Minutes of Meeting of
East Lammermuir Community Council
held on Tuesday 6 May, 2014 in
Oldhamstocks Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Cllr Michael Veitch/ ELC Roads Manager – Alan Stubbs Pauline Jaffray and six members of the public

1:00 Apologies: None

Cllr Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made to Mr Alan Stubbs who had kindly agreed to attend tonight's meeting to discuss the various complaints and concerns with regards to the Oldhamstocks verges and village green.

Cllr M Veitch and Cllr Bruce provided background information on the problems which have been ongoing for a number of years and which have been brought to the attention of ELC.

The meeting agreed to view the areas of concern with Mr Stubbs and as the site visit took place the main areas of concern were raised as follows:

Firstly ELC have installed drainage in the verge opposite Oldhamstocks Church, which appeared to be working well. The area was due to be landscaped, re-seeded and returned to a pristine condition.

The village green in front of the village hall is subject to constant flooding and as the hall was used on a regular basis, cars parking on the green were causing damage. Those residents who also had to access their property by driving on the green also experienced difficulty. However, the grass does recover after a dry period – but the typography of the area did lend itself to flooding.

The actual main road through Oldhamstocks, not designed to accommodate the amount of traffic it is now subject too, is higher than the grass area. It is also narrow and with larger lorries and tractors the verges on either side of the grass area are badly damaged, do not recover and is subject to constant pools of water.

Kerbing was suggested as a visual deterrent and helped delineate the road. Passing places were also suggested, however the meeting had to consider the conservation statement of the village.

After the site visit all present returned to the village hall and after discussion, Mr Stubbs requested a collective view of what Oldhamstocks residents feel are the main issues.

After discussing various options it was agreed the village green in front of the hall required drainage and some sort of grass reinforcement mesh, which allows the grass to grow and for cars to park, without causing damage. Something similar has just been carried out in Stenton to everyone's satisfaction.

ELC would look at the options and costings for resolving the drainage, parking, passing places x 2, edging to delineate verge and a designated parking area. The first priority was to resolve the drainage of the main green area to the front of the village hall and adjacent house.

The bus stop area of the village also required attention as the road was prone to flooding and during winter months turned to ice.

Mr Stubbs asked if any other roads were of concern in the ELCC area and Cllr Armstrong advised the roads in the Spott area had been repaired satisfactorily. Cllr Bruce commented on the terrible state of the Aikengall Road and asked ELC to, when considering future windfarm applications, ensure an agreement was put in place to redesign the turning areas and that the roads are maintained to a satisfactory standard. Cllr Wyllie reminded Mr Stubbs that his dept had agreed to improve the soak away on road between Ruchlaw House and Ruchlaw Mains which experiences frequent flooding.

2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 18 March, 2014. Approved.

3:00 Any business to be added to agenda: None

4:00 Police Business: PC Gavin Ross was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report dated: 18 March – 4 May, 2014

Since the last community council meeting there has been a reduction in the number of incidents with markedly less thefts. The following are the incidents I can report on:

-Between 8 and 11 April there was a domestic housebreaking in Stenton whereby a window was smashed and persons climbed in and searched the property appearing to concentrate on looking for jewellery, a watch was stolen.

-Between 10pm and 11pm on 26 April 80litres of red diesel was stolen from a fuel tank at Linkshead Farm near Cockburnspath.

-On the morning of Sunday 4 May a dog attacked and injured sheep at Wester Broomhouse Farm. The owner of the dog has been traced and charged.

If anyone has any information they wish to pass on regarding any of the above incidents, or any information relating to crime or concerns in their community can they please contact:-

Dunbar Police Station on 101 or email - DunbarEastLintoncpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Panel Agreed Priorities – Monday 14 April, 2014

Priority	Actions to be Undertaken	Person responsible.
Dog Fouling	Progression of fouling initiative, press release and days of action once banners and business cards produced	Dunbar Community Policing Team. Dunbar Community Warden.
Parking issues	Parking issues in Dunbar and East Linton High Streets regarding yellow line, disabled bay, bus stop and time limitation offences.	Dunbar Community Policing Team
Anti Social Driving	Trace vehicles with excessively loud exhausts, request assistance of Roads Policing Officers to ascertain if any offences are being committed.	Dunbar Community Policing Team. Roads Policing.

Date of next CAPP meeting – 11 June, 2014

5:00 Treasurer's Report: The balance as of 6 May, 2014 stands at £1,122.00

6:00 Matters Arising (Previous)

Lafarge Tarmac: Cllr P Armstrong attended the liaison meeting and minutes of this will be forwarded to councillors. At the liaison meeting Mr Stoeian, manager confirmed the plant would be subject of a further three lorries per day if they received permission for Solid Recovered Fuel. However, neither Mr Stoeian or Mr Falgate from Viridor Credits were not forthcoming with further details regarding this.

