Minutes of Meeting of
East Lammermuir Community Council
held on Tuesday 26 August, 2014 in
Innerwick Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Chris Bruce (Chair)/Donna Collins/Peter Armstrong/Anne Lyall/Janette MacDonald/Barbara Wyllie

In attendance: Cllr Michael Veitch

Apologies Cllr Janice Hanvidge and Pauline Jaffray

Crystalrig Prior to start of the meeting a briefing by Natural Power who are managing the present application for Crystalrig Phase IV was given. Craig Potter, Andy Blyth and Gavin Shirley were in attendance. Contact details andrewb@naturalpower.com

Main points of interest Phase III is still going through planning – six Turbines planned
Phase IV could be up to 26 Turbines. ELCC members were given maps of area this would cover, but no precise locations for the turbines.
Height of proposed turbines varies but up to approx 135M which would be 10M higher than at present.
Phase III and IV would generate 50MW between them if fully consented.

CB asked if there would be another phase, apparently not as substation will be near full capacity.

Community benefits are £5000 per MW for community councils. **CB** asked if this amount could be increased to bring the benefits of all four phases of Crystal Rigg up to the same level. The feeling was that Fred Olsen may look favourably on specific projects but the £5000 per MW is unlikely to increase. However the benefits accruing at present may be able to be paid out to ELCC in a lump sum to disburse instead of the present system of per approved application. This possibility to be discussed with Janice Hanvidge, Treasurer, in the first instance as it would arguably transfer greater proportion of the work to the Community Council.

Natural Power wish to hold four consultations early in September regarding phase IV –
Garvald Village Hall: Wednesday 24/09/2014
Cranshaws Village Hall: Thursday 25/09/2014
Cockburnspath Village Hall: Tuesday 30/09/2014
Innerwick exhibition ideally on 1st or 2nd October depending on availability of Village Hall

2:00 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 17 June, 2014: Approved

4:00 Police Report: Chris Bruce read out the Police Report which Gavin Ross had provided in advance:

During the period since the last police report of 15 June 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 but full details cannot be revealed.

Road Safety
You told us that were issues with speeding motorists in rural areas and inconsiderate parking, especially near schools.

Councillor Michael Veitch and Constable Ross met with a group of about 30 Innerwick residents regarding road safety in the village. A number of points were raised including issues about speed, visibility and signage and further work is ongoing.

Antisocial Behaviour
You told us there were problems with violent conduct, young people causing disturbance, antisocial behaviour and rowdy drunken behaviour.

There have been no reports of ASB in the East Lammermuir area.

Litter
You told us that a particular issue was littering and people's lack of concern for the area.

Dog watch continues and Constable Ross and Community Warden Jimmy Wilson are conducting a dog fouling patrol at various locations tomorrow (Wednesday).

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

Other incidents of note:

CAPP priorities:

1. Patrol residential areas regarding inconsiderate parking of vehicles.

2. Patrol rural fringes of Dunbar and East Linton to prevent underage drinking.

Next meeting 19.30 hours on Thursday 11 September 2014 at Dunbar Police Station.

5:00 Treasurer's Report: The balance stands at £1,261.00

Further application has been received from Stenton to fund a feasibility study for Hall improvements. Cllr Hanvidge suggested that as the application was in order and time is short to seek funding for the work from Viridor Credits, then approval be given without delay, this was agreed with all Community Councillors indicating their support.

6:00 Matters arising: ELCC wrote to Community Windpower asking them to clarify what they were offering in respect of Community Ownership and benefits from the so-called Phase IIa. Their reply was unsatisfactory. **CB** to progress - with a combined letter from all the affected Community Councils to Community Windpower.

Resilience Study Day, Musselburgh 25 October 2014. Sandy Baptie ELC Resilience Officer had written requesting reps from the four villages. Peter and Donna to attend. Oldhamstocks and Stenton to ask their Community Associations if they wish to send a rep. Peter to enquire at the meeting if volunteers are covered by insurance under the resilience plan.

Lafarge meeting postponed next meeting 7 October, 2014: **PA**

Zero Waste Dunbar, Richard Lochhead attended the launch of this excellent project set up by Sustaining Dunbar. **PA**

Area Partnership Formation progressing at which PA attended the initial meeting . **CB** asked if Health and Care partnership was organised at a local level. **PA** confirmed that Area Partnership will be used as a Forum to discuss this. **MV** also attended and added that there were maps showing levels of deprivation in the area due to lack of services – access to health care e.g. ambulance waiting times, poor transport networks. **PA** has confidence that committee will set out good model.

Lammermuir / Berwickshire Community Councils collaboration meeting is scheduled for 17th September in Cranshaws Village Hall. **CB**

WW1 Commemorative Service at Castle Esplanade was attended by BW. BW suggested that we should visit and recognise the Commonwealth Graves graves in our own area. Councillors agreed and will contact their Community Associations with the idea. There is no immediate timescale for this. **DC** offered to play the pipes and suggested the Brownies may wish to be involved. There are four war graves in our area two in Stenton , one in Innerwick 1 and one in Oldhamstocks.

7:00 Councillor Reports

Innerwick

DC advised of a recent **a**ccident on the A1. Traffic was diverted on to minor roads. Trucks too big and blocked the road took approx one and half hours to clear. Police have been told that some of these roads are too small to use for diversions. They are aware of this but don't choose the route – roads police do.

DC approached by horse riders requesting slow signs on Thorntonloch to Blackcastle road. **PA** will raise this at next CAPP meeting.

Spott

AL commented on the recent road improvements. However Waterworks to Canongate has not been done and is dangerous for cyclists. **MV** to follow up.

CB mentioned that Crook road at Stenton in also dangerous.

AL Thisleycross to Pitcox road subsiding. AL also mentioned that Spott villagers are getting anxious about delays in funding for village hall refurbishment, they have already lost one contractor. Delays are due to some requests made by Viridor Credits to the ELC to increase the lease from 10 to 80 years. **BW** stated it was discussed at Viridor meeting and a resolution is imminent.

Stenton: **BW** reported flooding on road between Ruchlaw House and Ruchlaw Mains to ELC. Alan Stubbs looking into it.

Oldhamstocks:

CB Following the site meeting in the summer - ELC has agreed to lay Bodpave along one side of the main street. Mill Bridge improvements concrete and steel work completed. Timber work still to be done.

Bus services to be re tendered soon. **MV** requested that we check in our villages if any improvements could be made to the present timetable.

Date of next meeting : 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 7 October, 2014 in Oldhamstocks Village Hall