

ELCC Meeting Minutes – 14th July 2020

Virtual meeting (Webex)

Present:

Colin Bloomfield (Webex Host); Chris Bruce (Chair); Cris Thacker; Janice Hanvidge; Anne Lyall; Janette MacDonald

Apologies

Donna Collins, Julia Harrison

Visitors attending (part meeting)

None

Previous Minutes

Minutes from 16th June were approved (Proposed JaniceH, Seconded JMcD)

Items

1. Matters arising

A card had been received from the Deputy Lieutenant of East Lothian, thanking East Lammern Community Council for the support work carried out so far during the Covid-19 crisis.

JaniceH had spoken to Pauline Jaffray, and confirmed she is still convalescing currently.

No attendees at this meeting had access to any updates on the cable-laying works between Thorntonloch and Crystal Rig.

The next ELCC meeting might be possible in person, depending on Covid restrictions at the time, and the unknowns of enhanced venue cleaning. A consistent approach would try to be coordinated in terms of village hall re-openings and the required standards (**Action** ELCC members to continue discuss/communicate/monitor as the situation progresses). JMcD commented that the previous deep clean of Stenton Hall prior to the Covid crisis cost approximately £300, so Hall re-opening may well depend on both the financials and practicalities of the sanitising measures required. It was also noted that some businesses are re-opening and in doing so, also monitoring customers temperatures on immediate entry to the premises and recording contact details of customers for possible future traceability purposes.

No further updates were available on the Hallhill/ Dunbar Development, so it was not known if Dunbar Medical Centre had received information regarding the new care home development specified as part of this scheme (**Action**: follow up next meeting)

CB had contacted Rob Fryer of CWP regarding Wind Farm benefits. They have sent a construction program for Aikengall Ila turbines (5 of the proposed 19 turbines were thought to be in East Lothian) which will commence May 2021. Rob Fryer will attend a future meeting with their main contractor (RG McLeod). JMcD asked whether they had said anything regarding the outstanding £60k benefits due to ELCC. CWP are currently promoting the funding they have contributed already to the Covid crisis funding mainly in Dunbar area. CT asked whether there was any information regarding future employment opportunities from these wind farm developments. It would be good if CWP could comment

on this when they attend the August meeting. (**Action** CB to invite Rob Fryer and others from CWP to attend the August meeting)

Sam McMillan from SSE/SeaGreen has approached CB to suggest attending our September meeting as CB would ask Rob Fryer of CWP to attend the August meeting. ColinB would then issue a Webex invite for Sam and two other attendees for the September meeting. They would be asked to send a presentation in advance. (Action CB to contact the company and request a delay till September, and ColinB to issue a Webex invite for the September meeting) **Action CB/Colin B.**

CB had also had contact with Ruth Semple (Natural Power/Fred Olsen Renewables) to finalise agreements over Crystal Rig III. CB had answered the nature final agreement depends whether FOR are moving to an agreement where ELCC take the primary decision over funding allocations, in which case the agreement would need to be with the new East Lothian Lammermuir Community Benefit Fund (once established) rather than ELCC (**Action CB**).

2. Liaison Groups

Julia Harrison was absent at this meeting but was thought to have attended the postponed Torness Annual Liaison Group on the 25th June (virtual). Feedback would be sought for inclusion in the minutes at the August meeting (**Action JuliaH**).

A Viridor liaison meeting was thought to have been proposed on the next extension to the Viridor site. Further information was awaited.

3. Treasurers Report

Two other funding enquiries had been received asking for more information prior to submitting potential funding requests.

Owing to the Covid crisis, the next round of Crystal Rig Community Benefit funding 'normal' applications would be considered at our November 24th 2020 meeting. It was proposed to plan to reopen applications in October and to issue application forms and info by email to village organisations then.

To date it was noted that ELCC COVID Support Funding totalling £9016.42 had been utilised to date.

4. COVID response/Support Fund

CB proposed putting together a combined ELCC response for the Council representing the experience of Coronavirus and the pandemic in our 4 villages. Everyone attending had sent their feedback on 3 key questions:

What's it been like

What's been helpful

What would have been helpful if we have to do this all again

CB was constructing a response based on the combined feedbacks (**Action CB**)

AL asked whether ELC/Connected Communities had contacted ELCC members regarding SPoC responses. Attendees at the meeting confirmed they had not and this would be followed up. AL also noted that she also needed to circulate generic Risk Assessment materials mentioned in a previous meeting (**Action AL**).

It was noted that the more populated areas in East Lothian had been very busy in terms of Covid response levels and were considering ceasing support services at the end of July, but as the East Lammermuir area had been relatively quiet in comparison, most local communities would be continuing to run support systems that had been put in place, at least for the near future and through any potential second Covid wave.

5. AOCB/ Carryover Actions

From a previous meeting there was also a need to at least establish 'rough ball park costs' of Thistle Foundation type services on a part-time basis initially from Ross Grieve, recognising that there may also be other service providers. Ross had been contacted and an answer was awaited. **(Action CT)**.

CT had made contact with the mental health worker in North Berwick High School supporting for youths in East Lothian last week but to date no reply had been received. This was being followed up. **(Action CT)**.

CB commented the Dunbar Medical Practice had now advertised for a Links Worker post. It was thought there was an open tendering process for the service, and various organisations such as Thistle and Link would be tendering.

Previous meeting discussions had highlighted services such 'as exercise on prescription' can be an outcome from both mental health requirements as well as physical requirements for a patient. JMcD had emailed Bill Axon, General Manager of Enjoy Leisure, about exercise programs but no reply had been received at the date of this meeting **(Action JMcD)**

The Changes organisation (who had attended the previous virtual meeting) had sent some basic information through to ColinB initially. It was thought this info could be ~~edited down into~~ reduced to A5 type flyer for broader circulation to communities. JaniceH and JMcD volunteered to have an initial look at his **(Action JaniceH/JMcD)**.

AL commented that the DELAP had met and various funding applications considered, although a little funding was still available over and above the applications that had been approved.

Residents in Spott have complained about speeding in country lanes. AL to contact Gavin Ross. **(Action AL)**

Colin Bloomfield offered to take a note of future meetings held virtually, and this offer was gratefully accepted.

6. Date of next meeting

25th August 7.30pm by Webex, or possibly in person at Stenton Village Hall depending on Covid restrictions at the time.