

Minutes of Meeting of
East Lammermuir Community Council
held on Tuesday 18 March, 2014
in Stenton Village Hall

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

In attendance: Cllr Michael Veitch/Sergeant Scott Nicolson/PC Gavin Ross/
Pauline Jaffray

1:00 Apologies: Donna Collins

2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 4 February, 2014. The minutes were approved.

Chair, Chris Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cllr Peter Armstrong introduced Lafarge Tarmac, manager Florin Stoiean and Environment Coordinator, Gale Coates who addressed the meeting on the workings of the Dunbar Plant.

Mr Stoiean provided a brief overview of 2013 and was pleased to report the plant is currently rated as good in SEPA's Compliance Assessment Scheme. The plant had operated a full year without a breach; its health and safety record was good but the production/sales needed to be more competitive to meet with the housekeeping master plan for 2014 and to ensure job security.

The Whitesands Quarry, which they are working in partnership with the RSPB, is an excellent project and it is pleasing to see the natural habitat return and the biodiversity of the area increase.

Gale Coates explained the Dunbar plant is geared very much toward the local area and is very conscious to maintain a good working relationship with the local community. Eight complaints had been directed to SEPA for 2013 and each complaint has been dealt with directly. Ms Coates, stressed if anyone at all had any complaints, re smell, environmental issues etc to contact her as quickly as possible (gale.coates@lafargetarmac.com/ 07841 010798) and she will investigate the complaint immediately.

Lafarge Tarmac is looking at Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) at the Dunbar Plant for 2014. Using waste-derived fuels at Dunbar has been very successful, providing environmental benefits, reducing costs and securing jobs. SRF is the latest WDF being considered because it is safe and proven and provides environmental benefits. Mr Stoiean and Ms Coates went on to explain how SRF is formed, what is involved and how by adding SRF to their portfolio of WDFs should allow them to replace over half their coal use.

The Dunbar plant is the only cement plant in Scotland supplying Scottish cement to Scottish businesses and with energy being a major cost, using SRF would help control this expense.

In March/April 2014 they hope to apply for a permit to use SRF as a fuel and information has been sent to 5,000 local people and it featured at their Open Day on 28 September, which was well attended.

The meeting asked a series of questions with regards to emissions, transportation (mostly by road), how SRF is made up, waste pollutions etc. An information sheet was provided to all those present.

Mr Bruce could not resist the opportunity to ask about the cycle path which runs north of the cement works and along to Torness. Mr Stoiean confirmed that an agreement between Tarmac Lafarge and EDF had recently seen vegetation cleared from the path. Mr Bruce asked if the next step might be to re-surface the track, perhaps using cement from the local works, and Mr Stoiean agreed to discuss this with EDF colleagues at Torness.

The Chair summed up by asking Mr. Stoiean to confirm what increase in traffic (lorries) was likely to arise from the proposed switch to SRF; and to continue his discussions with the manager of the neighbouring Viridor Landfill site regarding local sourcing of SRF (rather than bringing it from Dumfries). Mr Stoiean agreed to come back to ELCC on these two points.

Councillors thanked Mr Stoiean and Ms Coates for their presentation.

**3:00 Any other business to be added to agenda.
Wood Fuel/Biomass Seminar
Akengall 2A**

4:00 Police Business

The meeting welcomed Sergeant Scott Nicolson and PC Gavin Ross who prior to presenting the following report explained the new policing structure and answered a series of questions. PC Gavin Ross is very much involved in the local community and takes a great deal of pride and ownership of the area. Yes, preventative work will continue. Parking tickets are still being issued and the police presence in Dunbar will continue to be of priority, with support from other agencies.

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The new policing structure started on 3 March. I am part of the Community Policing Team and have responsibility for the Dunbar and East Linton Ward. This team consists of community officers like myself and the community action team. There is also the response team and community tasking team.

Although it may appear at first glance to be a reduction in service as there has been a reduction in community officers from three to one in this ward this is all about matching resources to call demand and should provide an improved level of service to all sections of the community.

INCIDENTS:

On the Tuesday 4 February a Dunbar resident left her purse on a Perryman's bus. Someone has found the purse and gone through it discarding the non valuable items at a rural junction between Innerwick and Elmscleugh.

At 12 midday on Friday 7 February at Thorntonloch Holdings there was an attempted theft of wheel rims from a garden. The items were dropped when the house occupier disturbed the males and they left in a white transit van.

On Saturday 8 February roads policing officers were conducting a speed check on the A1 at the Innerwick junction when they stopped a speeding vehicle and ascertained the driver was not insured to drive the vehicle, he was charged accordingly and the vehicle was seized.

In early February a large piece of industrial equipment worth £1000 was stolen from Aitkengall wind farm development. A van and at least two strong persons would be required to take it.

Overnight Saturday 1st March to Sunday 2nd March at a sprout field near Birnieknowes Farm 100 gallons of red diesel was siphoned from a bowser and another 40 gallons from two harvesters.

In early March a copper earthing wire and rod were stolen from the Lafarge site.

Between midnight and 5.30 am on Sunday 16th March two Honda Quadbikes valued at £9000 were stolen from Stottencleugh farm, lines of investigation in to this theft are being followed up.

Between 6pm and 10pm last night a static caravan at Cockie Law Farm, Luggate was broken in to and searched, nothing appears to have been stolen.

Almost all these incidents relate to thefts in rural locations. Please remind everyone to be vigilant for suspicious persons and vehicles, to note registration numbers of suspicious vehicles and to inform the police. Also, remember to lock up cars, outbuildings and your homes.

