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## **EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Meeting of East Lammermuir Community Council held in Stenton Village Hall on Tuesday 7 May, 2019 at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:** Pauline Jaffray

Prior to our general meeting, ELCC welcomed two visitors, who wished to address the meeting. Chair, Chris Bruce welcomed our first guest Caitlin McCorry, East Lothian Council, Service Manager for Connected Communities.

Ms McCorry explained her role of Service Manager – Connected Communities, within East Lothian Council, which includes responsibility for Community Council liaison, since the retirement of Lilian Pryde, Democratic Services Officer. Doug Haig has also been appointed temporary Area Manager for the Dunbar & East Linton and Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnerships in Stuart Gibb's absence.

Part of Ms McCorry's new role is to support Area Partnerships in the development, implementation and monitoring of Area Plan objectives to support and co-ordinate the delivery of local Council services, in line with the Council's and East Lothian Partnership's strategic priorities and in accordance with Council policies and procedures. Also, her job is to ensure the coordinated management and delivery of the Connected Communities Service, including Community Learning and Development, Community Councils, Area Partnerships and Locality Planning, Arts Development, Partnership Funding and Community Empowerment.

Currently Ms McCorry is learning more about the work of Community Councils and is happy to take feedback for any support and training which Community Councils would find useful, which could be delivered by the Connected Communities team via the Community Training calendar. There is also a community planning forum to be held in September/October this year, with the theme 'Town and Country'. Under the Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership a new area plan is being developed to set out local priorities for funding. Anne Lyall is ELCC representative on that partnership and the annual public meeting will be held on 9 May, 2019 at 7.30pm in the Bleachingfield, Dunbar. A link to the web page for the Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership, which includes the presentation made at the recent annual public meeting, outlines the achievements of the past year:

[https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210616/dunbar\\_and\\_east\\_linton\\_area\\_partnership](https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210616/dunbar_and_east_linton_area_partnership)

One of the main issues Stenton experiences in the very poor mobile phone service, which needs to be addressed. Ms MccCorry made a note of this.

**What Works Scotland** is an initiative to improve the way local areas in Scotland use evidence to make decisions about public service development and reform. It has been set up to explore how public services could start to work towards the recommendations of the Christie Commission on the future delivery of Public Services and the Scottish Government's priorities for reform.

East Lothian Council have reacted positively to this document and are looking at ways to enhance community empowerment to ensure, East Lothian have a voice and how can we balance local approaches with ensuring spread of what works. Through the work of the Area Partnership, the area manager will have more involvement with local groups to ensure the best use of resources.

#### **Resolution 'Mediation' Service: Oldhamstocks**

ELCC brought to the attention of Ms McCorry the Resolution Service and its impact. Background information was provided and the very badly handled, mismatched service provided, which has actually caused more harm than good. This was also exasperated by not being able to meet with, or receive any acknowledgement/response from emails sent to East Lothian officials, who did not respond to any communication. Ms McCorry reiterated the apology received from East Lothian Council and acknowledged ELCC were badly let down by the poor service offered. She confirmed lessons have been learned and sincerely hoped if this situation ever arose in the future it would be handled in a more professional way.

Cllr JH, stressed how badly affected, everyone concerned was and how the impact of this extremely badly handled service is continuing to cause suffering. There was no communication from ELC, no explanation, no back-up. Under no circumstances should this situation have gone unpoliced by ELC. Many questions need to be answered: ie: Who was the 'mediator' reporting too? Why was there no minutes recorded and how do ELC intend, or do they intend to address the damage caused. The residents of Oldhamstocks do not have a resolution.

Ms McCorry suggested that Oldhamstocks Community Association might talk to Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) for support and advice. She also said that Doug Haig would be willing to help.

The meeting thanked Ms McCorry for attending the meeting and agreed to invite Doug Haig, temporary Area Manager for the Dunbar & East Linton and Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnerships to our next meeting on 12 June, 2019.

Our second guest was Mr Andrew Morris from Dunbar on Air.

