

ELCC meeting – Tuesday, 6 October 2020 Agenda

19.30 by Webex

1 - Present and apologies

Present Community Councillors Colin Bloomfield, Janette MacDonald, Cris Thacker, Anne Lyall, Donna Collins, Julia Harrison, Janice Hanvidge, Chris Bruce (Chair & Notes)

In attendance Cllr Norman Hampshire, Cllr Paul McLennan

2 - Minutes of meeting held 25 August 2020

Approval of Minute

The date of previous meeting was to be corrected

Otherwise the minutes were approved (Proposed Cllr Thacker, Seconded Cllr Bruce)

Matters arising not featuring elsewhere on Agenda

- a. Local Liaison Group, NnG cable works

Successful recent maildrop got to all addresses on time ☺

Innerwick PWA has applied for a grant from the contractors for works to Village Hall

Community Windpower's Contractors appear not to have joined the Liaison Group – Julia Harrison to follow up with local manager Patrick

- b. Aikengall Windfarm benefits – update

No progress with Community Windpower despite several reminders. Community Benefits Agreement with Cockburnspath & Cove Community Council signed off recently - to be reviewed.

- c. Enjoy Leisure/Exercise Referral scheme

Paul McLennan was to approach Enjoy Leisure on our behalf with respect to Exercise on prescription – but we have not heard back from them. Norman Hampshire would pursue this on our behalf.

3 – Crystal Rig Community Benefits – now re-open

Has been advertised on website and e-mails sent to previous bidders

Cllr MacDonald will generate a poster to be put up in each village

Agreed that organisations which had made successful applications prior to the Lockdown should be asked whether they can use the funds for future events, and if so asked to ring fence and carry forward the sum – also agree to cover any unavoidable costs already incurred such as publicity or insurance for Flower Shows.

All decisions to be shared with us as the group who had recommended the original awards.

Cllrs MacDonald and Hanvidge to prepare a letter to this effect and send to relevant organisations.

4 – Treasurer’s Report

Community Support Fund has paid out £11859.42, leaving £29,140.58 available

5 – Covid-19 Support arrangements - Review/forward look

Links worker/Wellbeing Practitioner

Cllr Bruce declared an interest. Cllr Thacker to follow up with Ross Grieve at Thistle.

Cllr Thacker had a productive discussion with local mental health worker Helen Harper – we may receive a proposal from them in due course.

Norman H. suggested we might want to talk to The Ridge about the work they provide in Dunbar associated with mental ill health, with referrals from Dunbar Primary Care Centre. Cllr Thacker would also follow this up.

No other proposals at present.

6 – Councillors issues

Cllr Hampshire gave an update on **East Lothian Council** activities: 1000+ staff working from home, (IT system struggling!) All meetings are held remotely – some are now being broadcast e.g. a recording of this morning’s Planning Committee will be broadcast – hoping to move to live casting. Estimating at least 12 months of operating this way – challenging.

ELC is still working in partnership with NHS and Public Health Scotland – e.g. to deal with outbreaks. Council has to try to seek to ensure local residents adhere to national guidance including restrictions.

Significant financial overspend accruing.

On future development, Council is holding Spott Rd “DunBear” site for employment proposals only.

Care – for older people, a new model is emerging. Covid has changed our expectations of large Care Homes – Cllr Hampshire saw extra care housing and hospital at home models much more likely to come forward. Herdmanflat site may offer opportunity for this in Haddington. Model brings in funding from individual owners so may be attractive to public bodies.

Dunbar against Racism Group being established – looking to involve community councils in diversity and equality

12th October – Dunbar & East Linton Health & Wellbeing Group meeting – Need Assessment due end of December 2020 – must incorporate East Lammermuir area. ELCC to discuss who will represent us on this group.

Village issues

Flu Injections – being carried out at home – members were aware that some local patients being visited were not given notice of appointments – Cllr MacLennan will pick up with Health & Social Care Partnership to see if forward notice can be given for this otherwise very welcome service.

Oldhamstocks

Previously reported derelict caravan been made safe by the owners. Thanks to PC Gavin Ross for making the links.

Care - several local residents have benefitted from new service at Belhaven – very positive feedback. Thanks to all involved.

Positive experience of providing support to individuals who needed packages of care and support – by supporting local residents to do this work when formal providers cannot recruit staff. Cllr Hampshire said he thinks the training should be freely available to these individuals via the council. To follow up with Cllrs Hanvidge & MacDonald.

Spott

- Speeding traffic still an issue
- Proposed Development at St John's Street – was to be called in to planning committee – is in the Development Plan. That makes it very difficult for planning officers to turn it down.

Cllr Anne Lyall asked whether funding from Covid Support fund can be used for re-opening the Spott Village Hall. This had been discussed at August meeting and approved for use for essential repairs and for people with particular needs. Use of hall should be in line with council and government guidance about use of local community halls. Environmental Health Officers will give advice on request, including Cleaning Regimes required.

Stenton

Speeding traffic – Cllr MacLennan advised that Peter Forsyth will be in touch about locations for Speed Restriction strips

7 - Liaison Meetings

- I. Dunbar and East Linton Partnership – Anne reported back from 31 August meeting – funds outstanding if any issues should be put forward.
- II. What if . . . Project on bringing together various food poverty initiatives in Dunbar area.
- III. Tarmac 30 September – too late notice for anyone to attend. Cllr Bruce to write expressing concern.
- IV. A1 Action Group Peter Forsyth arranging a meeting in late October / November Cllr Bruce to invite Peter Forsyth to invite reps from Co'path & Cove, since they too have concerns.

8 Planning Applications

Previously distributed as normal to relevant councillors

9 – Communications

I. SSE – NnG Windfarm

Scoping Consultation November - the community councillors were supportive of the idea of outdoor exhibition boards, perhaps four at A0 size, and think there is minimal risk of spreading infection if the boards themselves are well spaced out.

Everyone said that we should ask SSE to do a **maildrop to every house** in the Community Council area as another string to the consultation - setting out the basics so that everyone knows what is going on.

II. Divisional Police Plan – circulated to Community Councillors

III. Paths to Pinkertons – ELCC agreed to consider acting as the constituted body to support a Sustrans-funded feasibility study, led by local residents from Pinkertons – possibly set up as a sub-group of the community council. Based on her current parallel experience in Spott, Cllr Lyall agreed to talk to the Pinkertons residents about what will be involved and come back to us with a recommendation

10 - Any other business

Community Councillors noted that the local Community Police Officer Gavin Ross has moved on to pastures new. We commented on the excellent support Gavin has offered us over the years and wish him well.

It was also noted that Robert Gunn has moved to Sizewell B, and Tam Al-Bishawi has been appointed new station director at Torness.

11 - Date of next meeting

Previously agreed date - 24 November (Oldhamstocks) = likely to be on Webex, and to be preceded by Crystal Rig Community Benefit Fund meeting at 6pm.