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## EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting of East Lammermuir Community Council held in Oldhamstocks Village Hall on Tuesday, 20 August, 2019 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cris Thacker/Martin Fyfe/Chris Bruce (Chair)/Colin Bloomfield/  
Janice Hanvidge/Janette Macdonald/Anne Lyall

**In attendance:** Mr Angus Macdonald, Mr John McGregor - Oldhamstocks  
Community Association. Mr David Mumford - Innerwick Resident and Pauline  
Jaffray

**1:00 Apologies:** Doug Haig, Acting Manager, Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership

Chair, Chris Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting and all present introduced themselves. Cllr Bruce asked if the three members of the public in attendance would like to bring their matters to the attention of the meeting.

Mr Mumford advised a number of residents from Innerwick are very interested in organising a public meeting within Innerwick to discuss climate change and what the village can do collectively. The Scottish Government through the Big Climate Conversation offer community funding from between £100-£300 to assist. Grants can only be made to constituted bodies and would ELCC be a conduit in helping secure a grant? Discussion followed at which Mr Mumford was asked a series of questions re the format of the meeting/group. ELCC would be willing to help but required the assurance of Mr Mumford that this proposed new group would not be involved or get involved with any pressure group. Also could the meeting be opened up to extend an invitation to all East Lammermuir villages? It was agreed Cllr Fyfe would work with Mr Mumford on the application, which would be circulated to ELCC prior to submission.

Mr Angus Macdonald of Oldhamstocks Community Association advised a number of residents in Oldhamstocks had not received the summer 2019 East Lammermuir Community Council newsletter, which had included an information sheet on the East Lammermuir Community Benefit Fund. Cllr Hanvidge assured both Mr Macdonald and Mr McGregor that she herself had hand delivered the newsletters. It would be helpful if Mr Macdonald could supply a list of properties who had not received this information, which was also available via the ELCC website.

Mr Macdonald also asked if ELCC intended to hold a public meeting with regard to the Community Benefit fund. At present, ELCC have not finalised the documentation but would consider holding a public meeting once all the necessary requirements and agreements are in place, if that appears to be the most effective way of getting the word out.

**2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 12 June, 2019.** CB advised Cllr Donna Collins was in attendance at this meeting. With this amendment, the minutes were approved by Cllrs. Hanvidge and M Fyfe

**3:00 Any other items to be added to agenda:**

- 3:01 EL Community Benefit Fund
- 3:02 Crystal Rig 1V - Public Inquiry
- 3:03 Automated Alert System - publicity
- 3:04 What Works Scotland Community Council research recommendations
- 3:05 SES Plan
- 3:06 Belhaven Hospital public event
- 3:07 Villages road safety

**4:00 Police Business**

The next CAPP meeting will take place on 23 September, 2019 at 7.30pm

**5:00 Treasurer's Report**

Cllr JH advised we have a balance of £914.64 as of 20 August, 2019.

**6:00 Matters Arising**

3:01 East Lammermuir Community Benefit Fund

To move the banking process forward Cllr ColinB requires some additional information from which he sourced guidance at the meeting.

Cllr Bruce advised Oldhamstocks Community Association (OCA) may wish to put forward a suggestion that they draw their share of wind farm monies to deposit in a holding fund. This could not apply to the Fred Olsen windfarm monies who do not allow this process, but could be a consideration of the Community Windfarm monies. Oldhamstocks also had access to monies from a further two windfarms, which would be going direct to OCA.

Mr John McGregor on behalf of OCA asked the following questions, all relating to the proposals to set up East Lammermuir Community Benefits Fund.

1. Have the documents been forwarded to Company House/OSCR? *Not as yet, as further detail is being confirmed*
2. Is the ELCBF to have charitable status? *Yes*
3. Will ELCC be holding an open meeting prior to the ELCB Fund being launched? *Will consider*
4. Can OCA view the draft Memorandum of Agreement? *At present this work is still in progress and cannot be finalised until we receive comments from both major funders, as well as (hopefully) Companies House and OSCR. Once we are further through the process the document will form the basis the proposed ELCBF and therefore become publically available at that point.*

Cllr Thacker asked, why OCA wants to view the documentation at this stage, minutes of which have been in the public domain? He personally felt OCA consistently picks at the work, which is considerable, ELCC voluntarily do for the

benefit of the community. Cllr Fife agreed with Cllr Thacker and as a relatively new Community Council was disappointed with the negative attitude from OCA.

To set up the proposed East Lammermuir Community Benefit Fund has involved an enormous amount of work. ELCC has sought professional advice and legal guidance throughout the procedure. Numerous meetings and workshops have been held over a period of some four years and we have worked exceptionally closely with the two wind farm companies involved. It has certainly not been an easy process, but is a process, which on advice, serves our community best. However, another option is to leave the process for disbursing windfarm benefits as it currently stands, but this too involves the treasurer with a great deal of work.