**Dunbar on Air** is a community internet radio station and a non-profit organisation, based in Dunbar which serves an audience which embraces the eastern Lammermuirs' and all the communities therein.

Mr Morris provided background information on his project and on his involvement with Eastcoast fm, Radio Saltire and Dunbar on Line. Dunbar on Air, is the result of a working partnership with the local Dunbar Facebook group Dunbar On-Line which currently has 7,300 members and Andrew Morris, believes there is a growing demand for a local home grown radio station.

Dunbar on Air is a registered charity, governed by trustees who are all volunteers. It will run in tandem with the town's facebook group and once established, it will formally advise Ofcom and an FM/DAB Community Radio Broadcasting licence will be applied for. The initial response to Dunbar on Air is good and they are actively seeking funds to assist with the £7k set up costs.

Their aim is to actively promote local good causes and encourage involvement from schools, charities, clubs and other organisations. The station will be run entirely by volunteers with all in-house training provided and open to anyone and everyone in the local area. Work experience will also be offered to those interested in making media their career.

Questions and answers followed with regards to how Dunbar on Air would operate with regards to the funding required and how this would be obtained. Cllr Bruce thanked Mr Morris for taking the time to come to talk to the Community Council.

The normal matter of ELCC business followed after the departure of Mr Morris.

**1:00 Apologies:**

**2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 19 March, 2019.** The minutes were approved by CT and seconded by AL.

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

- 6.01 Viridor – NHS Health Care Waste
- 6.02 G. Simpson letter to ELCC
- 6.03 ELC Benefit Fund Banking

**4:00 Police Business:**

PC Gavin Ross has just returned from a fortnight's leave and has been busy playing catch up. He has looked through the incidents and nothing of note to report but attached the CAPP priorities, for the next CAPP meeting, which is to be held on 9 May, 2019. If anyone has any questions or would like further information, please contact PC Ross.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9 May 2019 in Dunbar Police Station at 7.30pm. Tel: 01368 860362

Priority	Actions to be Undertaken	Person responsible.
Speeding	Conduct speed checks at two locations where Jim and Jemima have been located.	Dunbar Community Officers
A1 Cement Works Junction	Liaise with Roads Policing colleagues and Viridor representatives regarding the safety of the junction for lorries.	Dunbar Community Officers
Dog Fouling	A week of action targeting known hotspots for fouling	Dunbar Community Warden

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

The balance as of 7 May, 2019 stands at £3,384.64

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

**6.01 Viridor**

MF was called to a meeting today at Viridor along with other local Community Councillors to be advised of the following piece of information.

Following the problems with the firm HES going under late last year, NHS Scotland have been working on a contingency plan to deal with the growing amount of 'Healthcare waste' that needs to be dealt with. They have been sending the northern part of Scotland's waste to the Shetland Isles for incineration and the southern part to Leeds.

This is no longer an option as Leeds City Council who are fund the facility, want their contract honoured and their waste burnt, this has not been happening due to the NHS taking up capacity.

With the knowledge and support of the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland recently approached Viridor and an agreement has been concluded for the burning of 'Orange Bag' clinical waste for an initial period of six months. This actually commenced yesterday, Monday 6 May, 2019!

As this is out with Viridor's licence, SEPA have been involved from the start and, subject to extra regulations being adhered to, have confirmed they will not prosecute Viridor while they take this job on.

'Orange Bag' waste consists of wipes, swabs, personal protective equipment etc. It does NOT contain body parts, needles, 'sharps' radio-active material, liquids, dental amalgams, mercury etc. In short no nasties.

This will not go to landfill but will be incinerated on a daily basis. There will be four to five lorries per day from Glasgow. No extra traffic is being created as Viridor have to turn away business to take this on.

No bags are opened. Bags are separated in a special bay and processed, and then the grab used is disinfected. There will be no effect on emissions from the plant.

NHS Scotland have not as yet produced any kind of communication as they didn't believe it would be necessary (in England similar arrangements have not produced any large reaction from either local people or the general public) neither have Viridor, although they both are now doing so after requests from the meeting.

