

**East Lammermuir Community Council meeting Tuesday 21 March 2023, 19:30
Spott Village Hall**

Present: Chris Bruce – Chair (CBr), Anne Lyall (AL), Wendy Smillie (WS), Kelvin D’Arcy-Burt (KDB), Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ), Jill Taylor - Minutes (JT)

Apologies: Peter Branfield (PKB), Colin Bloomfield – Treasurer (CBI), Elisabeth Wilson – Insulate Innerwick (EW), Fiona O’Donnell (FO’D), Julia Harrison (JH)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies for absence

See above

3. Minutes of meeting held 21 February 2023

- Draft Minutes proposed by CBr and seconded by KDB. JT to move February minutes to folder on gdrive and PB to upload to ELCC website. **ACTION JT and PKB.**

4. Review action points from previous meeting

- Discussed poster for noticeboards about community council minutes – JT to change and add QR code as per discussion. AL to print and laminate 4 copies. **ACTION JT and AL.**

- No update re. A1 vegetation at Spott roundabout.

- No action from ELC on speed reactive sign or road repairs at Stenton. KDB has attempted to follow up with ELC. KDB to forward emails to LJ who will contact ELC staff. **ACTION KDB and LJ.**

- Advertising for Community Councillor for Innerwick has been completed and some interest but nobody definite yet. CBr noted that this post does need to be filled asap due to so much future development in the Innerwick ward.

- CBI continues to offer support to Oldhamstocks Hall re. their staged project plan.

- CBr and PKB continue to work on finding out what other community councils do re. data protection.

- CBr visited Valencia at Oxwellmains this month (more details below).

- CBr sent round DELAP Health & Wellbeing report to ELCC.

- AL emailed Stevie McKinlay, ELC twice this month to chase up cycle racks, no response yet.

- CBr has invited all relevant electricity infrastructure developers to ELCC meeting on 25 April 2023.

5. Matters arising not on agenda

- CBr attended meeting re. exercise on referral scheme today – in Dunbar area, 70 of the 100 places ELCC funded have been taken up, and ELCC will receive a report after end of March. The East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership have now agreed to fund an Exercise on Referral Scheme across all of East Lothian, and we can take some small credit for influencing that decision. We are involved in a small group working up an implementation plan. Paul Davis (Enjoy Leisure), who is overseeing the Dunbar scheme, will oversee whole of East Lothian together with a health specialist. There will be an initial triage of each individual referred, then people taking part will either be

- sent to an NHS health physio or

- provided with a 12 week tailored exercise programme at Enjoy Leisure (cost of this to end user will be means tested) or

- referred to Volunteer Centre, East Lothian for onward referral to appropriate local activity group.

- There will be referrals from all GP practices in East Lothian – work will need to be done on how to engage GPs and Advanced Practitioners. How can ELCC help going forwards? Maybe towards one-off capital costs e.g for laptops for training people at Dunbar. Enjoy Leisure advised to submit a bid for ELCC May funding meeting – deadline 30 April 2023.

6. Any other items of business for the agenda

None

7. Membership of Community Council

- There has been some progress with the Innerwick Village Community Councillor vacancy – 2 people have expressed an interest having seen advert. ELCC are keen to ensure Innerwick representation due to future planned developments in the area. JH is expected to be back soon – possibly April. **ACTION: All to approach possible people who live in or around Innerwick.**

6. Treasurer's Report

None

7. Insulate Innerwick

- CBr attended the Flensburg student presentation event on 22 February – this was well attended with 21 people attending in total. The hall was laid out as 4-5 tables with a student at each one. The presentation and research looked at bringing each property in Innerwick up to an 'A' energy efficiency rating. Overall finding = If this work was to be completed for Innerwick's 78 properties, it would cost approx. £1.5m - likely to be an overestimate as some homeowners will already have chosen to do some improvement work themselves. The work here was completed as a demonstrator and can be replicated and research used towards other areas. If there was a solar farm locally, which generated profits, then these funds could be put towards something like Insulate Innerwick. Another group of Flensburg students were looking at a community solar farm. This work is now back with Sustaining Dunbar to move forward.

- CBr and Ralph Averbuch from Pencaitland Community Council/Association of East Lothian Community Councils attended a meeting with Fred Olsen Renewables re. their proposed solar farm at Crystal Rig and asked why the community proposed benefit rate was 10% of those offered by community wind farms (£500 vs £5,000 per generated mgw) – this was explained as solar panels take a lot longer to pay for themselves than turbines (10 years vs 3 years) and that not enough profit is generated for a larger community benefit to be offered. There also seems to be no nationally agreed rate for community benefit for solar energy, unlike wind. KDB attended the exhibition in Garvald. There was a suggestion that the best way forward in future would be to ask developers to look after the environment and perhaps that can be Community Councils best contribution - National Planning Framework 4 has changed previous requirement, now they have to restore 10 x as much land as ruined and it doesn't have to be done in that exact location - they can rewild and restore other environments in the local area. CBr has sent an email to Kirsty Leiper and Rachel Baird at Fred Olsen Renewables to follow this up.

