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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held in Stenton Village Hall on
Tuesday 25 November, 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: J Hanvidge/J MacDonald/B Wyllie/A Lyall/ C Bruce (Chair)/ P Armstong/D Collins

In attendance: Cllr M Veitch/PC Gavin Ross/Pauline Jaffray/Ron Fryer Community Windpower S Kinnard.

1:00 Apologies: None

The Chair, expressed his sincere thanks to Stenton Community Councillors for supplying such a superb buffet, which was very well received. Prior to the meeting commencing introductions were made of all in attendance and as PC Gavin Ross had to leave early – it was agreed the first item on the agenda would be police business.

2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 7 October, 2014: Approved

3:00 Any other business to be added to the Agenda:
3:01 ELC Development Plans for Stenton
3:02 Community Windpower

4:00 Police Business: PC Gavin Ross submitted the following report**.**

During the period since the last police report of 7 October there have been very few incidents of note in the East Lammermuir Ward area. There may be more incidents but due to the nature of these or ongoing investigations full details cannot be disclosed.

Ward Priorities:
Road Safety: You told us that were issues with speeding motorists in rural areas and inconsiderate parking, especially near schools. No related incidents

Antisocial Behaviour: You told us there were problems with violent conduct, young people causing disturbance, antisocial behaviour and rowdy drunken behaviour. No related incidents

Litter: You told us that a particular issue was littering and people's lack of concern for the area. No related incidents.

Theft: You told us you were worried about security and the theft of personal possessions such as power tools, bicycles and money.

During the period there have been five reported incidents of theft or attempted theft of metal from Lafarge.

Overnight 16 to 17 October three males are believed to have committed a number of thefts in the area as they tried to find money or transport to return to Northumberland. They were eventually traced in Berwick after getting on a train in Dunbar and further enquiry is ongoing.

Between 15 and 22 October a number of planters were stolen from the area of Beltonford.

Overnight 31 October to 1 November a quadbike was stolen from Innerwick farm.

Other incidents of note:

Between 12 and 13 October three lambs were killed in a field north of Crowhill, from the injuries it is likely they were killed by a dog.

CAPP priorities:

-Anti-Social Behaviour in vennels off Dunbar High Street:
Patrol High Street and vennels to prevent anti social behaviour and check for any lighting faults or common stair security issues
-Cyclist and runner safety:
Conduct patrols, visit schools and link in with cycling and running clubs regarding the visibility of cyclists and runners.
Get cyclists off pavements.

Next meeting 19.30 hours on Wednesday 26 November 2014 at Dunbar Police Station.

A request for horse signs/30mph between 7 Thorntonloch Holding and Blackcastle was requested.

3:01: ELC Development Plans for Stenton: Mrs Susan Kinnaird who had attended a meeting in Haddington with regards to ELC Main Issues Report (MIR) and was shocked to discover that a proposal to build houses behind the Croft, Stenton on their land had been recorded within the development plan. No consultation with the land owner had taken place at all before producing this plan and the landowners strongly object to this inclusion.

Cllr M Veitch was surprised no prior consultation with the landowners had taken place and was also disappointed ELCC had not received copies of the MIR. Cllr Veitch went on to explain the Scottish Government had designated 10,000 houses to be built in East Lothian in the next few years. Small pockets of housing have been earmarked for Spott – St John's Street, Stenton – Croft area (25 houses) and Innerwick – Kirk Brae. Further details and an opportunity to discuss this plan are available at an open meeting on 2 December, 2014 from 2-5pm in Dunbar Castle Social Club. Cllr Veitch suggested ELCC may wish to have a dedicated meeting to discuss the Main Issues Report and will ask for a hard copy to be sent to ELCC.

3:02 Community Windpower: Mr Rob Fryer, Projects Director with Community Windpower thanked ELCC for allowing him to address the meeting to discuss their windfarm at Aikengall and to answer any questions.