### 3:02 Crystal Rig 1V - Public Inquiry

Cllr Fife noted an objection to the above has been made from an Innerwick resident but was disappointed this had not been brought to the attention of ELCC. This actually made him wonder what East Lammermuir residents thought of the community council and would it be a good idea to inform and survey the local population. Also were the local population aware the Crystal Rig 1V development consisted of eleven new turbines of which a number, three in total would be over 600ft. Can ELCC canvass views from the local community? Cllr Bruce advised ELCC have not been kept informed with this development as all of the new turbines are in the Borders Council region, who have publically stated this new application is a step too far. The access route for doing all of the work does run through East Lammermuir, so CB would write to Energy Consents at Scottish Government to advise ELCC wishes to be consulted and informed.

### 3:03 Automated Alert Communications System - publicity

Sandy Baptie, Emergency Planning, Risk and Resilience Manager Protective Services East Lothian Council recently, met with Police Constable Lynn Black, Community Planning Officer for East Lothian, regarding an automated 'alert' communication system that allows immediate, specific, targeted and urgent messages to be sent to the public, who have self-registered, highlighting ongoing crime, missing persons and risks.

This is an excellent use of technology and ELC are encouraging volunteers to sign up for this process to allow additional information sharing. It is the intention of ELC to use this alert system to pass on information regarding forthcoming risks, emergencies and/or information connected to, a recovery from any major disruption. Police Scotland will continue to use the process to highlight their own area of work, as stated above.

Once signed up, it is easy to cancel, if the person is dissatisfied with the process. To gain access please visit the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland website, <https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/>

and click on the 'sign up for alerts' button. You will then be required to enter your details, email address and mobile phone number. Usually only an email will be sent to the person who has self-registered, in the event of information sharing,

however, a text message may also be circulated in particularly urgent circumstances such as a vulnerable missing person (child/elderly).

Willie Clark is one of the administrators of this alert process for Scotland and he would be delighted to attend one of our meetings. All Community Councillors agreed that this was a helpful proposal which should be publicised across East Lammermuir for everyone who wishes to sign up.

3:04 What Works Scotland Community Council research recommendations  
CT is working on this and hopes to have information available at our next meeting

3:05 SESplan Strategic Development Plan 2 (SDP2)

On 16 May 2019 SESplan received notification that the Scottish Ministers had rejected the above plan. Scottish Ministers have advised that under Section 13(1) of the Planning Act (the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), this decision has been made for following reasons:

- The Scottish Ministers are not satisfied that the Plan has been informed by an adequate and timely Transport Appraisal.
- The plan does not take sufficient account of the relationship between land use and transport.
- The Scottish Ministers do not support the use of supplementary guidance to resolve this issue.

SESplan is currently engaged in having regard to the requirements of the Planning Bill which has progressed through parliament and is anticipated to enter the statute books in the coming months (The Planning (Scotland) Act). The Bill removes the requirement to prepare Strategic Development Plans and introduces a new requirement to prepare Regional Spatial Strategies.

3:06 Belhaven Hospital public event: this had been attended by colleagues from Dunbar Community Council. In the absence of an appropriate community councillor representative, it would be good if any local interested resident(s) of East Lammermuir were willing to represent the community council at these events as plans for Belhaven proceed.

3:07 Road safety throughout the villages

A plea to drivers in the village of Innerwick to slow down is not working and Cllr Fife suggested ELCC run a competition asking local school children to design a road safety poster. This was unanimously agreed and MF to speak with the head teacher of Innerwick and Stenton, as well as to the police. MF would also find out the costs involved, which would include a prize for the winning poster.

Cllr AL asked if the speed limited in the village of Spott could be a mandatory 20mph and who should she speak to. A survey is currently being carried out in Dunbar re the 20mph speed limit.

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

**Planning Applications:** Cllr MacD forwarded planning applications directly to community councillors. It was not now such a straight forward process as they are now in pdf format.

### **Liaison Meetings:**

**Viridor Credits Scotland Steering Group.** Barbara Wyllie had sent an email to advise that Viridor are standing down the Steering Group.

**Newsletter:** Cllr MacD would start working on the autumn/winter newsletter if required.

**Electric Car Charging Points.** Cllr Fife has noticed the appearance of two electric car charging points in Dunbar High Street and wondered if ELCC could provide electric car charging points for each village. Cllr McD advised ELC have installed one in Stenton Church car park. This is something that could also be discussed at the proposed Innerwick Climate Change meeting. Cllr MF will take this project forward. It was suggested he speak with Morag Haddow in the first instance.

**Spott:** Potholes are an ongoing issue. JMacD advised AL these can be reported via ELC website.

**Stenton:** The bridge over the burn in Stenton Woods needs to be made more safe and one of the stone steps is loose. The Bridle-pathway from South Belton/Thistlycross roundabout to Myreside is badly overgrown. The gate for access also needs repair

**Benches:** MF has received a couple of responses to his question 'Would you like benches in your village?' and will take this project forward.

## **8:00 Correspondence**

Local Energy Scotland - Benefits from Crystal Rig. Cllrs CB&JH would respond.

**9:00 Date of Next Meeting: 1 October 2019 in Spott Village Hall at 7.30pm**