

East Lammermuir Community Council meeting Tuesday 13 June 2023, 19:30  
Innerwick Village Hall

Present: Chris Bruce – Chair (CBr) – ELCC (Oldhamstocks), Anne Lyall (AL) – ELCC (Spott), Wendy Smillie (WS) – ELCC (Oldhamstocks), Kelvin D’Arcy-Burt (KDB) – ELCC (Stenton), Jill Malcolmson, ELC Cllr Lyn Jardine (LJ), Dominic Moynihan (DM), Roxane Pryse Hawkins (RPH), Christy Pryse Hawkins (CPH), D Ritchie (DR), Ian Dart (ID), Tracey Dart (TD), Andrea Walsh (AW), Ann Turnbull (AT), Kevan Jamieson (KJ), Fiona O’Donnell (FOD) – Volunteer Centre East Lothian, Jill Taylor - Minutes (JT)

Apologies: Peter Branfield (PKB) – ELCC (Spott), Colin Bloomfield – Treasurer (CBI) – ELCC (Stenton)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Apologies for absence**

See above

3. **Minutes of meeting held 21 March 2023**

- Draft Minutes agreed by committee online due to distance between meetings – can now be published on ELCC website **ACTION PKB.**

4. **Review action points from previous meeting**

5. **Membership of Community Council**

- Innerwick Village Community Councillor vacancy – Julia Harrison has stepped down due to family illness. There are now 2 vacancies for Innerwick ward. Jill Malcolmson has expressed an interest in joining ELCC to represent Innerwick ward. Ideally ELCC would have 2 people representing Innerwick, this is vital due to so much pending energy development. Mr and Mrs Pryce Hawkins also expressed an interest in representing the people living in Skateraw. CB asked those present to consider stepping forward as a community councillor and to email him with expressions of interest over the next ten days. **ACTION ALL**

- Secretary position

To be reviewed once up to full complement of representatives.

6. **Matters arising**

- Exercise on referral scheme

The East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership have now agreed to fund an Exercise on Referral Scheme across all of East Lothian. CB supporting Experience Based Co-design Sessions to help with design of new services.

- Overgrown vegetation at Spott roundabout

No update

- Stenton speed reactive sign

This is still not working properly. KDB still chasing up repair.

- Poster for village noticeboards re. access to ELCC minutes

All to collect from AL to put up in local wards **ACTION ALL ELCC.**

7. **Any other items of business for the agenda**

None tabled.

8. **Local Energy Infrastructure Developments**

- Response from Energy Minister

- Proposed meeting with East Lothian Council and Scottish Government
- Public Inquiry - Compulsory Purchase (Berwick Bank)
- Developers Group - map
- List of planning applications and plans

ELCC and concerned residents wrote to the Scottish Government's Planning & Energy Ministers at the beginning of May expressing concern re. exceptional development in the area. The letter pointed out that the current planning process is not appropriately designed or resourced for situations like this with mass development going on in a small area by multiple developers and no overview being taken. After the jigsaw meeting, hosted by ELCC on 25 April, it was clear that local residents felt that there is no effective collaboration and co-ordination. ELCC have received a response to their letter noting Scottish Government's net zero by 2045 target and noting concerns but no commitment to looking in detail at the work being scheduled in the area. LJ and Paul McLennan MSP have suggested ELCC may want to now attempt to arrange a meeting with Gillian Martin MSP or a representative from the civil service and with Douglas Proudfoot, ELC Executive Director of Place. Due to imminent Scottish Parliament recess (from 1 July), CBr to write to SG and ELC asap (today) and request a meeting with both parties. This letter should state:-

- Didn't engage with question asked
- Suggest meeting prior to 28 June 2023
- Copy in Paul McLennan MSP, Cllr Hampshire, Cllr Collins, Cllr Jardine and Directors General

**ACTION CBr.** It may be useful to have people at the meeting who are directly affected by the developments and can speak with emotion – ELCC to communicate time/date/location of meeting to local residents when the meeting is set up. Further discussion re. what are ELCC and local residents asking for? Can someone be appointed with an overview of all of this, to help co-ordinate it all? ELCC and concerned locals are interested in having appointed a community orientated planning tsar. ELCC have recently heard from Gary Donlin from SSE noting that the map of all proposed developments in East Lammermuir is starting to take shape, however it is now 6 weeks or so since jigsaw meeting. DM to create a spreadsheet noting planned dates and showing overlap between projects **ACTION DM**, however ELCC feel that this shouldn't be a local resident's job (to do this) - have asked ELC and developers to take this on. ELCC notes that the land the Compulsory Purchase Orders have purchased is bigger than requested – what other developments are to come? Further discussion around the planning inquiry into compulsory purchase aspects of the Berwick Bank Wind Farm – should this inquiry have a wider scope, not just concern complainants from CPOs. DM and KJ have attempted to contact Paul Cackette, who is leading the inquiry. Inquiry due to publish findings in January 2024.

