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EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of East Lammermuir Community Council held in Spott Village Hall on Tuesday 19 March, 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Janice Hanvidge/Martin Fife/Anne Lyall/Cris Thacker/Chris Bruce/Colin Bloomfield

In attendance: Pauline Jaffray/Gordon Simpson/Neil Richerby

1:00 Apologies: Janette Macdonald

2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 22 January, 2019. The minutes were approved by
CT and seconded by ColinB.

3:00 Any other business to be added to Agenda:
Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership Amenities Priorities for 2019-20

4:00 Police Business:
The CAPP meeting is being held this evening, 19 March, 2019 at 7.30pm in Dunbar. There is no items on the agenda relating to East Lammermuir. Speeding checks are being carried out at two Dunbar locations, where Jim and Jemima have been located. A week of action targeting known Dunbar hotspots for dog fouling and liaison with Roads Police colleagues and Viridor representatives regard the safety of the A1 cement works junction for lorries.

The next Dunbar CAPP will be held on Thursday 9 May, 2019.

5:00 Treasurer's Report:

The balance stands as of 19 March, 2019 at £283.14. There is a total of £299.50 to be reclaimed for hall lets. The administration grant is due April/May 2019. Accounts are currently being prepared for auditing.

JH expressed her thanks to Lilian Pryde, for all her support as she will be retiring from ELC at the end of March. CB asked if she will be replaced and all will be the contact for Community Councils including budget/local priorities and hall bookings for elections. CB to ask.

Following the meeting the Democratic Services contact will be Hazel Boak,
hboak@eastlothian.gov.uk

6:00 Matters Arising (Previous)
Helen Graham, Resolution Office, East Lothian Council

CB received a letter from East Lothian Council Resolution Officer, Audrey Kearney, dated 31 January, 2019 advising they are formally withdrawing from the 'Oldhamstocks case', which in their opinion has been accomplished when a sub committee was formed after the meeting in October, 2018. CB has circulated copies of this letter to all councillors and read the contents to the meeting. CB went on to supply additional background information to the meeting. All present extremely disappointed with the service offered by ELC and Helen Graham.

Councillors felt the involvement of the Resolution Service had not improved the situation and in fact had probably made the situation worse.

Gordon Simpson, a resident of Oldhamstocks and prior member of Oldhamstocks Community Association Committee, who had also received a copy of the letter from Audrey Kearney, wrote to CT for ELCC on 9 March, 2019, outlining his concerns and the many flaws with the handling of the 'mediation'. A copy of Mr Simpson's letter would now be circulated to all ELCC. Mr Simpson advised the Community Council that he had been in correspondence and meetings with East Lothian Council officers regarding the Resolution Service and its work in Oldhamstocks. He had a letter offering an *'apology on behalf of East Lothian Council for the unhelpful impact of the Resolution Service's contribution to this community engagement project and acknowledge(ment) that the mediation process was not constructive overall.'*

An in depth discussion followed and it was agreed CB should draft a letter, for agreement with all community councillors, to the Area Partnerships Manager at East Lothian Council, highlighting the short comings with the service provided and the broader challenges of working with East Lothian Council over the last 10 months.

Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements / liaison meeting with Community Councils:

ColinB attended this meeting to which community council representatives from the East Lothian had been invited, along with agency attendees including Fiona Duncan, Chief Social Work Officer ELC. Steven Duncan - Chief Inspector/Area Commander EL and Bob Thompson - Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements - Edinburgh Area Co-ordinator.

ColinB submitted the following report:

Bob Thompson MAPPA (Multi-agency public protection arrangements): This organisation pulls together all relevant agencies to monitor all offenders. It risk assesses combined information from other agencies and recommends an agreed outcome or strategy for that individual.

Statistics:

East Lothian has a population of roughly 103,000 of which 54 people are registered sex offenders consisting mainly of males and a few females. Of those 54 the re-offending rate is 1/54. There are two 'high risk' offenders. Age range is from 17 to 87 (whole of UK) The general public are generally not aware of the range of registered sex offences, owing mainly to what makes into the news/press - at one end a 'registered offender' may actually be a result of an inappropriate workplace comment, resulting in a £20 fine but also a five year recording on the sex offenders register. Obviously, there are serious offenders at the other end of that register, who may never be released from a secure institution. 40% of offenders are required by a statutory court requirements to be returned to the same geographical area. The other 60% are not and can re-locate anywhere. There

could be a 'serious offender' in either category. It should be stressed that 90% of offences are by someone known to the victim - the press aspects often highlighted of 'stranger danger' represent a very, very low risk.