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

**CAPP PRIORITIES : THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY
DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014**

Priority	Actions to be Undertaken	Person responsible.
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<p><i>Anti Social driving on Dunbar High Street and roads in the immediate vicinity.</i></p>	<p><i>Those drivers seen driving anti socially to be dealt with under current legislation whenever possible.</i></p> <p><i>Drivers to be spoken to regarding any modifications to their vehicles.</i></p> <p><i>Traffic intelligence report to be submitted re Church Street issues.</i></p>	<p><i>Dunbar Community Policing Team</i></p>
<p><i>Dog fouling.</i></p>	<p><i>Contact to be made to local tenants and residents groups along with community councils to remind them of the importance to make sure any intelligence is passed on to the Police.</i></p> <p><i>Encourage TRG'S to come up with their own initiatives for their respective areas.</i></p>	<p><i>Dunbar Community Policing Team</i></p> <p><i>Pippa Swan</i></p>

East Lothian Multi Member Ward Plans 2014 - Introduction

Along with the Local Policing Plan, which sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for East Lothian for 2014-2017, Multi Member Ward Plans will be produced for 2014. MMW plans will show what has been done to respond to the priorities and what will be carried out in the future. Each ward will have its own MMW plan and local policing priorities have been set following consultation:

Ward 7 - Dunbar and East Linton

Road Safety

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

Antisocial Behaviour

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

Litter

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

Theft

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

Here ends the police report

5:00 Treasurer's Report: The balance stands as of 18 March, 2014 at £964.75.

Applications for Crystal Rig funding will be posted to organisations within the village

on 19 March, 2014 with a request for completed applications to be returned to Cllr Hanvidge by 17 April, 2014 for consideration at our May meeting.

6:00 Matters Arising:

Collaborative meeting between Lammermuir and East Berwickshire Community Councils: This is an excellent initiative, however, it is proving difficult to arrange a date which suites everyone. It is proposed to ask Energy Saving Trust Scotland to attend and fix a date to suit.

Wood Fuel/Biomass Seminar: Cllr Wyllie had attended this seminar in Bridge of Allan, which was extremely interesting with a good range of speakers all who specialised in Renewable Heat Incentives.

Lafarge Tarmac: Good presentation. See above.

Viridor Credits: Only three more application dates available – April, July and October – plus the Scotland Legacy Fund.

Aikengall 2A: Planning Application All comments regarding this new 27 turbine wind farm development have to be lodged with the Scottish Office by 19 March, 2014. Cllr Bruce asked the meeting their views and proposed to the meeting that based on all ELCC previous surveys ELCC lodge an objection.

The impact on the conservation village of Oldhamstocks is inconceivable as the perspective from the Cockit Hat Strip, within the Conservation Area Boundary, means the village will view the majority of the proposed turbines. The cumulative impact for the other surrounding eight developments, plus the noise intrusion will be a severe blight on the local community.

Aikengall Iia: Proposed Community Ownership option. In section five of Community Windpower Ltd (CWP) planning application they have notified the local community and the Scottish Office, that they would like to give ownership of one turbine to the local community.

Cllr Bruce had met with other affected community councillors from Berwickshire and examined a variety of potential ownership options. Meanwhile, CWP director Rob Ewing, has subsequently spoken with James Robson, the co-opted representative for Preston, Bonkyl and Abbey St Bathans) and advised it is possible the option they put forward for community ownership is too difficult and suggested an alternative option, with the following outline figures based on an existing scheme.

The cost to build a 145m turbine is £2.85m. Rates and rent are approximately £54k per annum/per turbine. Plus connection to the national grind and maintenance costs. After taking these costs into account, one 145 metre high wind turbine would generate approx. £600k per annum of clear profit.

Further discussion and information needs to be obtained as the community benefits stated by CWP are very confusing, plus community ownership may be too onerous. CWP had also offered to gift a quarter share in addition to the community benefits, but when questioned directly by councillors at a recent meeting of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council the Community Windpower representative had back tracked.

It was agreed that further information is required before we can take any action in regard to Community Ownership.

Aikengall IIa: access

CWP have submitted a separate Scoping Application to Scottish Borders Council which suggests that three new access roads are required. Questions over the access road need to be addressed and contact will be made with the Scottish Borders Council. Action: Chris Bruce

CWP will be in holding a public exhibition about the proposals for access at Cockburnspath village hall on 25 March, 2014.

7:00 Councillors' Reports:

Stenton: The grit bucket at the west end of the village has disappeared again. Cllr M Veitch has reported the following concerns: Large number of pot-holes on Stenton Main St, incl. outside houses called Pantiles, Hayward. Pothole outside Ruchlaw farm. Pot hole at sharp bend on main road east of Stenton (towards Pitcox). Regrettably permanent repairs at these locations cannot be accommodated in this financial year's programme. In the meantime, ELC have arranged for defective areas to be made safe temporarily.

Spott: Cllr Veitch advised the Jet-patcher requested for main road north of Spott (either side of Canongate) has been requested. ELC Roads Network has added this location to the program for drainage investigations and is currently trying to make contact with the adjoining landowner. Water gathering on minor road nr Biel (I think this is the one that runs due north from the above mentioned tight corner on the Stenton-Pitcox road) has been reported.

Oldhamstocks: Cllr M Veitch has reported the bad water damage on road at Lawfield, by railway bridge. Seems to be a dispute between owner and Network Rail re who is responsible? ELC Roads Network are waiting to be advised as to whose part of the culvert (Network Rail or the farmer) is causing the current problem

Newsletter: Very well received and the new design is excellent. The meeting expressed their thanks to Cllr MacDonald.

Dunbar Landfill Restoration Community Liaison Group Meeting: The date of the next meeting is 16 April, 2014 at 11.30am. Dawn Charlton forwarded information to all ELCC, together with the minutes of the previous meeting.

8:00 Correspondence

9:00 Date of Next Meeting: 6 May, 2014 Oldhamstocks Village Hall