Further discussion around energy developments and agreed strategy for potential meeting with ELC and Scottish Government - three main themes:-

- 1) Can we revisit Berwick Bank planning approval via enquiry (if extend remit). Can we review any of the other planning approvals?
- 2) If and when projects do go ahead, how can we mitigate impact as much as possible?
- 3) What else could developers be doing while they are here which is good for area?

Non-onshore wind rates for community benefits yet to be agreed – per generated mgw. Can ELCC and residents put a shopping list together/use list of asks from local residents from jigsaw meeting?

Acknowledged and discussed that residents feel that the multiple developments with all the traffic and noise they bring may wreck their quality of life and make it impossible to run businesses from home.

DM and KJ had a meeting with ELC Roads dept – no real progress as ELC have a view of solving problems once they've occurred, not anticipating them. Their hands are tied by process. KJ also contacted Planning Aid Scotland who noted that the scale of development was too big for them to help with. What else can local residents do? DM has had an initial call with Cameron Ritchie, East Lothian Courier - interest wider/national press? Engage local MSPs and MP. Get local businesses – Tarmac, EDF, Viridor involved.

Talk to everyone and bombard email addresses. DM to send out email with developer email addresses on it **ACTION DM.** Consider using the ELCC website to share important information like this. Perhaps raise FOI request? Can residents be obstructive and difficult? How far is ELCC prepared to go – ELCC wants to support

concerns of residents. Can ELCC/residents come up with a homogenised essay (to be copied) which talks in narrative terms about situation. **Action: Kristy Pryse-Hawkins offered to draft a narrative describing what has happened to date and what is planned for this area.**

Local Place Plan is in consultation process. Can residents build up more local support – 600 people live in the area, a lot of people don't know about planned developments, almost everybody will be directly or indirectly affected. Could ELCC/residents put together a newsletter or knock on 600 doors? Raise social media campaign – perhaps with targeted or paid advertising?

There is a concern that for some projects, developers are now procuring their first-tier contracts.

Residents raised concern that Local Authority should be considering planning applications based on other applications also in pipeline/previously recently approved, however the understanding is that this isn't how planning process works. How did ELC consult with residents? Find out how community at Cockenzie organised their campaign re. power station land?

How do concerned residents organise themselves? Decision made to hold a local meeting, Tuesday 12 July 2023, 6.30pm, Innerwick Hall – keep up momentum from jigsaw meeting, see what greater numbers can do together. This will be a working session. Possibly write impact statement. JM, KJ, TD and other local residents to plan and lead meeting. ELCC to let attendees from jigsaw meeting know about meeting on 12/7 **ACTION ELCC. ACTION CBr to book Innerwick Hall.**

- Insulate Innerwick

No update

- Meeting with David Ogilvie, ELC

LJ reports DO no longer works at ELC – she will attempt to meet with the new person in post. **ACTION LJ**

## 9. Treasurer's Report

Sent in remotely by Treasurer:-

"We have received 2 incomes recently - £1,482.05 from DELAP, which whilst I've asked ELC for an explanation, I have not received a very clear reply as yet apart from they thought it was to be divided amongst the 4 villages the same as Local Priorities. I'm hoping Anne may be able to shed a little more light on this (later clarified by AL to be DELAP funding Climate Action East Linton returned to DELAP which was split between the 4 x Community Councils).

We've also received £2,170 Local Priorities for the 4 villages and an ELCC Admin allowance of £528. This equates to a sum of £542.50 per village for Local Priorities monies. I aim to distribute as soon as this is communicated and accepted - maybe those attending the local CC's can confirm please that the CC's are happy to receive. I have not received any guidelines regarding what this should be spent on. Past history was it should be spent on local infrastructure or similar improvements.

ELCC account balance stands at £4297.54 (Including the DELAP money until this is clarified further but excluding the Local Priorities as this will be distributed out shortly).

East Lammermuir Community Benefit Trust - the ELCB Funding Co final constitutional documents are with Fred Olsen's solicitors. They are required to approve these as a condition of gaining access to CR3 funds (as most you will all be aware of that having read the final signed contract). Given they OK these, this then allows the next step of submitting our OSCR application for a Trust SCIO."

## 10. Police Report

PC Laura Jackson:-

There have been very few reports over the last month, which is good to hear.

