this statement is inaccurate. The Stenton Hall extension process had been described on 1 May, but the suggestions made afterwards did not reflect what was said, or what had happened as the extension was planned and agreed.

8) Please insert after para 17

A MacD said that we are now not allowed to attend committee meetings even to sit and observe and he had an email to that effect. He asked whether members of the public were able to attend meetings in Spott and Stenton. Both Cllr CT and Cllr Colin B confirmed that members of the public were welcome to attend. A Macd said that's not the case in Oldhamstocks.

ELCC accepted.

3:02 Aikengall II and IIA – ELC Benefit Fund draft agreement

Rob Fryer, Director of Civils and Business Development, Community Wind Power (CWP) emailed Cllr CB on 1 October, 2018 accepting in principle the draft agreement between ELCC and Community Windpower, which represents a major step forward.

As the email had arrived just prior to our meeting, the draft agreement document attached had not been examined thoroughly and CB asked all Councillors to read the document. ColinB queried the figure quoted in item 3.6 and asked if this was accurate. The documentation needs to be examined and all questions will be taken in to account, prior to signing any version of the document.

CB asked members if the CWP (Aikengall II) agreement gives complete control to the recipient body, and Fred Olsen (Crystal Rig) wish to retain final say on how funding is spent, do we need a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. Is this the route to follow? ColinB recommended we follow one system. The draft East Lammermuir Community Fund Minute of Agreement is with funders who have indicated their approval. Once we have this agreement approved and signed it will be forwarded to OSCR and Company House. JH to review and identify who from ELCC has agreed to be on the board of directors.

3:03 Skateraw Memorial Plaque – airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT)

Planning permission has finally been lodged (after three rejections) and the unveiling ceremony and dedication will take place on Sunday 11 November, 2018, to which an open invitation to the community of East Lammermuir will be extended. JH/JMacD/PJ will work on the details.

4:00 Police Business:

SK advised by email PC Gavin Ross is suggesting that the villages acquire a 'pop up' policeman with a speed gun - apparently they are very life like and very effective at slowing the traffic.

Following our meeting PC Gavin Ross submitted the following report:

During the period since the last police report there have been very few incidents of note in the area. There may be more incidents but due to the nature of these or ongoing investigations I cannot give full details.

Road Safety

You told us that were issues with speeding motorists in rural areas and inconsiderate parking, especially near schools.

Numerous calls to the A1, nothing of note.

Complaints of speeding in Stenton and Innerwick

Antisocial Behaviour

Hare coursing season is upon us. Any incidents please report them to the police immediately. Keep your distance and pass details of descriptions (people and dogs) and note registration numbers.

Litter

You told us that a particular issue was littering and people's lack of concern for the area.

No related incidents

Theft

You told us you were worried about security and the theft of personal possessions such as power tools, bicycles and money.

Thefts of metal and batteries from the cement works grounds.

Theft of a weather monitoring station from Crystalrig. Large generator with solar panels on an Ifor Williams trailer. Generator and trailer later found by police at Skateraw.

Community Speed Watch

Can I take this opportunity to make you aware of a scheme that has the support of the police.

Community Speed Watch Schemes can be set up by a community group to allow our communities to address their concerns re speeding in their own areas. This is not to replace the work we, the police, do in our community but will complement current practice.

On receipt of interest from a group an officer would conduct a site visit and risk assessment of any proposed sites. Should the locations be deemed appropriate discussion would take place between the CSW coordinator (a local community officer) and the lead volunteer regarding the funding, insurance, application process for volunteers, training, clothing, equipment (list attached) and health and safety awareness.

Training of volunteers would be provided by police.

At the conclusion of a speed check a record of the deployment would be returned to the coordinator for further action, this further action would be a warning letter for first offenders, a more strongly worded letter for a repeat offender and should the same driver be recorded three or more times

consideration of further action, this would not be a speeding offence but alternative possible sanctions do exist.

The costs of equipment for this scheme are not insignificant but perhaps consideration could be given to various CC's sharing equipment?

Pricing structure for community speedwatch products.

Unipar SL700 Laser Full List Price £2,225.00 – SPA CSW price £1,958.00

Genesis GHD Hand-held Radar Full List Price £994.50 – SPA CSW price £895.00

Unipar 2-Digit Repeater Speed Display Sign Kit for use the with GHD and SL700 Full List Price £695.00 – SPA CSW price £591.00

Standard Vehicle Activated Dual Message Sign & Tripod 12Vdc Kit Full List Price £1,985.00 – SPA CSW price £1,687.00

Smiley Face Option Dual Message Sign & Tripod 12Vdc Kit SPA CSW price £1,985.00

Sentinel Camera System Tripod Mounted 12Vdc Kit Full List Price £3,304.00 – SPA CSW price £2,974.00

Optional Sentinel Hard Carry Case (Peli) Full List Price £200.00 – SPA CSW price £180.00

Miscellaneous Items High Viz CSW Class 3 L/S Padded Jacket £32.00 High Viz CSW Class3

L/S Jerkin £15.00 High Viz CSW Class 3 Tabard style Vest £12.50 CSW

Printing Per item (back only) £ 2.50 CSW Driver Alert Tripod & Sign

£69.00 CSW Driver Alert Tripod & Triangle £69.00 CSW Logo's Special Printing Artwork

Required POA All of the above prices are subject to VAT @ 20% Courier delivery charges will apply. The above prices are valid to 31st December 2018.

