

**East Lammermuir Community Council**

**Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

***19.30 Oldhamstocks Village Hall***

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and Introductions** – Chris Bruce (Chair), Colin Bloomfield (Treasurer), Julia Harrison (Secretary), Anne Lyall, Pete Branfield

**2. Apologies for absence** – Kelvin D’Arcy-Burt, Wendy Smillie

**3. Minutes of meetings held 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**

- Agreed as a full and final record
- Also agreed in future Minutes will be published online once final version is transferred to the FINALISED MINUTES folder on the Google Drive – so after subsequent meeting.

**Matters arising not on agenda**

- Google Workspace training sessions – PB thinks individual training sessions would be more efficient and targeted, in councillor’s homes to be arranged on an individual basis. **(Action: anyone who would like some training to contact PB with their top 5 questions to arrange a meeting prior to the October meeting)** Follow these meetings up with a discussion at the October meeting (dependent on how loaded the agenda is) regarding housekeeping/filing on Google Drive.
- Data management and protection – PB followed up with SMcK to see if ELCC comes under the council’s GDPR policy; still unclear as of yet. Ongoing. No further scam emails.
- A1 road closures & diversion signage - CBr and DC had a meeting with Kerr Archibald of BEAR Scotland, plus their Engagement Officer. Helpful team but struggling to deal with issues of diversions round small back roads. No accurate method yet of evaluating when diversions further inland have been more successful. Overnight structural resurfacing increasing, meaning that this section of the A1 will be closed seven times more before the end of 2023. Can’t commit to fixing any damage caused by the diversions, as that is the council’s jurisdiction. Planned work on the A1 where the dual carriageway becomes single has been delayed due to the weather and the death of the Queen, and they will evaluate the success of this in a further meeting with DC and CBr. Passing places may be a more fruitful solution to helping ease issues in the future.

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

- None

**5. Membership of Community Council**

- Proposal to co-opt Elisabeth Wilson as member for Insulate Innerwick – approved; CBr to send invite. **(Action: CBr)**
- Proposals to fill resulting vacancy for Innerwick Village community councillor – JH to ask We Are Innerwick to see if anyone involved with that might find it useful to be a part of ELCC. **(Action: JH)** To be discussed again next meeting.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

- Update - £1664.43 in the account.
- Funding applications starting to arrive for the next round (cut-off 31<sup>st</sup> October).
- The Ridge may need to slightly alter their use of our agreed funding due to the cost-of-living crisis. CBr to follow up on exact changes but in principle in agreement.
- IPWA asked if they need to supply a report for the next cut-off; assured that they do not as the funding for works to Innerwick Village Hall is secured and will be granted at each stage, funds allowing.

## 7. Exercise on Referral scheme

- Brief update including Liaison with East Lothian HSCP – CBr spoke with Guy Whitehead, a Clinical Lead within the HSCP. Paul Davis at Enjoy Leisure very experienced and is one of two dedicated staff on the scheme at Dunbar. Makes a difference when it comes to any absence or people moving on – loss of 50% of trained employees rather than cover being able to be provided if the scheme was across East Lothian. Possible hope for a future arrangement and meeting very positive. CBr awaiting details about a meeting for connecting the small scheme with the larger East Lothian network. In relation to the local scheme that we are funding, very positive feedback so far and 6 referrals.

## 8. Proposed windfarm – Newlands Hill

- Offer to host a visit from developers Belltown; at Haddington CC tonight. Exhibitions are on next week, in Haddington, Gifford, and Stenton, to go and meet the developers. Project is quite a way in the future but would be good to get to know them particularly at the time they are doing community engagement – should set a specific presentation time limit with opportunity for questions. **(Action: CBr to invite them to our next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October in Spott.)**
- AELCC developments – CBr previously met with other smaller community councils nearby to see if there could be a joined-up approach. Nothing confirmed yet but a general principle agreed about keeping any funds equitable across the county – great idea in principle but tricky to do in action.

## 9. Liaison Meetings and Roles – Any updates noted.

- Planning liaison (Kelvin) – KDB to attend upcoming meeting of AELCC.
- Viridor Liaison (David)

- Torness Liaison (Kelvin) – upcoming meeting dates; members to check if they are able to go on any dates where Kelvin is unable to attend.
- Tarmac Liaison (David)
- Area Partnership (Anne) – money ringfenced for cycle racks; **AL to email SMcK** to find out whether they are standard issue or if there is a choice, and let him know that in theory we are very interested. Funding may be incoming to address fuel poverty from Community Windpower. Bin lorry cameras (to prevent expansion of potholes) prohibitively expensive for ELC to consider investing. Terry Prior working on Great Expectations 2. Budget for roads – SMcK to pick up list of proposed projects to see where there are gaps.
- Association of East Lothian Community Councils - 14<sup>th</sup> November
- A1 Action Group (Julia)
- East Lothian Bus forum – representative needed
- CAPP (Kelvin) – report received by email
- DELAP Health & Wellbeing Group – representative needed. PB to put the weekly updates about Belhaven Hospital up on the ELCC Facebook page.

## 10. Local Updates

### Innerwick

- IPWA reducing hall bookings due to illness of Derek (Treasurer), with Fran (Chair) stepping back from her role to care for him. Plans for hall refurbishment will not be halted.

### Oldhamstocks

- Village Hall plans taking formation again.

### Spott

- Sustaining Dunbar have put an application in to Sustrans to do a number of road improvements and introduction of quiet roads in the area. Likely to receive response by end of November. May be a follow up to ELCC for remaining funding. **PB to forward email** re Hallhill North housing developments and the plans for construction access roads, as this may have an impact on those plans.

### Stenton

- None

## 11. Windfarm Benefits (CBI)

- Working group with SMcK has not been progressed any further.
- CBI has had a meeting with all engaged parties and they have come to an agreement. Three bodies: (1) ELCC (already exists); (2) a limited company which holds the funds; and (3) a limited charitable company (perhaps named something like EL Community Benefits Trust) which makes all the decisions regarding the

use of the money. The latter two would work together to manage things. CBI going to move ahead with looking at a model and creating two draft constitutions, after which we can meet to discuss in detail.

- CBI querying RBS about the bank account. Seeking three sub-accounts from RBS. Benefit Funds will be transferred to the accounts for the new bodies. Looking at multiple signatories on the accounts – might be a cost for adding these online.
- First invoice for legal fees has been received.

#### **12. Planning issues**

- None

#### **13. Correspondence**

- None

#### **14. Dates of Future Meetings**

All meetings Tuesdays at 19.30pm:

25<sup>th</sup> October – Spott

29<sup>th</sup> November - Stenton

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