Mr Fryer explained the background to Aikengall II –Westerdod section of their programme. In 2012 the 19 turbine construction programme commenced enabling preliminary works on site August/September 2014. A temporary link road between Crystal Rig and Aikengall. A collective substation will be constructed at Crystal Rig which will have an excess capacity of 108mw. Work is progressing well and it is hoped to commence the concrete turbine foundations of 19 bases cast and formed in February, 2015. Delivery of turbines will be in 2016.
PJ passed on concerns regarding the litter which was strewn in the area and of which people had complained. Mr Fryer would ensure this was addressed immediately.

With regard to Aikengall IIA the plans have been revised as Scottish Borders Council objected to the number of turbines (27 in total) being built. This has now been reduced to 19 turbines and turbine 1,2 and 27 sited in East Lothian have been removed. A total of five turbines – 3,4,5,6 and 7 are sited in East Lothian. For access to the site, the existing Aikengall road will be used.

Further environmental information, an update on new plans, new visual, information on SEPA, Scottish National Heritage, noise information, forestry data will be forwarded for consultation around 8 December, 2014. The consultation period is for 28 days with a closing date of 30 January 2015 for all comments, objections etc.

Mr Fryer reported that with regards to Community benefits for Aikengall IIa; currently within the planning system; £5k per megawatt is the guaranteed minimum payment. No facility for Community Windpower to

control how payment is distributed with the CC. However, £377,500 (based on 75.5mw installed) will be divided between four community councils = £94,374 per year. This would be payable if Aikengall IIa is approved and commence once commercial generation from that project occurs. There is no facility of a community wind turbine.

For Aikengall II which is consented and under construction and should be on line in June 2016. An agreed figure of £100k, divided between the four community councils equates to £25keach – this means that the overall community benefit to each of the four community councils could be almost £120k per year.

The indicative construction programme as of October 2014 is as follows:

Construction Activity	**Indicative Dates**
Ground Investigation	November 2013 – March 2014
Off-site Civic Works for Grid Connection including	
• Link road to Crystal Rig for transformer access	
• Closure of Aikengall 'valley' road for 18months to Allow upgrades/improvements (Sept 2014-March 2016)	September 2014 – December 2014
Delivery of Electrical Transformer & Equipment to Crystal Rig	April 2015 – June 2015
On-site Enabling Works including:	
Site establishment	Mid August 2014 – October 2014
Major On-site Civil works	October 2014 – December 2015
Delivery of Concrete for Turbine Foundations	February 2015 – June 2015
Turbine Transportation	April 2016 – June 2016
Turbine Installation	April 2016 – June 2016
Final Grid Connection & Commissioning	July 2016

5:00 Treasurer's Report: The balance as of the date of the meeting stands at £1,051.37

6:00 Matters Arising (Previous)

Wind turbines: **Fernylea:** The wind turbines have been erected, but as yet are not turning.
Penmanshiel: The funds are being split amongst those who attended the meetings.

Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership: Cllr Wyllie confirmed she will be able to attend the next meeting on Monday 1 December, 2014.

East Lothian Council Rail Partnership: Cllr MV provided a brief report that the EL community rail partnership had been launched at QMU on 18 Nov.

Viridor Credits: Cllr BW advised the last application for funding is 9 January, 2015. The last steering group meeting is 11 February, 2015 and the last pay out for UK could be £2.2m. All applications under £75k can be passed by the steering group. Over that amount the application will be scored and steering group will grade in order of preference. 1) Impact on community (benefit). 2) Local support (letters of support accompanying application, people in community, councillors etc. 3) Quality of application. The board will prioritise community funding over church buildings.

The amount of funding will drop to around £75k per quarter and be made open to an area of 10mile radius of all Viridor waste transfer sites (Gilmerton nearest to East Lothian but that makes Edinburgh eligible). There could be another round of awards taking to account monies for October, November, December 2015 in March, 2015.

