

ELCC Meeting – Tuesday 29th March 2022

Oldhamstocks Village Hall, 7.30pm

1. Present/Apologies

Present - Community Councillors: Colin Bloomfield, Chris Bruce Chair) , Kelvin D’Arcy-Burt, Anne Lyall, Julia Harrison (Minutes)

Present – Guests: Pete Branfield

Apologies: Wendy Smillie, Steve McKinlay

2. Getting to know you – Steve McKinlay, Connected Communities

Postpone till June **(CBI)**

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of 18th January and 8th March 2022 approved (proposed CBr; seconded CBI)

4. Matters Arising

- Innerwick defibrillator now online: confirmed
- CBI reported Stenton has a schedule to ensure the new defib is maintained appropriately.
- Circuit – register of Defibs **(DC)**; check for next time about Spott and Oldhamstocks too
- Members to send costs of individual village hall hire to CBI – no longer relevant, CBI has paid the halls.
- Tarmac – contact re A1 roundabout proposal **(JH)**
- Tree Repair in John Muir Country Park – mentioned at Area Partnership though nothing concrete decided, suggestion of private ownership – currently parked as others involved.
- Minute secretary – question of employing somebody to do this given time constraints, request can be made for an admin fee from Fred Olsen to cover costs. Would need to advertise if so, but for the moment JH happy to continue as minute secretary.

5. Membership of Community Council/Election Procedures

- Spott vacancy – Pete Branfield co-opted as 2nd representative – congratulations and welcome! (Coffee and cake for next time!)
- Donna Collins running for election as a local councillor; currently working out whether she can be on both the community council and East Lothian Council – TBC. **(DC) CBr** to also check.

6. Treasurer's Report

- CBI now named signatory on the bank account and able to issue payments
 - CBr already a signatory
 - CBI to remove Janice Hanvidge as signatory and investigate how we can have a two-person system for approving electronic payments
- Annual account for the ELCC admin to be confirmed in next three days; **CBI** will email out funds/numbers

7. Exercise on Referral scheme

- Scheme originated by Janice Hanvidge and Janette Macdonald; ELCC funding a pilot scheme connecting Dunbar Medical Centre (DMC) (all three practices) with Enjoy Leisure to prescribe exercise on referral, delivered by now fully trained Enjoy Leisure staff
- DMC Receptionists can do the admin involved with new referrals; area set aside for this to happen at the medical centre
- Start date for the pilot confirmed as 2nd May 2022
- Enjoy Leisure have a proposal for assessment of success – questionnaire for participants at 4 weeks in and at the end of programme. ELCC will receive anonymous qualitative feedback and DMC will also receive more detailed stats and quantitative feedback. Question over review and who will carry out questions about impact of scheme on participants. Potential for link worker involvement. **Q:** How do we make a successful transition to a sustainable engagement from participants? **A:** Enjoy

Leisure intend to offer a reduced membership rate to those who successfully complete the scheme. Agreed it is about more than numbers of new memberships at Enjoy Leisure, we would ideally want to know whether participants develop a sustainable leisure activity habit beyond the programme.

- In order to work out success and availability of funding beyond the pilot scheme, there has to be early evaluation.
- Concern over criteria for initial participants: there is a mental health exclusion.
- Janette and Janice keen to remain involved at some level - **CBI** to ask if they would keep an eye on evaluation and whether they can see about link worker involvement.
- Interim evaluation (patient 50, for example) absolutely key. Need to evaluate compliance/success. Invite Audrey Murray (Enjoy Leisure) Tom Lynch (lead GP) to speak with us at that halfway point.
- CBr to continue to chase up contacts within the Health & Social Care Partnership with an eye to long term sustainable funding for the scheme.

8. Reduced Speed Limits – ELC Proposals

- Anywhere that has not been included in proposals for new 20 MPH limits faces a minimum 6 month wait to reapply/appeal. Further requests will probably be opened in September/October, date TBC, at which point speed sensors will be brought in to measure average speeds of motorists in areas requesting. Community councils will be able to put in requests, on behalf of singular villages.
- East Lothian have developed a criteria for where you can ask for specific limits, rather than the blanket alteration applied to the Borders which had been in process for years.
- Automatic flashing signs when motorists above limit are far more effective; **KDB** to ask CAPP about how these are obtained. Hire?

