

Minutes of Meeting of
East Lammermuir Community Council
held on Tuesday 17 June, 2014 in
Spott Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Pauline Jaffray/ Andrew Smith, chair of Easter Broomhouse
Residents Association

1:00 Apologies: Cllr Michael Veitch

2:00 Approval of Minutes: Approved

3:00 Any other business to be added to agenda:

3:01 Easter Broomhouse – speed vehicles are passing road end.

4:00 Police Business: PC Gavin Ross was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted the following report which was read to the meeting.

During the period since the last police report 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 I cannot give full details.

Ward Priorities: Road Safety

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

We have had a number of incidents on the A1 but none serious.

On 26 May at Innerwick a schoolboy was hit by a car as he ran for the school bus. He was taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh with relatively serious injuries but is believed to be making good progress.

Antisocial Behaviour

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

No reports have been received of Antisocial Behaviour in the area; we are mindful though of the coming school holidays and will continue rural patrols of underage drinking hotspots.

Litter

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

Dog watch has been restarted. Patrols have been conducted by Community Warden Jimmy Wilson and plans are in place for joint patrols to be conducted by police and the wardens.

Theft

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

A BT engineer has reported the theft of cast iron panels in the Stenton area, the theft is believed to have occurred some months ago.

A house at Brandsmill has had a quantity of heating oil stolen at some point earlier this year. On the morning of 21 May a person forced entry to a rural house near Innerwick. The elderly occupier fled terrified from the house. Nothing was stolen. A male has since been arrested and charged in relation to this incident.

On 4 June a trailer and scrap metal was stolen in the south Belton area.

Other incidents of note/relevant Community Council information.

CAPP priorities:

Tombstoning (jumping in to Dunbar Harbour and River Tyne from a height): Work with youths, harbour users and East Linton residents to minimise incidents and associated risks with youth's tombstoning at Linn Rock, East Linton and Dunbar harbour.

Underage Drinking: Patrol rural fringes of Dunbar and East Linton to prevent underage drinking. Initiatives: We have ongoing initiatives associated to the number of rural housebreakings in the area in recent weeks (although a large number of the incidents have been solved with persons arrested and charged). A summer road safety campaign is also ongoing in relation to reducing the number of persons killed or seriously injured on our roads, drink driving, speeding, driving whilst using mobile phone and seatbelt offences are among the offences being targeted.

The Commonwealth Games is having an effect on local officers involved in both the baton relay and the games themselves. Local policing will obviously continue to operate a full service and continue to report all items to police, whether we are busy or not should never be a consideration of people when they are thinking of contacting the police.

Feedback from meeting contact: DunbarEastLintoncpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk

The date of the next CAPP meeting is 23 July, 2014 at 7.30pm

3:01: Easter Broomhouse:

Mr Andrew Smith a resident of Easter Broomhouse for 15 years and chair of the association raised concerns re the speed traffic is travelling past the Easter Broomhouse road end. The visibility from Easter Broomhouse on to the main road was very dangerous due to a number of reasons. Firstly the grass on the verge was too high and impaired visibility greatly. The residents of Easter Broomhouse undertake to cut the grass themselves and this despite one

complaint from a neighbour, who now understands why they have to cut the grass, was working well.

By law traffic is allowed to travel at 60mph on the main road to Spott, but as you are trying to edge out on to this road from Easter Broomhouse, accidents have been narrowly avoided. The one rumble strip in place is not sufficient and children from Easter Broomhouse have to cross this road to catch the school bus. There are no street lights, which during the winter add a further hazard to a very dangerous situation.

Mr Smith brought this problem to the attention of a recent CAPP meeting and asked if it was possible to change the designation category and reduce the speed to 30mph. Install more rumble strips. Install signs for children. Install warning signs.

