

# ELCC Meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Oldhamstocks Village Hall, 7.30pm

## 1. Present/Apologies

**Present - Community Councillors:** Colin Bloomfield, Chris Bruce, Donna Collins, Kelvin D’Arcy-Burt, Anne Lyall, Wendy Smillie, Cris Thacker, Julia Harrison.

## 2. Roles

As this was the newly formed ELCC, with new members KDB and WS, roles were assigned as follows:

**Chair** – CBr

**Treasurer** – CBI

**Secretary** – JH

Officially, ELCC currently has 6 members: CBr, CBI, JH, AL, KDB, WS. Ongoing discussion regarding co-opting of members whose nominations were delayed or who stepped forward after the election date. After checking constitution, CBr will ask election office to confirm the process and CT will create a poster to advertise for councillors in order to follow due process. **(Action CBr; CT.)**

Assuming we can proceed with this, additional critical roles and responsibilities assigned as follows:

**Communications officer** – CT to undertake training

**Minute secretary** – JH (CBI providing audio recording)

**Planning liaison** – KDB

**Viridor liaison** – David Mumford currently attending meetings as delegate

**Tarmac liaison** – as with Viridor

**Torness liaison** - JH

**Area Partnership rep** – AL, WS as Depute

## **Association of East Lothian Community Councils - CBI**

**A1 Action Group** – JH continuing and attended recent meeting. Will follow up queries over local diversion signs with BEAR Scotland by email.

**(Action JH.)**

**Windfarm benefits (advertising, public reporting)** – CBI currently receiving applications. Format of this to be altered after current round. Strategy regarding this to be discussed and agreed on in future; all members to read and review the strategy document. **(Action ALL.)**

**CAPP** – to be decided

**DELAP Health & Wellbeing Group** – WS will attend next meeting with a view to taking this on

### **3. Functioning of community council and training for members**

CB gave an introduction and description of the functioning of the community council as being the “eyes and ears” of East Lothian Council. The purpose of ELCC is to raise current issues impacting local residents to the council and to represent the views and voices of local villages, working to benefit them and the surrounding rural countryside. ELCC has an influence in the area, promoting important issues, and discusses and chooses whether to support bids and issues raised by local residents. Takes views from local community groups which are affiliated with ELCC.

Planning applications are referred each week to the planning committee, and there is talk of planning session training being made available “soon”.

### **4. Local Updates**

- Oldhamstocks Community Association has been confirmed as a SCIO.
- Innerwick SCIO application is in process.
- Innerwick defibrillator responsibility passed to IPWA.
- Innerwick residents to receive new iodine tablets from EDF Torness.
- Spott community land buyout application has been accepted and the owners may only negotiate with the community regarding the land for the next five years.

- Spott waiting for approval of funding to complete the design phase for path for pedestrians/cyclists.
- Cycle path next to cement works is being worked on. Hurrah!
- Concerns raised about the safety and maintenance of the cycle path next to the A1. JH to raise with BEAR Scotland. **(Action JH.)**
- 20mph consultation across EL is ongoing. AL to send a link to the online consultation if there is one. **(Action AL.)**

## 5. Treasurer's Report

The next round of Crystal Rig Community Benefit Funding will be considered at ELCC meeting schedule for 16th November 2021. Applications are currently open and the deadline is 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

## 6. Correspondence

- Social Isolation Fund – CBr to send on information. **(Action CBr.)**
- Exercise Referral scheme – Enjoyleisure and Dunbar Medical Practices all ready to go; awaiting final signed agreement between Enjoyleisure and primary care partnership. Agreement that ELCC has funded a starter scheme, and once the success of this has been measured and the evidence of its efficacy has been proven, the responsibility of funding this long-term will be passed on. Janice Hanvidge and Janette Macdonald have set up this scheme and will remain involved to see it through to the handover stage.
- SSE consultation roadshow regarding new offshore windfarms – information boards left up in Innerwick Village Hall, open for viewing 6th November 2021. CBr to invite representatives to a meeting (either virtual or possibly at Penston House) on 18th January 2022. **(Action CBr.)**
- SPE Consultation live until 12th November 2021 – Branxton plans particularly relevant to local councillors in Oldhamstocks and Innerwick who will view online. **(Action JH, DC, CBr, WS.)**
- National Care Service consultation to take place on 28th November 2021. Anyone can sign in, but most councillors busy.

- East Lothian Bus Forum – virtual, to take place on 12th November 2021 9.00-11.30am. No councillors available but potential that David Mumford may attend as our representative; JH to contact. **(Action JH.)**

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

- 16th November 2021 at Innerwick Village Hall
- Funding meeting moved to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm, by Zoom.
- List of future meetings to be written up and published. **(Action JH.)**