9. Liaison Meetings and Roles

Planning – KDB checks regularly; nothing recently.

Viridor – no updates

Torness – KDB attended yearly meeting 17th March 2022. Forwarded presentation by email. Key points: generation to stop in 2028, followed by 30 years of decommissioning. May outage for 10 weeks; comment on impact on holiday cottages/lettings, market flooding. JH now unable to attend meetings during the week daytimes, so excluded from Torness Liaison meetings.

Tarmac – no updates.

Area Partnership reps

- Previous meeting cancelled.
- Terry Prior to attend the next meeting to deliver a presentation on Great Expectations, the group set up to represent and support older people.

Association of East Lothian Community Councils – CBI sent a note saying that we are unable to resource this at present.

A1 Action Group – no updates.

East Lothian Bus forum – no representative yet.

CAPP – KDB attended meeting. No police; disappointing.

DELAP Health and Wellbeing Group – no updates.

10. Local Updates

Website – PB has done extensive research and suggests buying domain name ELCC.scot so we can use secure emails. PB to meet with Janette Macdonald to discuss taking over the website. Currently there is very little traffic, and the website could do with freshening up and streamlining for mobile viewing. **All members** to think about what could be added to the website. Initial thoughts: responsibility to keep funding

process open and transparent; prioritise information not already available elsewhere; Facebook great avenue to publicise but needs to be easy to maintain.

Stenton – no feedback from Sue Kempson yet on graveyard and dovecot. CBI followed up on potential of masts for phones with complaint to Ofcom regarding incorrect information regarding signal in area. Disappointing response regarding mobile providers giving out the erroneous data.

Spott – successful social event post-Covid, positive community spirit.

Innerwick – meeting regarding choice of site for tower (Eastern Link) going on same night as this meeting, notes to be passed on by local residents attending. Church declared surplus. Village hall plans being discussed to reduce costs.

Oldhamstocks – church declared surplus, will be discussed at both association Annual General Meetings (running concurrently while SCIO set up)

ELCC Website – GDPR data sharing guidance suggests that we should all use non-personal email accounts. We can potentially get Google Workspace for free, or estimated cost £24 a month to get these emails for 8 people if we cannot demonstrate charitable status. Suggested domain name available at a cost of £20 for the first year, then £40 annually. Many other benefits to Google Workspace e.g. personal and shared drives. PB in contact with Sustaining Dunbar regarding website.

11. Windfarm benefits

- CBI has spoken to Caitlin McCorry who has no concerns regarding the changes to ELCC funding mechanism proposal.
- CBI has sought legal advice from Kathleen Stewart who is an expert on SCIO – fees for advice are £235 per hour plus VAT with an estimate of £3-4k plus VAT to go through whole process. PB to pass details on for a second quote.
- Initial suggestion is that we are likely to need either a normal Limited company or SCIO limited by guarantee to handle the funding aspects.

- Currently it's possible that either ELCC or ELCBF could be registered as charitable with OSCR.
- More information has been provided on the types of work we are involved in to help clarify options.
- Key question is whether we can be characterised as a charitable company; might the Exercise on Referral scheme ensure we can be counted as that?
- Covid Support Fund is now closed and could be replaced with a differently named fund to help with the cost of living crisis and other issues still impacting the local community – new name needed. **All members** to think about what that could be. Clear criteria to be created. Will only be feasible to respond to individuals in need once we have fuller control over decision-making about windfarm benefits – would not met current criteria required by Fred Olsen Renewables.

12. Correspondence

- Anouska Woods, Be Green – Community Co-ordinator (**CBr**)
- Papple meeting (**CBr** may attend)

9. Dates of Next ELCC General Meetings

- **Meeting Dates and Locations 2022**

10th May – Funding meeting via Zoom (tbc)

7th June – Stenton Village Hall

23rd August – Innerwick Village Hall

13th September – Oldhamstocks Village Hall

25th October – Spott Village Hall

15th November – Funding meeting via Zoom (tbc)

29th November – Stenton Village Hall