This does NOT replace conventional policing. Should an issue be identified police would consider conducting their own speed check which would be enforceable.

Should you be interested please get back to me to discuss further.

Other incidents of note:

Travellers have been in the area for a couple of months moving between Skateraw, Cement works junction, Newtonlees and Beltonford.

No other incidents of note. In general the East Lammermuir and East Linton areas have both been extremely quiet in recent months. Dunbar remains busy with a number of ongoing issues.

As we are unable to attend the meeting I'd encourage feedback by email with any questions or information. Either that or report at Dunbar CAPP, Tuesday 22nd October. DunbarEastLintoncpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk

5:00 Treasurer's Report: The balance as of 2 October, 2018 stands at £631.49. Not every EL village has claimed their local priorities funding

6:00 Matters Arising (Previous)

ELC Emergency Planning, Risk & Resilience: Following Resilience Officer Sandy Baptie's Sandy Baptie's attendance at our meeting on 12 June, 2018 the following have agreed to act as single point contact for each of the four Lammermuir Community villages:

Spott: Anne Lyall

Oldhamstocks: Janice Hanvidge and Gordon Simpson
Stenton: Colin Bloomfield and Janette Macdonald
Innerwick: Donna Collins

CT agreed to attend the Resilience Community workshop at the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh on 27 October, 2018 at 9am.

ELCC meeting agreed to accept the invitation to hold our January 2019 meeting at Penston House. **PJ & CB** to finalise dates for all ELCC 2019 meetings

253 Bus Service:

DC advised the meeting Border Buses have changed the Thornton Loch bus service stops, without any notice and the bus now stops on the main A1 expressway, opposite the Skateraw turning. This is exceptional dangerous as it means pedestrians have to walk on the main A1 expressway – a dangerous road at the best of times. **DC** will make contact with Cllr SK, who in previous correspondence with DC had advised of the community bus service which operates successfully in Humbie. There are various options from a 16 seater minibus to a 9 seater taxi or the service could be easily tied in to the school bus service as these buses sit empty all day. However, before a service can be set up there is a need to know what people need and will support. For example is a daily service suitable, or several runs per day best, morning or afternoon. SK will draft a questionnaire so that some idea of the requirements of the people in the area and villages so that the most suitable solution can be achieved. A draft copy for comments will be forwarded prior to distribution. It is hoped a tailor make a service to the benefit of all in the community.

Oldhamstocks Mediation:

From the perspective of ELCC, the meeting noted the service provided by ELC Helen Graham, is a resolution service. Cllr Hanvidge confirmed that the OCA had met with Helen on two occasions and a meeting to which all Oldhamstocks residents are invited will be held on 10 October, 2018 at 7.30pm in Oldhamstocks village hall. **CT & Colin B** will attend.

7:00 Councillors' Reports:

Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership: Cllr AL attended this meeting on 1 October, 2018 and asked to be advised of any projects for the ELCC area.

Role of Community Council National Meeting: Cllr CB attended this meeting. A report setting out the findings of research into what would help community councils to strengthen their role in local democracy will be made available shortly.

Newsletter: Winter. Information to Cllr JMacD by 27 November, 2018

Village updates/issues:

Oldhamstocks: Would like the traffic speed response/calming equipment for Oldhamstocks.

A most enjoyable and well supported music evening was held within the village; as well as two community bike rides.

Stenton: Hedge at 10 Roodwell requires cutting and ELC will undertake the maintenance of this.

Spott: Spott Community Association have reached a two year agreement with Lothian Broadband, which is now available within the village hall.

Resurfing of road at Spott.

Innerwick: Travellers are in the process of being moved from Skateraw. Hare coursing is very active in the area.

Bus stop change: See above.

It appears some type of excavation work is taking place at Kirk Brae, behind the primary school. It was advised this is an archaeology dig.

8:00 Correspondence:

Martin Whitfield, MP – moved to an appointment service for his MP Surgery.

Sea Green Wind Energy Ltd: Phase 1: As of September 2018, SSE has taken full ownership of the offshore wind projects under development by Seagreen Wind Energy Limited, in which it previously had a 50% share. SSE acquired the other half of the offshore wind joint venture from Fluor Ltd.

Seagreen Wind Energy Limited was awarded by The Crown Estate the exclusive development rights for the Firth of Forth Zone of the UK's Round 3 offshore wind farm development programme. The Zone is located approximately 25km east of Fife and covers an area of 2,852km² in the outer Firth of Forth. The Zone has a potential installed capacity of 2.45GW which would be a significant contribution to Scotland's renewable energy generation capacity.

9:00 Date of Next Meeting: 27 November, 2018 in Oldhamstocks village hall at 7.30pm.