

**East Lammermuir Community Council meeting Tuesday 21 February 2023, 19:30
Innerwick Village Hall**

Present: Chris Bruce – Chair (CBr), Peter Branfield (PB), Anne Lyall (AL), Kelvin D’Arcy-Burt (KD-B), Colin Bloomfield – Treasurer (CBI), Elisabeth Wilson – Insulate Innerwick (EW), Jill Taylor - Minutes (JT)

Apologies: Lyn Jardine (LJ), Fiona O’Donnell (FO’D), Wendy Smillie (WS), Julia Harrison (JH)

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair, Chris Bruce

Special welcome to new Minute Secretary Jill Taylor. JT saw the advert in SCA email, contacted the Chair by email, had a telephone chat and then an informal interview was held with CB, WS and PB where JT was offered the position on a probationary basis – to be reviewed by both parties in summer 2023.

2. Apologies for absence

See above

3. Minutes of meeting held 17 January 2023

Minutes accepted as a correct record of the meeting. JT to move to correct gdrive folder **ACTION JT**. PB to upload pdf to website **ACTION PB**. JT to create poster stating that ELCC meeting minutes are available online to be laminated and put up on each village’s noticeboard **ACTION JT**.

Matters arising not on agenda

- Exercise on Referral scheme: update (Chris)
Stats were sent round prior to the meeting by CBr. Comments were positive. Evaluation to be done once 100 referrals have been made to the project, which may be sooner than initially expected. CBr hopes ELHSCP will fund scheme across East Lothian, however this would require participants to contribute to cost. ELHSCP to consider proposal in 2w. It may be possible for ELCC to augment statutory funding by providing funding to top-up to ensure scheme remains free at point of use.
 - ELCC to receive the interim evaluation and look at figures
 - Review detail of ELHSCP funding
 - CBr to talk to Enjoy Leisure to find out their proposal, this would give ELCC something to consider.

- overgrown vegetation visibility issue at Spott roundabout (Pete)
No response to email to Bear Scotland **ACTION**: Pete to check vegetation not now been cut and follow up again if still a hazard

- Stenton Speed Reactive Sign (Kelvin)
This is still not working, despite engineer visit. Allan Stubbs (ELC) is going to ask engineer to revisit. Calum Redpath (ELC) suggested there was some work planned on the roads programme for Stenton. Perhaps the DELAP money could be used to bring repairs forward in programme or to buy own speed reactive sign. Alternatively, an application for sign could perhaps go to ELCC via Stenton Community Association. KD-B to follow up re. carriage repairs with Calum Redpath **ACTION KD-B**.

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

None

5. Membership of the Community Council

Discussed communication options to help fill vacancy for Community Councillor to represent Innerwick – advert has been recirculated. Agreed EW should put advert on Facebook and Twitter after PB has inserted map into advert. EW to also put advert on Innerwicknoticeboard & bus stop. PB to put advert on ELCC website. **ACTION PB and EW.** Other local Facebook pages to share. If there has been no response by time of next meeting, consider other options e.g East Lothian Courier.

6. Treasurer's Report

Balance is £3,119.94. CBI has paid annual liability insurance and Information Commissioner's Office registration of £35 p/a. CRIII contract not yet finalised, although this should be available and signed off soon. Halls to provide staged project plans to assist funding plans – CBr to offer support to Oldhamstocks **ACTION CBr.**

7. Insulate Innerwick (Elisabeth)

- Planned meeting with David Ogilvie (ELC) & Cllr Jardine was cancelled.
- EW made ELCC aware regarding flyers that may come out locally soon, which offer to insulate houses and/or fit air source heat pumps. EW noted that this was a commercial company, who do initial screening then pass on details to 4 companies to complete work. For houses to be eligible for funding, they must be able to jump 2 Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) bands after work has been completed. EW feels information and service may be useful for some. To qualify, households need to be in receipt of income related benefits, this includes Child Benefit.
- The fieldwork visit completed by students from Europa University in Flensburg is nearly complete. They have aggregated information from publicly available sources and now have a polygon for every house they have looked at in the Innerwick ward. Houses have been divided into 3 categories based on cost to bring each property to net zero standard. Some information isn't publicly available so some of the data will be incorrect, but this gives a solid starting base. There will be a presentation tomorrow afternoon in Innerwick Village Hall to which all are welcome to attend.

8. Use of Google Workspace (Pete)

- Members to book 1:1 training session as required

EW training session booked.

- Data management and protection

Discussion around data and ELCC holding data. ELCC is required to have a data controller and link to GDPR policy, which should be on ELCC website. PB to look at coming up with policy. CBr to check what other community councils do **ACTION PB and CBr.**

9. Community Benefits – East Lothian

- **Association of East Lothian Community Councils (AELCC)** developments – update (Chris)

AELCC agreed to investigate setting up a Community Benefits Fund – in the first instance using funds generated by proposed Newlands Hill windfarm. All 20 Community Councils will decide whether to go ahead.