ELC have been involved, although the rep at the meeting, Cllr Norman Hampshire was very unhappy at the turn of events, especially as the deal has started with no announcement.

This is seen by both parties as a temporary measure to allow NHS Scotland to get back up to date and put long term arrangements in place.

Viridor staff has been informed and are broadly supportive as this waste is apparently less dangerous than the normal 'Black Bag' waste they usually deal with.

Scott Reynolds (title) and Sue Anderson (Visitor Centre & Community Benefits Officer) of Viridor will be happy to answer any questions from the public.

East Lammerrmuir Community Council Councillors are angry and disappointed this situation has been agreed without advising or consulting with the community. It illustrates a total disregard of the community at large.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed a statement from ELCC would be released for inclusion on our website and for distribution to other village websites within the ELCC area. A press release would also be issued.

### 6.02 G. Simpson letter to ELCC

Gordon Simpson, a resident of Oldhamstocks and prior member of Oldhamstocks Community Association Committee, wrote to CT for ELCC on 9 March, 2019, outlining his concerns and the many flaws with the handling of the 'mediation' process in Oldhamstocks. Mr Simpson had attended the ELCC meeting in March and discussed the contents of his letter at length with community councillors. One consequence of this was the invitation to Caitlin McCorry to join this evening's meeting.

It was agreed CB should draft a letter, for agreement with all community councillors, in response to Mr Simpson's letter.

### 6.03 ELC Benefit Fund Banking:

Cllr Bruce has spoken with the Development Trust Association whose advice is to think very carefully re the charity status for the new Community Fund, as you cannot be seen to discriminate against anyone and this might limit charitable activities aimed at the alleviation of poverty. Further questions need to be asked as a non charitable organisation can set up a charitable arm.

Cllr JH & BW have submitted documents to OSCR and once a response is received by the end of May, 2019, documents can then be lodged with Companies House. Our Members of Association and Articles fit must within their criteria before we submit to Companies House.

Colin Bloomfield advised of the research he has undertaken in connection with the ELCBF bank account. Following the meeting Colin clarified our current and future positions, prior to starting an application process for a new ELCBF bank account.

Current Position:

	Existing ELCC Account	Crystal Rig/ Fred Olsen
What its function?	1.ELCC Admin budget 2. Transit account for grant monies issued from Fred Olsen prior to issue to recipient. 3. Holds residual unspent/unclaimed grant monies and any returned monies.	Holds all remaining grant funds
Approx holding	1. £300 to £1000 2. £x from 'transit' funding Fred Olsen authorisations prior to issuing to the recipient. 3. £20k (primarily unspent Oldhamstocks village Hall project)	£169k minus recent authorisations

Future position:

	Existing ELCC Account	New ELCBF Account	Crystal Rig/ Fred Olsen
What its function?	1.ELCC Admin budget	1. Transit account for grant monies issued from Fred Olsen prior to issue to the recipient.	Holds all remaining grant Crystal Rig funds

		2. Holds residual unspent/ unclaimed grant monies and any returned monies. 3. Holds any annual grant from Comm. Windpower + any back payment from CW.	
Approx holding	1. £300 to £1000	1. £x from Fred Olsen funding authorisations. 2. £20k (primarily unspent Oldhamstocks village Hall project) 3. Approx £150k back payment from CW.	£169k minus recent authorisations.

Prior to opening an application with the proposed bank, ColinB needs to get more clarification on the following points, as it is expected the Bank to ask for this information (as based on his initial conversations with them to date):

1. A more precise number for the unspent grant monies (Oldhamstocks plus any others) currently held in our existing account that we would be transferring to the new account.
2. The estimated timescale for the funding agreement with CW to be finalised
3. A better estimated number (we mentioned £150k) of the likely 'back payment' from CW
4. Agreement that if the above interpretation of the situation is correct that the most appropriate account out of the two possible (see attached) is the Triodos Business and Charity Deposit Account and finally:
5. We have to select the type of notice period when we open the account, which would be either 'Easy Access' or '33 days notice period' depending on how we wish to operate the funding processes.

