

# ELCC meeting – Tuesday, 15th June 2021

19.30 by Webex

## 1 - Present and apologies

**Present Community Councillors** Colin Bloomfield (minutes), Janette MacDonald, Anne Lyall, Janice Hanvidge, Chris Bruce (Chair), Julia Harrison.

**Apologies** Donna Collins

**Visitors In attendance** - Norman Hampshire

## 2 - Approval of previous Minute

Minutes from 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved by C Bruce, seconded J MacDonald, minutes from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were approved by Janice H, seconded Julia H.

## 3. Matters arising from previous minute

Norman H would provide East Lothian Council contact details for the cold weather benefits team (Action NH) – areas affected having non- EH postcodes were probably Oldhamstocks and Dunglass.

Janice H commented that she now had the relevant contact details regarding training for local self-employed care workers.

Chris B he had not yet received feedback from Kirsty at FORenewables regarding their position on 'advertising' of completed projects re-plaques etc. for installations (**Action CB**).

## 4. Treasurer's Report

Janice H had prepared ELCC accounts for the last 2 years, and checked these with Janette MacD. They have now been forwarded to the auditor.

ELCC account balances stood at £655.64 at 31.3.20, £1215.00 at 31.3.21, £1569.33 at 15.6.21. The balance had increased slightly, largely because of different ways of working during the Covid pandemic.

Currently ELCC have received 19 applications for Covid support :

Covid Support Fund community payments to date £14,538.58

Gifted Support payments (Community Associations etc and other organisations struggling with ongoing running costs during Covid) £19,041.07

**Total Covid Support expenditure** (includes other additional items such as PPE, hand sanitisers for Village Halls and other minor items) £33,580.07

Remaining Covid Support Fund balance £7,718.93

FORenwables had confirmed they were happy with ELCC reports on Covid Support to date and had volunteered additional funding if required.

The next round of Crystal Rig Community Benefit Funding will be considered at our meeting scheduled for 16th November 2021. Applications will open mid October.

## **5. Covid-19 Support**

Janette MacD reported that the GP's meeting at the Dunbar practice next week would discuss the Exercise on Referral draft proposals. Implementation target timescale of the pilot project was still July 2021. Enjoy Leisure, had committed to training 1 additional coach (there will be 3 in total) to the required competence levels to assist with the trial period.

A meeting with the Ridge had occurred which had highlighted the massive amount of work and contribution the Ridge were making to local individuals in need of support. It was suggested it would be of benefit to hold an ELCC meeting at the Ridge as the venue for all ELCC Councillors to understand their amazing community contribution in more detail.

## **6 Local Village Issues/ councillor reports**

Norman H highlighted the work associated with the windfarm construction was a source of disruption – Crystal Rig were installing 2 new cables but the next offshore farm construction by NnG would require 7 new cables. Julia H commented that the usual complaints were about speeding through villages, but these were being dealt with through the regular liaison meetings. Not all were due to construction traffic.

A discussion followed on 20mph speed limit areas. Norman H commented that speed limit signs alone were recognised not to be that effective – they generally needed to be combined with other measures such as road narrowing or speed bumps to be more effective. The roads department were currently working on an effective policy of required measures additional to the 20mph signage. Norman H also commented that as a result, Community surveys for whole village support of a reduced speed limit would not be required once the new policy had been approved and was in place. This would be dealt with via the Planning process.

Stenton – nothing additional since the previous meeting.

Colin B commented some time had been spent helping Innerwick Welfare with aspects of their village Hall improvement project.

Norman H commented on the disabled access to Spott church which required a ramp. The family that owns land to the West side of the church had offered to donate land required to improve the access and were working with ELC. The Church group were applying for funding to enable the project.

Anne L reported that Spott were looking at land purchase between the Hall and the Church to enable a cycle way and play park. The ELC architects department were helping with the design process for disabled access to the church. Christine Graham from the community was co-ordinating. It was possibly going to include other facilities such as a water fountain.

Norman H mentioned that Scottish Water had a specific group to support projects to install water fountains/taps in order to reduce PET bottle plastic waste.

Oldhamstocks were considering a project to have electric charging points installed in the village. Stenton already has a charging point for 2 vehicles in the Church carpark.

## **7. Liaison Meetings**

The latest police report had been circulated.

DELAP – latest minutes had been forwarded. Latest applications included Tynninghame Village Hall painting, West Barns Hall asking funding for an events coordinator, and a request for funding of advertising for Dunbar as a day trip destination. The new area plan was due for publication.

Norman H commented that new Planning Applications now had to include information regarding carbon impact reduction. Consultation on the new National plan would be circulated shortly.

Janice H had circulated minutes from the Health and Wellbeing Group. The Belhaven hospital situation and Link Workers update were included. The Older People Action group (over 50's) met on 1<sup>st</sup> June and a draft policy document is being produced to try to move this area forward.

Viridor and Tarmac liaison groups had occurred. The cycle path re-routing by Viridor (who were adopting the site access road responsibilities) was being dealt with in conjunction ELC Planning.

## **8. Planning Applications**

All had been circulated.

## **9. Long Term Strategy – Community Benefits**

Various Councillors were due to step down at September/October elections. It was decided to reserve the August meeting date as a strategic review meeting.

## **10. AOCB**

Village Hall re-opening was raised. NH reported that the current health viewpoint was that the risks were still too high to allow general public access. As soon as the required clearances are given the Council will communicate when it is then safe to re-open Halls, and what protection measures/restrictions will be required.

The ELCC strategy session would be 24<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm by Webex, or in Spott Hall if Covid rules at the time allow a meeting in person.

## **11. Dates of Next ELCC General Meetings**

14th September

26th October

16th November - Funding meeting prior at 18.00