- Discussion around the fact that local people are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of energy development work locally and not feeling like they've got a voice. People seem to feel that when they are consulted, it is lip service only. All this development may have an impact on locals' mental health, how can all the planned development be managed more sensitively? CBr has invited the developers to ELCC next meeting on 25/4, will ask Douglas Proudfoot, ELC to attend and possibly also to produce a large map showing all planned developments – **ACTION: CBr**

- Meeting with David Ogilvie, ELC – (Lyn) **ACTION: LJ to reschedule.**

8. Use of Google Workspace

- No update re. data management and protection (Pete)

9. Community Benefits – East Lothian

- AELCC developments – update (Chris)

There is a vision in principle of an East Lothian community benefit entity, which would spend its money on long term developments. All 20 Community Councils to be involved. This could work on Council wide projects/funding. When it is set up properly, it can apply for funding - hopefully from the range of offshore wind developments and other local energy projects. Two short-life working groups are established to consider what Principles and Vision the entity might adopt - and what form such an entity should take. CBr and CBI involved.

10. Liaison Meetings and Roles – updates

- Planning liaison (Kelvin) – primarily residential extensions etc., nothing of note to report.
- Viridor Liaison (David) – Princess Royal opening ERF plant.
- Valencia Landfill (Chris) – CBr met this month. They are continuing to have issues with closure days due to rubbish blowing off site– have put up new fences. Suggest David Mumford to write a set of difficult questions – how many tonnes/projected closure date/restoration plan/SEPA – ask manager Kevin Lancaster to provide ELCC with a written response, in lieu of a formal liaison meeting.
- Torness (Kelvin) – next meeting, 26/4 virtual
- Tarmac Liaison (David) – no update
- Area Partnership (Anne) – AL attended meeting 20/3 looking at planning for active travel to south side of railway station. The forthcoming DELAP meeting will focus on priorities for the coming year – what are ELCC priorities? What do ELCC want to see roads/transportation budget spent on? Ideas put forward included chicane/traffic calming in villages, improving road and passing places from Oldhamstocks to A1.
ACTION: All to contact AL with any further thoughts prior to meeting. DELAP Chair is Jacquie Bell and Vice-Chair is Allison Cosgrove – for next 12 months.
- Association of East Lothian Community Councils – next meeting will be called once two subgroups (details above) have got something to report.
- A1 Action Group – no update. CBr been in touch with Bear Scotland re. Signage on N76 Cycle Path, and design of road access points onto A1. Can Cllrs help with this? **ACTION: LJ to find out if Cllrs can mailout to certain postcodes?** What is most useful thing to ask? Is there an ELC position on this?
- East Lothian Bus forum – representative needed
- CAPP (Kelvin) – PC Laura Jackson is new police representative. Laura is going to organise CAPP meetings for approx. every 6 weeks. KDB asked to raise issue of speeding at Skateraw – residents there have recently written to ELC and Torness to ask who owns the road down to Skateraw car park, they are likely to come back to us for support in due course. **ACTION: KDB to suggest to PC Jackson that she drop into a future ELCC meeting.**
- DELAP Health & Wellbeing Group (Chris/Jackie) – didn't go this week. Possibly need to change rep. - wait and see.

11. Local Updates

- Stenton footlights performance this week.

12. Windfarm Benefits East Lammermuir

- No update on agreement for CRIII (Colin)
- No update on proposal for CRIV (Julia)- CBr to attend meeting on Thursday 23 March.
- CBI had spoken to Advice Direct Scotland and circulated email. They would administer funding on our behalf up to an agreed limit. Now need a simple set of criteria – could use Fuel Poverty Fund for outline and adapt for purpose. **ACTION: LJ to send link & WS to draft a simple set of rules.**
- CBr has been unsuccessful in making contact with Rob Prior re. Community Windpower. Unsure if there is money left. **ACTION: CBr to keep trying to make contact and LJ to also contact Rob Prior on ELCC behalf.**

13. Planning issues

- EW had emailed CBr regarding Local Place Plans, suggesting that she runs a Local Place Plan planning session in Innerwick, similar to the Flensburg session. She would ask people to note down what they like and don't like about area, what do they want to preserve/close. The idea then would be that Community Councillors attend the one in Innerwick, replicate in their area then the ELCC response to the Local Place Plan consultation could be pulled together from the notes from each session. There would be one session in each area using the same model. This would give a community view. All happy with this idea. A constituted body has to submit any Local Place Plan and each village's Community Associations could also send their own response. **ACTION: CBr reply to EW.**
- CBr has been contacted by Cris Thacker to say that he and a business partner are setting up a community interest company to do engagement work, ELCC could possibly use this company in future.

14. Correspondence

- SE Consultation Roads A1 carriageway resurfacing 23/2/23
- ELHSCP Shifting the Balance of Care 23/2/23
- Cross Country reduction in rail service 24/2/23 & 9/3/23
- Dial-a-Bus service 9/3/23
- Noticeboards re. coronation plates 16/3/23
- Disability Access Scotland new access panel for East Lothian 16/3/23
- East Lothian Integration Board requires Service User Representative 21/3/23

15. Dates of Meetings 2023

All Tuesdays at 19.30

- 25 April Stenton; Energy Developers invited
- 9 May *Community Benefits Funding meeting – virtual*
- 13 June Innerwick
- 22 August Oldhamstocks
- 19 September Spott
- 31 October Stenton
- 14 November *Community Benefits Funding meeting – virtual*
- 5 December Innerwick