

East Lammermuir Community Council  
Minute of meeting held Tuesday 25 October 2022

*19.30 Spott Village Hall*

- 1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair**
- 2. Present: Community Councillors Chris Bruce (Chair & Minutes), Kelvin D’Arcy-Burt, Peter Branfield, Anne Lyall, Wendy Smillie**

**In attendance: Andy & Lyn Collins (for Item 3)**

**Apologies for absence had been received from Colin Bloomfield (Treasurer), Julia Harrison (Secretary), Cllr Lyn Jardine**

- 3. Newlands Hill Wind Energy Hub - Project Update from Belltown Power**  
Matt Olley & Sam McMillan attended  
Presentation (made available separately)  
Discussion around use of computer modelling at engagement events, re-wilding approaches at the proposed site, and community ownership – what would it mean in practice.  
Further engagement events impending, including a session at Stenton Hall on 10 November.  
Latest news available at [newlandshillwindenergyhub.com](http://newlandshillwindenergyhub.com)

- 4. Minutes of meetings held 13 September 2022 - agreed**  
**Matters arising not on agenda**

- Data management and protection – Pete to meet Stevie McKinlay to discuss next week
- A1 road closures & diversion signage; CB and DC seeking a de-brief meeting with Kerr Archibald of BEAR Scotland.

- 5. Membership of Community Council**

Welcome to co-opted member Elisabeth Wilson as member for Insulate Innerwick – agreed to add to ELCC Google Workspace as a co-opted member.

Proposals to fill resulting vacancy for Innerwick Village community councillor – carry forward to next meeting (Julia)

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

- Update sent by e-mail 16 October
- Account balance stands at £1526.19

#### **7. Exercise on Referral scheme (Chris)**

Liaison meeting with East Lothian HSCP and Enjoy Leisure next week. Scottish Social Prescribing Network – awaiting contact details from Paul McLennan – CB to chase up.

#### **8. Insulate Innerwick (Elisabeth)**

Application submitted to DELAP for £5k, and to Crystal Rig community benefits scheme towards costs of proposed feasibility scheme, including (paid self-employed) staff to get the scheme going. Note of Interest sent to Coastal Communities via Sustaining Dunbar. Project Documentation still being updated and improved. Current versions to be shared with ELCC councillors. Large scheme, highly technical, local and national schemes to dovetail with. Costs unclear as levels of insulation can vary. Members keen to support this initiative and hear further updates from Elisabeth in due course.

#### **9. Use of Google Workspace (Pete)**

Members agreed to book 1:1 training sessions with Pete as soon as possible, where required.

#### **10. Proposed windfarm – Newlands Hill**

Thoughts on visit from developers Belltown – continue to engage and seek views from Stenton Community Association in particular as the closest affected community in East Lammermuir.

Association of East Lothian Community Councils developments – will consider collaborative approach to benefits from this development, and future community benefits, at meeting on 14 November

### **11. Liaison Meetings and Roles - updates**

- Torness Liaison (Kelvin) – public meeting of 2 November – Chris to attend if Kelvin is called away.
- Area Partnership (Anne) – revert to ask whether proposed prioritisation of roads work will include a focus on active travel
- Association of East Lothian Community Councils 14 November

### **12. Local Updates**

Brief discussion of pilot Warm Space session in Spott Village Hall “A Spott of lunch”. Members felt it would be an appropriate use of our Community Support Funds, if sufficient remains at present. Pete to pursue.

### **13. Windfarm Benefits**

Update on Agreement for CRIII – final comments to Colin Bloomfield by end of this week.

ELCommunity Benefit Fund proposal - agreed two additional meeting dates for community councillors to think through proposals for limited company and community trust bodies:

Tuesday 1 November Spott Village Hall

Thursday 17 November Innerwick Village Hall (tbc)

### **14. Planning issues**

– DunBear Park applications (Lidl, B&M, Starbucks)

Applications are recommended for approval but have been called in for discussion at forthcoming Planning Committee. No strong feelings of consensus to object or mitigations to propose.

## **15. Correspondence**

- invitation to Dunbar Community Council meeting with Paul McLennan 21 November 19.00; Anne to attend
  - Scottish Forestry consultation re proposed tree felling at Woollands  
Agreed to ask Oldhamstocks Community Association to lead on any response.

## **16. Dates of Future Meetings 2022**

Tuesdays 29 November at 19.30: Stenton Village Hall

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