Gypsy travellers have started to arrive at Skateraw, officers are frequently attending to engage with the group and request that they ensure they leave no footmark.

There have been no other issues to report and I would like to take the opportunity to remind our

communities to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police, and ensure their property is kept secure and make it as difficult as possible for would-be thieves to steal.

### **CAPP PRIORITIES**

Following the CAPP meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the following priorities were agreed for Dunbar and East Linton area:

1. Youth ASB – James Court, Dunbar
2. Youth ASB – Wingate Crescent, Dunbar
3. Speeding – Brodie Road, Dunbar

[DunbarEastLintonCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:DunbarEastLintonCPT@scotland.police.uk)

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

- Data management and protection

No update. AL does not need training.

#### **12. Community Benefits – East Lothian**

- AELCC developments – update (Chris)

East Lothian wide community benefit fund discussed on 26/5.

£1m - Scottish National Investment Bank. Retrofitting.

Martin Hayman ELC – link him to Elisabeth Wilson of Insultate Innerwick.

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

- Planning liaison (Kelvin) No update. CBr & WS to go to Local Development Plan consultation on 22/6. Ask PB to go too.
- Viridor Liaison (David) LJ was at last meeting. Nothing major to report. Viridor are concerned about development traffic and are dealing with height of grass.
- Valencia Liaison (Chris) No update.
- Torness (Kelvin) There was an online meeting at the end of April. They are defuelling from 2028 – this will take 5-6 years then decommissioning which takes another 5-6 years. The next meeting will be person. KDB to send details to LJ so she can attend **ACTION KDB**.
- Tarmac Liaison (David) LJ will find out who to ask when next meeting is **ACTION LJ**
- Area Partnership (Anne)

The next meeting is 26 June 2023 – this is a funding meeting and there are 17 applications. There may be the opportunity for people to informally discuss applications before decisions are made. AL to liaise re. locations of cycle racks. Who would like to volunteer for DELAP transport sub-group and to assist with refreshing area plan? No volunteers. ELCC wish to focus energy on local developments and Local Place Plan.

- Association of East Lothian Community Councils

No update.

- A1 Action Group

No update.

- East Lothian Bus forum – representative needed

LJ did not attend last meeting.

- Community And Police Partnership (Kelvin)

See above.

- DELAP Health & Wellbeing Group (Chris)

WS to represent ELCC. Thanks to Jackie Philip for her support with this.

#### **14. Local Updates**

- Stenton – community fencing has not been repaired. KDB has been chasing up.
- FOD notes there is a Mental Health First Aid course being run in Dunbar soon – more info available on Volunteer Centre East Lothian website – lots of update. FOD also notes that the Tyne & Esk LEADER fund has reopened.
- Innerwick – no updates apart from developments/planning discussed at 8. IPWA – RPH intends to join and make quorate. LJ to ask asset review re. community hall.
- Oldhamstocks – village green, Scottish Power have filled in hole and filled in with rubble, was bodpave. WS to send photos to LJ who will contact ELC Roads dept on ELCC behalf **ACTION WS and LJ**. Planning Application has been submitted for new village hall in Oldhamstocks.
- East Lammermuir has frequent power cuts – could the community council raise this as an issue? KJ to draft a letter **ACTION KJ**.

#### **15. Windfarm Benefits East Lammermuir**

- Update on agreement for CRIII (Colin has circulated)
- Update on proposal for CRIV Zoom meeting 15 June – community liaison group, KJ possibly to go.
- Cost of Living Crisis – Advice Direct Scotland (Lyn/Colin) No update.
- Community Windpower (Rob Prior meeting) (Chris) No update.

#### **16. Planning issues**

- Local Place Plans – discussion of possible process to develop an East Lammermuir Local Place Plan by October 2023, building on working session planned for 12 July.
- Local Development Plan engagement events (see below)

#### **17. Correspondence**

- East Lothian Council, consultation and engagement event, Thursday 22 June Bleachingfield, Dunbar, 4.30-8.30pm. A number of strategic plans will be discussed:-
  - Poverty Plan
  - East Lothian Council's Local Development Plan 2
  - Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy
  - Local Economy Strategy
  - Forestry Woodland Draft Strategy
- Gillian Martin MSP, Minister for Energy reply, 5 June 2023
- Not all correspondence listed

#### **Any other business**

Jill Taylor tendered her resignation as Minute Secretary of ELCC, due to new employment elsewhere. Jill was thanked for her excellent work for the Community Council.

#### **18. Dates of Meetings 2023**

All Tuesdays at 19.30

15 August Oldhamstocks (note change of date)

19 September Spott

31 October Stenton

14 November *Community Benefits Funding meeting - virtual*

5 December Innerwick