The meeting felt the best way forward was for Mr Smith to contact Cllr Michael Veitch to arrange a site visit and in turn for Cllr Veitch to contact the necessary department within ELC. PJ to contact Cllr Veitch requesting he contacts Mr Smith. **PJ/MV**

5:00 Treasurer's Report: The balance as of 17 June, 2014 stands at £1,261.00

6:00 Matters Arising (Previous)

Cllr Bruce thanked ELCC for their support with the Oldhamstocks village green meeting and Mr Alan Stubbs, ELC transportation department has submitted a report on the best way to tackle the issues raised at the site meeting held on 6 May. Oldhamstocks Community Association is hosting a meeting to discuss these initial proposals on 26 June, 2014.

Crystal Rig3:

CB has spoken with Cllr Veitch who subsequently advised that the East Lothian Council cabinet meeting on 13 May, 2014 is as follows:

East Lothian Council response was due to be voted on at cabinet but under standing orders had to go through as a members report instead. The report prepared by officers objects to CR3 but removes the objection if certain criteria are met, ie it supports a smaller extension. MV intends to raise it at the full council next week and put on record my opposition to any extension of CR.

Community Windpower: Community Windpower (CWP) keep changing their offer with regards to the community incentives proposed by them for Aikengall IIa. CB has written to CWP asking them to clarify exactly what they are offering and to set out their position. After initially offering ownership of one turbine, CWP are now proposing four Community Councils are given a quarter share in one 'virtual' turbine, providing a revenue benefit, but not ownership of the turbine itself. The four community councils affected are considering a combined response to this offer and will seek to maximise any local benefits - should the planning application be approved. At the same time the individual community councils will progress their local agreed positions with respect to the planning application itself - ELCC has objected.

Berwickshire/Lammermuirs Community Councils collaboration:

A third joint meeting of several local community councils was held to discuss the best way forward and the following was agreed:

To draft a memorandum of understanding between the ten community councils, agreeing to work together and to work as a collaborative when appropriate.

To apply to Energy Savings Trust for a £10k start up grant for the appointment of a consultant who will work with all existing groups to see if it is beneficial for all the Community Councils to work together and for what purpose.

To apply to the Big Lottery Investing in Ideas fund for a £10k grant to investigate and to establish a renewable biomass wood fuel social enterprise. Employ a consultant to gauge whether this is feasible as a viable business.

Liaison Meetings: Cllr Armstrong had attended the last Lafarge Tarmac liaison meeting and advised they had stopped burning PSP for a short while due to contamination. SEPA had been advised but after inspection burning was allowed to continue.

The plant was very proud of having one year of freedom from lost time incidents.

No complaints/reports by the public have been lodged with Lafarge Tarmac however, Cllr Lyall advised she had contacted them with regards to the odour and had been assured the complaint would be addressed.

The question was raised again regarding the opening the old mine workings, which are on Viridor land and in good condition as an attraction. Lafarge Tarmac will co-operate with this project if there is a 'passion' in the community for further consideration of the re-opening.

Cllr PA to contact Dawn Charlton to enquire what the situation is with regards to her representing ELCC at the Viridor liaison meetings.

BW is attending the Community Partnership meeting on 30 June, 2014.

7:00 Councillors' Reports:

Planning Applications: Ruchlaw erection of agricultural shed. Cllr BW explained the situation with regards to this planning application.

Spott: The very poor state of repair at the road from the entrance to Oswald Dean right up to the village has been patched but a lot of potholes remain. Also places of uneven surface which could present a danger to cyclists. Matter reported to Cllr Veitch. **MV**

Oldhamstocks: Work on the bridge repair has commenced and it is hoped this will be completed by 9 August, 2014. ELC to complete resurfacing of road.

Innerwick:

Concerns have been raised by Innerwick residents re safety issues of the road and parking of vehicles. Dawn Charlton has contacted Cllr MV and requested a meeting with ELC transportation and the police. MV has responded and agreed a meeting, possible combined with the next village association meeting would be a sensible approach. Date of meeting to be confirmed.

8:00 Correspondence:

SES Plan Housing Needs and Assessment

Area Partnership for Dunbar and East Linton Ward. Meeting to be held at Dunbar Bleachingfield on 30 June, 2014.

Information on Care & Repair Charitable Trust, which **JH** would study.

9:00 Date of Next meeting: 26 August, 2014 – Innerwick Village Hall