MAPPA's main focus is the protection of the public. Face book and other social media 'outings' of offenders tend to drive offenders underground, and away from the support services they actually need to re-habilitate.

In releasing an offender back into the community, then MAPPA and the other agencies look at not only the potential address for the offender, but also the surrounding properties and surrounding residents/risk profiles to see whether it is suitable.

Steven Duncan - Chief Inspector

His role is to sign all offenders' plans off, although high risk individuals go to a more senior level as well. Within the East Lothian Police there is a dedicated unit that just deals with offenders. Some of the issues that have cropped up in the past are vigilante groups (e.g. in West Lothian) have mistakenly identified and taken action against the wrong individual who just happened to have the same name as the real offender. Equally, peaceful protests through social media have tended to attract peripheral 'hangers on' who trigger antisocial behaviour - for example petrol bomb being thrown. When an offender is released back into the community, the people in that person 'circle' are informed of the nature of his risk - e.g. a new girlfriend would be made aware of any potential risk to children etc.

Steven Duncan outlined some additional statistics:

In the last year - April 2017 to end March 2018 - There were 874 offenders, of which 13 were sex offenders. There was one domestic violent offender. Regarding high risk individuals, out of a total of four over the last few years, only one has been allowed to return to the community. East Lothian is quite different to Edinburgh where there are about 30 domestic violence offenders in the same period. Social Media was generally one of the biggest problems - the label of 'sex offender' has forced some very low risk individuals to change their names simply through fear of being 'outed'. Steven stated that the key requirement for Community Councils was simply to report any Social media or other similar vigilante type activity to the Police using 101. The mechanisms exist to rapidly get this to the right people within various organisations enabling action to be taken on such information.

Future of Belhaven Hospital:

ELCC feel a little out of the loop with the changes at Belhaven Hospital and have not been notified of any meetings or received any information since December 2018. AL advised the Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership have formed a Health & Wellbeing sub group, which has met. Unfortunately, no one from ELCC is available to attend future meetings, but feel it is very important to be part of the discussion process. PJ suggested she ask Dunbar Community Councillor Jacqueline Bell, if she would be willing to keep ELCC informed. The meeting agreed and PJ to contact JB.

Alison MacDonald, Interim Director of Health & Social Care Partnership / Committee Administrator, from the East Lothian Integration Joint Board has submitted a report following a meeting of 13 December, 2018 the purpose of which is to provide the IJB with the outputs and recommendations following the consultation and engagement process on the re-provisioning of Belhaven and Edington Community Hospitals, Eskgreen and Abbey Care Homes.

The re-provisioning of sites in Musselburgh, North Berwick and Dunbar was discussed at the IJB meeting of December 13th. The initial idea was to plan to replace the units with extra care housing. However, following contact from DELAP reps Jacquie Bell and Gill Wilson this was amended to 'extra care housing or equivalent'. The IJB are to seek support from the SE Hub for their future planning and funding. Agreement is needed from them to progress further.

Dunbar CC Jacquie Bell supplied the following information. The IJB recently consulted on the Health and Social Care Partnership/IJB Strategic Plan. A breakfast meeting was held in Musselburgh. A range of planning groups will be developed. This will include a group to look at the re-provisioning of sites including Belhaven.

Jacquie Bell has repeatedly indicated the need to include the views of rural communities like the Lammermuir villages in discussions. In the meantime a Health and Wellbeing sub group of the Dunbar and East Linton Local Area Partnership is being set up.

Jacquie Bell is happy to hear from those interested in being part of such a sub group

ELCC also noted personnel within East Lothian Council have changed. Sharon Saunders, Head of Service, Communities & Partnerships. Caitlin McCorry, Service Manager - Community & Area Partnerships. Doug Haig is taking over from Stuart Gibb (dhaig1@eastlothian.gov.uk), until he returns.

A1 Action Group:

This important group is being reformed and the next meeting will be on 7 June, 2019 at John Muir House. MF will attend.