The next **CAPP** meeting will be held on 26 November and due to the delay in sending out the minutes PJ reported on that meeting is as follows:

Cyclist and runner safety – Dunbar community policing team will conduct patrols, visit schools and link in with cycling and running clubs regarding the visibility of cyclists and runners. Get cyclists to stay off pavements.

Anti-Social Behaviour in vennels off Dunbar High Street: Survey of lighting in vennels conducted by PC Ross and CW Wilson, forwarded to council. Patrols conducted and three incidents of youths being searched then moved out of vennels and advised to desist from hanging about in them in the future.
CURRENT POLICING ISSUES**: '**Community' talk done to S6 pupils by PC Ross and CW Wilson. Fraud talk done to residents of Summerfield Court. "People who help us" talk to West Barns Nursery. Licensing and Road Traffic operation in the run up to the festive period. Tickets being issued re prohibition zone on Lammermuir Crescent and High Street parking offences.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 7 January 2015: 19:30 at Dunbar Police Station

East Lothian Autism Strategy: East Lothian Partnership has just launched a major consultation on its draft Autism Strategy. The Council is conducting this consultation on behalf the Partnership. We are asking people affected by Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), their families, carers and the professionals and agencies that offer support to let us know what they think. We are aware of around 850 children and adults with ASD in the county at the moment. The East Lothian Autism Strategy is the result of consultation with families, carers and professionals from health, the third sector and the local authority. It sets out the commitment of the East Lothian Partnership to supporting people with autism, their families and carers and shows how it is going to do this.

A consultation period: 20 November to 17 December is taking place and a survey can be completed on line at:

- **You can complete our online Consultation Questionnaire on: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ELAutismStrategy**
- **There are two drop-in sessions where we will be discussing the Strategy and taking views and suggestions:**
- Tuesday the 2nd December - 12:15pm to 2.15pm at the Bleachingfield Centre, Dunbar
- Tuesday the 2nd December - 5:15pm to 7:00pm at Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre

New community paths training programme for 2015: ELC are rolling out a new community paths training programme for volunteers in the New Year. Funding – Wed 14 January. Path promotion – mid February (tbc).Biodiversity – Wed 11 March. More information about our courses will be available on our website shortly: www.pathsforall.org.uk

Viridor Liaison Meetings: Cllr Donna Collins agreed to represent ELCC at these meetings.

7:00 Councillors' Reports:

Innerwick: Mud on the Blackcastle Road. Reports of intimidating behaviour by the travellers currently sited on the Skateraw/East Barns area.

Spott: ELC have left signs behind after completing roadworks. PA to contact MV.

Stenton: Potholes and damage to pavements. Advise MV. The fence at Stenton Woods is badly damaged and is of concern. MV to be advised.

Discussion on the refurbishment of Stenton Village Hall took place plans of which are progressing. Cllr Bruce suggested it would be worthwhile considering including 'super standard' disabled toilets (http://www.changing-places.org). If this standard of facility can be adopted it would be setting a good example - and working to be truly inclusive.

Oldhamstocks: New Year 's Day walk is being organised to celebrate the opening of the new bridge to which all friends and families are invited.

Newsletter: Information for 'What's on' and other community news to be forwarded to Cllr MacDonald as quickly as possible please.

Website: Cllr MacDonald advised our website is not suitable for purpose and she is seeking advice and guidance from a number of people who may be able to help.

8:00 Correspondence:

Paul Winkle, Station Director, EDF Energy, Torness Power Station wrote to advise on the latest developments at Torness Power Station. Reactor 2 was brought back online on 24 November, following a short outage to complete repairs.

9:00 Date of next meeting: **20 January, 2015 – Innerwick** followed by:

10 March, 2015 - Oldhamstocks
12 May, 2015 - Stenton (Bowling Club) this would also be the date forCrystal Rig meeting
16 June, 2015 - Innerwick
18 August, 2015 - Oldhamstocks
6 October, 2015 - Spott
24 November, 2015 - Stenton