ColinB asked for ELCC views on this please in order to have a fuller discussion at our next meeting.

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

##### **Planning Applications:**

##### **Liaison Meetings:**

##### **Tarmac Liaison Group**

Cllr MF attended the Tarmac Liaison meeting on 3 April, 2019 and reported as follows:

There are a total of 144 employees, 80% from within a 10 mile radius of the site, although the manager lives in Edinburgh.

A new mill will be opening next year providing an additional 200,000 tonnes of output per annum. There will be no additional road traffic because of this as product will be moved by rail. Cost of this investment is £15,000,000

20% of kiln fuel is made up from old tyres and dried waste sewage. The balance being fuel oil.

The plant has sufficient raw material to run for another 33 years. The output of particulates is 300% less than in 2016. The output of sulphur is 250% less than in 2016. During the 'dust incident' last year

which affected Dunbar, 770 cars were washed at Tarmac's expense. The collapsed Clinker Store which caused the dust incident is being rebuilt at a cost of £800,000.

A £2,400,000 investment is being made in SRF, solid recovered fuel. This is being bought in from Hamilton' in Musselburgh and will add three trucks per day on the A1.

The outline of the plant will not really change much with the addition of the new mill. Tarmac is speaking to ELC about re-routing the Cycle Path to the other side of the railway. They are also looking to privatise the road. They have an issue of pilfering from the site and are concerned for safety when large machines are broken in to.

Travellers moved from Skateraw to the A1 roundabout site, where they were easier kept an eye on.

There is currently one train per week leaving the plant.

Tarmac is happy to contribute to the A1 Action Group and Cllr MF sent them the email re June's meeting.

There will be another 'Open Day' in June as part of Dunbar Civic Week.

#### **Viridor Community Liaison Group**

MF attended this meeting on 10 April, 2019 at which the following was noted:

Landfill tonnages down due to the ending of the Edinburgh contract. East Lothian contract coming on stream until 2020 when landfill ban comes into effect. Two years tipping capacity remains.

Following the fire in the validation shed, which is not back in service as yet and may not be? There were nine fire tenders onsite, the cause of the fire was probably lithium batteries. No environmental impact.

12,000 sq metres of capping will be carried out this summer. Leeching pumps will become fully operational.

Re continuing concerns raised about litter from lorries entering/leaving the site, Viridor have asked for details of individuals if possible so they can take this up with individual drivers.

Final optimisation of the incinerator is ongoing. 66,000 tonnes received Q1 2019. 55,600 megawatt hours have been produced and sent to Torness.

No update on the Heat Plan, discussions ongoing, including with ELC, formal heat plan due January 2020.

SEPA last visited 13 March 2019 for routine inspection. Viridor are now beginning to monitor emissions, there have been occasions when these have exceeded limits. By the end of April the site will be deemed to be fully out of the commissioning phase. There has been one dust breach and one organic carbon breach during commissioning which don't yet count.

SEPA will start Viridor off with an EXCELLENT score, any future breach will lower that result. SRF will not make any discernible difference to the emissions.

The next inspection is at the end of May.

East Lothian's MP and MSP visited in February. Twenty five graduates visited for two weeks recently. Viridor have received a good level of applications from the National Apprenticeship Scheme.

Viridor are making educational visits and visiting Job Fairs.

Local artist Svetlana Kondkova has been commissioned to make a mural from waste plastics for the new Visitor Centre, work is still in progress, however the Visitor Centre will NOT be an 'Open Facility'.

The noise complaint from Innerwick is progressing, Viridor have offered a visit to site, after hours to comply with the complainant's wishes. I am waiting on available dates so we can proceed

**Newsletter:** Information for the summer newsletter is required as soon as possible please.

**8:00 Correspondence:**

**9:00 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 June, 2019 in Innerwick Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please note this is a change to our original date.**