CBr meeting Rachel from Fred Olsen re. their solar farm proposal on 8/3. Agreed CBr should ask if they have thought about an East Lothian benefit to the solar farm or should this be solely for the benefit of East Lammermuir? CBI to check figures as currently showing £500 per mgw income, then decision to be made.

- As first step in establishing the purpose of any AELCC East Lothian Community Benefits Fund, CBr wrote to Community Council Chairs and asked each Community Council for their current priorities - 5 x replies received (circulated). We need to submit our own answer. After discussion, agreed ELCC's top three priorities are:-

Community is good for people - Completion of sustainable accessible infrastructure to provide a meeting place for each village community (Village Halls x 4)

People's health and wellbeing - Preventative support and information for all residents of East Lammermuir to maximise their quality of life and health throughout their lives (active travel opportunities/social prescribing with local community activities to access/flexible funding available for people wanting to do stuff/more locally focussed health & social care services/public transport . . .)

Sustainable environment - Reduction of carbon footprint of rural settlements (insulation of all houses/renewable energy sources/travel alternatives to fossil fuelled cars/community-led initiatives to reduce carbon.

CBr noted that priorities will change over time.

10. Liaison Meetings and Roles – updates

- Planning liaison (Kelvin) – no update
- Viridor Liaison (David) – update circulated. There were issues with rubbish which, after a complaint to SEPA, saw operatives collecting rubbish. Valencia is not currently coming to liaison meetings. **ACTION** CBr to chase a contact at Valencia.
- Torness (Kelvin) – virtual meeting 26/3 – KD-B to attend.
- Tarmac Liaison (David) – no update.
- Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership DELAP (Anne) (Election of office bearers) – no meeting since funding meeting in November 2022. AGM will be held on Wednesday 1 March when a new Chair and Vice-Chair will be voted for. Nominations for Chair are Jacquie Bell or Terry Prior and nominations for Vice-Chair are Allison Cosgrove, Barry Craighead or Jacquie Bell. AL to vote for Jacquie Bell and Barry Craighead on ELCC behalf.
- Association of East Lothian Community Councils – not met.
- A1 Action Group 15 December – no further update.
- East Lothian Bus forum – representative needed.
- CAPP (Kelvin) – there was a virtual meeting held on 9/2 – community police officer Calum Tait moving on, will invite new person in post to attend ELCC. Priorities remain speeding/vandalism/drinking in woods.
- DELAP Health & Wellbeing Group (Chris/Jackie) – met last week. Jacquie Bell emailed the report on care homes. CBr to send round. **ACTION CBr.**

11. Local Updates

No elected members present to relay concerns to Council officers.

- Spott reported re. 40mph/20mph signs were felt to be in the wrong place. ELCC suggested SCA write to Morag Haddow at ELC.
- Innerwick - some local concern reported re. 4 x electric charging points as they are on an unnamed road, lane is rutted and access is difficult due to a wall. Cllr Collins was going to see if wall could be taken down on either side (privately owned). AL to chase free cycle racks for all villages via DELAP **ACTION AL.**

12. Windfarm Benefits East Lammermuir

- Update on Agreement for CR111 (Colin)

Another version has been received – ELCC to receive 85%. CBr checking figures with Fred Olsen accountants prior to signing any new agreement on behalf of ELCC.

- Update on proposal for CRIV (Julia)

CBr to check with Julia Harrison if he can ask Kirsty/Rachel from Fred Olsen for update at meeting on 8/3.

- Cost of Living Crisis – Wellbeing Fund proposal. Revised Application Form / approach – discussion with Advice Direct Scotland (Lyn/Colin)

CLlr Jardine has provided contact at ADS, Connor Forbes – CB has emailed ADS but no response to date.

- Proposed meeting with Community Windpower

Rob Prior to meet CBr w/b 6/3.

13. Planning issues

- Local Place Plans

These feed into ELC's development plan. ELCC's Local Place Plan needs to be completed and submitted by October 2023. Important to uphold rural character of villages. Other constituted bodies can also submit a Local Place Plan. CBr to invite all relevant electricity infrastructure developers to ELCC meeting on 25 April at Stenton to discuss **ACTION CBr**.

14. Correspondence

- Invitation to Engagement Events on 28 Feb; solar farm at Crystal Rig

- Gardens Open - Papple Steading

- Belhaven Community Hospital update

- Sustaining Dunbar event series – Flensburg students

- JACS Village Gateways

15. Dates of Meetings 2023

All Tuesdays at 19.30

21 March Spott (Apologies CBI, EW)

25 April Stenton

9 May Community Benefits Funding meeting – virtual

13 June Innerwick (Apologies CBr)

22 August Oldhamstocks

19 September Spott

31 October Stenton

14 November Community Benefits Funding meeting – virtual

5 December Innerwick