

East Lammermuir Community Council

Meeting - Tuesday 14th June 2022

19.30 via Webex

Minutes

Meeting rearranged from 7th June 2022 where meeting was not quorate

1. **Welcome – Colin Bloomfield, Anne Lyall, Wendy Smillie, Julia Harrison**
2. **Apologies for absence – Chris Bruce, Pete Branfield, Kelvin D’Arcy-Burt**

3. **Great Expectations – Terry Prior, Dunbar delivered a presentation on 7th June 2022**

4. **Minutes from 8th and 29th March - approved**

Matters arising not on agenda

- Tarmac – contact re A1 roundabout proposal (Julia)
- A1 road closures & diversion signage; CB and DC seeking a de-brief meeting with Kerr Archibald of BEAR Scotland

5. **Any other items of business for the agenda this evening**

- None

6. **Membership of Community Council**

In accordance with East Lothian Council rules, Donna Collins from Innerwick has stepped down from the Community Council as she is now an elected member of East Lothian Council.

Proposals to fill resulting vacancy – make known in the community

7. **Treasurer’s Report**

- Accounts for 2021/22 – accountant who audits these is currently unwell so once he has recovered these can be finalised, signed and a copy sent to ELC.
- Recent scam – update

- Current position is that RBS have returned all monies to our account following their investigations.
- Sharing our experience with other community councils, and small organisations working in East Lothian, via Association of East Lothian Community Councils and VCEL, and the council itself.
- Current ELCC account balance: £1880.01
- The bank also concluded that the chair email account was hacked and access gained. Recommend that members read the anti-fraud information available on line at either RBS website or your own Bank. Online book called *The Little Book of Big Scams* which highlights areas of concern we should all be aware of. Raised awareness and alertness for all members as a result.
- Local priorities have come in at £2698 so far this year, each community association therefore to receive £674.50 from ELCC.

8. Data management and protection

Pete agreed to look into what we require as a Data Manager, linking to the support available from ELC. Training session? **(PB)**

9. Exercise on Referral scheme

- Start date – has not yet started; EnjoyLeisure and Dunbar Medical Centre have set everything up, currently working out the data protection issues and EnjoyLeisure have submitted the paperwork required. Awaiting confirmation that they can start.
- Evaluation proposal **(CBr)**
- Liaison with East Lothian Council **(CBr)**
- Scottish Social Prescribing Network – awaiting contact details from Paul McLennan **(CBr)**

10. Proposed windfarm – Newlands Hill

- Meeting with developers Bellpower, Thursday 5th May – two Stenton residents have investigated further. This is a new phase of

proposed development in a more complex site - as the other sites that have already been developed are generally further away and less visible. The next phase of developments is of land which is closer to habitation. There will be a variety of sizes of masts to compensate for the complexity of the land topography. There is a vast amount of information on the website. Possible community benefits would be higher than previous windfarms at approximately £850000, and ELC has become involved. Potential meeting on 27th June; **CBI to attend.**

- AELCC meeting, 30th May – **CBr sent email.**

11. East Lothian Council engagement (deadline 31 May)

- The Local Housing Strategy – response from ELCC (**CBr to report**)
- The IJB Strategic Plan – response from ELCC (no report)
- The Local Development Plan – no action

12. Liaison Meetings and Roles - updates

- Planning Liaison
- Viridor Liaison
- Torness Liaison
- Tarmac Liaison
- Area Partnership 9 May – focuses on funding and what it is; next meeting coming up and **AL to circulate minutes on drive**
- Association of East Lothian Community Councils 30th May
- A1 Action Group
- East Lothian Bus forum – representative needed
- CAPP
- DELAP Health & Wellbeing Group

13. Local Updates

Innerwick

Skateraw planning application passed despite opposition to it. **JH to continue following.**

New collective set up to question and query planning application for converter station for Berwick Bank project.

Stenton

Doocot repair – scaffolding up and roof being repaired. Speed Sensor light at school **(KDB carry over)**

Spott

Spott to Dunbar path: too expensive and intrusive a project but other organisations are being approached. No news anticipated imminently.

Oldhamstocks

None

14. Windfarm Benefits

Update on Agreement for CRIII / ELCommunity Benefit Fund proposal

Solicitor has sent queries to Harper McLeod; awaiting response. Solicitor has advised that we will likely need both a limited company as well as a charitable company, due to the OSCR guidance. Up to this point our belief has been that ELCC could not be charitable as we are publically elected officials; however North Glenrothes CC do have SCIO status for a community council. Therefore it is potentially possible – very complex area.

Look at OSCR examples on charity tests where time allows. **(ALL)**

Update on choice of Bank Account

Difficult until the above is sorted.

Cost of Living Crisis – Wellbeing Fund proposal

To be discussed at next meeting; huge amount of work required re: funding criteria etc. Potential that we find another organisation set up to do this to administrate.

15. Planning issues

Carry over **(KDB)**.

16. Correspondence

None.

Dates of Future Meetings

All meetings Tuesdays at 19.30:

23rd August – Innerwick - Stevie McKinlay

13th September - Oldhamstocks

25th October - Spott

29th November - Stenton

We will publish any decision about meeting virtually if required one week in advance of each date, on website and local noticeboards.