Viridor Liaison Meeting: Cllr Armstrong attended this and advised Viridor were in continuous discussions with Lafarge Tarmac.

Cllr Armstrong to forward PJ information regarding this meeting. **PA**

Cllr Bruce asked if the cycle path between Lafarge and Torness was to be repaired/upgraded and PA advised EDF staff had cleaned and weeded the area, but they would not be contributing financially to the upgrade.

Viridor were also unsure who the ELCC contact was for the Innerwick area and CB to check if Dawn Charlton will continue to represent ELCC at these meetings. **CB**

Wood Fuel/Biomass Seminar: The Renewable Heat Incentive scheme is now live, and CB has received a cold call regarding the installation of a Biomass boiler and wondered if anyone else had? It was commented that various farms in the area are having Biomass heating systems installed. Cllr Wyllie submitted the following report from the workshop she had attended:

Forestry Commission Scotland's Regional Woodfuel Forum
District Heating Workshop 11 March 2014

The purpose of this workshop was to give an overview of Biomass district heating schemes. There was a variety of speakers who explained what each of their organisations had to offer. **Rebecca Carr** from the Scottish Office explained the district heating Loan Fund which has £8 million pounds of EU money to invest in District Heating Schemes over the next 2 years in Scotland. Up to £400,000 per project is available to support community groups at 3.5% interest. Accepting the funding does not affect RHI's. Half of the DHS's to date are in biomass. (I got the impression that this funding was not as easy to obtain as it sounds!)

There was a presentation on planning and design by **Kenny Boyle** from REHAU. Which was followed up in the afternoon with a visit to Biomass System in Bridge of Allan. (36 houses) **Stuart Reid ,**Highland Wood Energy touched on installation, maintenance and fuel supply. Budget v's revenue. The more you can invest in a system the better the fuel efficiency. Savings of up to 40% per annum for heating possible.

Ken Brady of the Energy Savings Trust stressed the importance of insulating homes properly before embarking on these heating schemes. **The warm homes fund ends in 2015. There are also affordable warm schemes for homes not on town gas.** They have launched the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme CARES which can be found on their website.
To sum up, my impressions were that: District Heating Schemes definitely work best if incorporated at the planning stage of housing estates.

Retrospective installation works well for high density housing. Would cost around £10000 per house to install. Detached housing marginally viable.

The workshop was useful as a source of information and useful contacts, if we wish to proceed and explore further possibilities for our communities. It would be worth while contacting The Energy Savings Trust again as they still have a lot to offer us in explaining what is still available e.g.-(a small point)- free installation of electric points for cars.
There are regular workshops run by the Forestry Commission held on similar related topics, it would probably be useful to attend occasionally to keep abreast with this fast developing industry.

Crystal Rig3: East Lothian Council cabinet are meeting on 13 May, 2014 to vote on a paper being presented by ELC Planning Department re Crystal Rig IIa.

Community Windpower: Nicky Booth of CWP had written confirming that Community Windpower have changed their minds about Community Ownership of a turbine in the proposed Aikengall IIa scheme. They are offering a minimum of £5k per megawatt generated and possibly £6.5k per megawatt under a pseudo-ownership scheme whereby the revenue benefits but none of the capital asset would be offered to local communities. **Action CB** to circulate this letter to members of the Community Council.

Accelerating Renewable Connections (ARC): Cllr Lyall attended a presentation on ARC, organised by Sustaining Dunbar, on the new initiative, being let by Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) and working in association with Community Energy Scotland, Smarter Grid Solutions and the University of Strathclyde. ARC's aim is to help new green energy

projects connect to the local power network through the development of new connection techniques and innovative contractual arrangements. This is a four year project and they are currently in year one of this.

7:00 Councillors' Reports: Little Spott Bridge will be completed by the end of May, 2014.

Cllr M Veitch advised the meeting on a number of transport issues. A meeting of the A1 Action Group would take place in Haddington on 27 June, 2014. The UK Government has funded a feasibility study Berwick upon Tweed to Newcastle and have made an approach to the Scottish Government to see if they wish to participate.

RELBUS: East Lothian Bus Passenger Charter has been launched.

Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership: A meeting is scheduled to take place late June in Dunbar Bleachingfield Centre.

Community Rail Partnership: A government initiative, which has earmarked North Berwick to Dunbar as a project for local network.

8:00 Correspondence: ELC Resilient Communities Workshop would take place on 25 October, 2014.

9:00 Date of Next Meeting: 17 June, 2014 in Spott Village Hall at 7.30pm