Scottish Community Council Face book: MF has been monitoring the site, but presently there is nothing to feed back.

Community Heating Company:

Representatives of ELCC met with Philip Revell, Sustaining Dunbar on 18 March, 2019 to learn of the Scottish Government's district heating loan fund, which is designed to help address the financial and technical barriers to district heating projects as commercial borrowing can be extremely expensive and difficult to obtain. Operated through Energy Saving Trust, who will finance a feasibility study this project could be of interest to small groups of houses. Further information is to be obtained from Mr Revell and discussed at village meetings to seek potentially interested groups of householders to join the feasibility study.

Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership Amenities fund:

AL reported on the above priorities for 2019-20 amenities budget, which stands at £100k. Various projects have been submitted by both Dunbar and Dunpender Community Council, but it has been noted nothing has been submitted from West Barns or ELCC. AL gave a brief outline on the type of projects being submitted and did ELCC want to submit suggestions? Pot holes are always top of our list and it was suggested the sensory camera identified as a preventative measure for the management of pot holes would be a priority. The cycle path from Torness to Bilsdean also required attention.

7:00 Councillors' Reports:

Planning Applications: MF request advice from other Councillors on how to deal with this item.

Liaison Meetings:

Torness Civilian Nuclear Police are becoming more active in the area, due to the change in the terrorist threat. They are also actively recruiting. It would be good to invite them to attend a future meeting, so they can provide an update.

Torness Liaison: MF attended the Torness Liaison meeting on the 14 March, 2019 with representatives of EDF, Police Scotland, East Lothian Council, National Farmers Union, Civilian Nuclear Police, SEPA, Scottish Government, Borders Council and Dunbar Community Council.

MF supplied an account of this meeting, which he circulated to all ELCC. Briefly, the main part of the meeting was taken up with the EDF Annual Report and the main points are as follows:

In the 30 years Torness has been operational, 248 billion units of electricity have been generated. In the last 12 months, one injury at work has been deemed recordable, a hand injury which the patient fully recovered from. There was nothing reportable to Nuclear Regulators. Control for emergency planning has now passed to ELC, they are responsible for a detailed plan with 3km and outline planning up to 30km from the plant. 'Warning and Informing' is also now the responsibility of ELC who described the planning centre we met in January to the meeting. They have invited interested parties to visit to see the operation.

Waste transfer off site, most solids go to the south of England. Radiation dose received by workers is on average less than half that of the population. EDF are looking at purchasing a machine from Denmark which will grab seaweed mechanically and dispose of it before a seaweed shutdown is threatened.

Following an inspection by IAEA there will be a complete evacuation exercise in September 2019. EDF are already working with partner agencies and ELC to arrange this. The A1 will not have to be closed for all or part of the exercise. No cracks in the graphite core bricks at Torness have yet been detected, although, due to the design of this type of reactor, it is expected they will appear over the next few years. They will be dealt with as currently.

There were 5700 visitors from the public last year. There will be recruitment of apprentices in November 2019. EDF are in contact with local schools and colleges with a view to filling these from within the area.

The UK will leave Euratom when Brexit happens. The ONR, Office of Nuclear regulation will take over on the day and the Government has undertaken to allow them to be as least as vigorous in their way of working as were Euratom. SEPA are redrafting safety certificates due to Brexit.

SEPA has a sector plan for nuclear, environmental groups are involved and are already working closely. SEPA chairs regular meetings aiming to ensure nuclear remains compliant.

Whilst environmental monitoring continues, the reports are now only available on the SEPA Website.

Resilience Group: Whilst attending the Torness liaison meeting on 14 March, 2019, MF met Ian Hamilton of DCC who suggested it might be a good idea for both community councils to work together on their resilience plans. The meeting agreed there would be certain areas, which would overlap, but each village is different and would still require their own individual resilience plans. However, it would be beneficial to keep in touch with DCC.

Newsletter: The winter issue has been published and for the spring issues, all suggestions, events etc should be forwarded to JMacD. ColinB will speak with JMacD.

8:00 Correspondence:

Sunshine Gym outdoor fitness equipment catalogue

9:00 Date of Next Meeting: 7 May, 2019 in Stenton Village Hall at 7.30pm.