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**Minutes of Meeting of
East Lammermuir Community Council
held on Tuesday 7 October, 2014 in
Oldhamstocks Village Hall**

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

In attendance: Pauline Jaffray

1:00 Apologies Cllr Michael Veitch

2:00 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 26 August, 2014: Approved

3:00 Any other business to be added to the Agenda:

3:01 Crystal Rig Windfarm Applications: PJ thanked all Councillors present for amending and returning the list of village organisations and asked when the closing date was for submitting applications. The meeting agreed 7 November and PJ would post all information hopefully on 8 October, 2014.

As we are discussing Windfarms , the Chair, Chris Bruce suggested we deal with all Windfarm business prior to following the agenda.

Ferneylea: The first of the two turbines was being erected today, 7 October, 2014 and the combination of construction traffic and laying of a new grid connection was causing intermittent road disruption between Innerwick, Oldhamstocks and Cockburnspath and everyone is being affected. The diameter of the pipe for the connection to the grid is of a fair size. Much larger than what is required for two turbines, which is causing concern within the community. Jamie Adam, from Community Energy Scotland has indicated that he is not aware of other developments (be they wind, solar or domestic demand connections) that might connect into the new line, but the line is not a sole-use asset simply for the two turbines and is owned by Scottish Power Energy Networks, not Ferneylea 1 Ltd.

Jamie Adam also e-mailed advising that there will be a community benefit of £5k per generated megawatt from the Ferneylea Turbines. The beneficiaries are to be discussed between Community Energy Scotland and the Planning Authorities.

Aikengall: On 26 November, 2013 Community Windpower Ltd transferred Aikengall II to another company within the Community Windpower group of companies. Scottish Borders Council has submitted an objection to the 27 turbines being built at Aikengall IIa. Currently CWP are renegotiating the number of turbines for this development.

Crystal Rigg: Phase IV could be up to 26 turbines and a scoping survey is currently being organised. As soon as ELCC have a tangible planning proposal a public survey would be carried out.

CB asked if the promised local consultation meetings had taken place. He had not seen any notices in the local area advising of the meetings, but the proposed dates were:

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

Penmanshiel: ELCC have not been involved in the liaison meetings regarding this development as we could not resource attendance at the meetings – although we were initially invited. However, the wind turbines would be clearly seen from Oldhamstocks and the visible impact on the village would be detrimental to the residents. Should CB contact RES the developers for this site to establish a community benefit rate? The meeting suggested that the residents of Oldhamstocks should be asked. This was a complex question to frame and in the first instance enquiries would be made of RES regarding their intentions **Action: Barbara Wylie**

4:00 Police Report: Cllr Janette MacDonald read out the Police Report which Gavin Ross had provided in advance:

During the period since the last police report of 26 August 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.

Road Safety

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

There have been a couple of vehicle accidents reported during the period - one at Stenton where an elderly gent had a very lucky escape when his vehicle left the road and was embedded in some trees. Another involved 2 vehicles (damage only accident) near Ruchlaw Farmhouse.

On 16/9/14 a male was charged with driving without insurance at Skateraw.

On 25/9/14 a driver was charged and issued with FPT for not obeying white lines on A1.

On 29/9/14 a driver was charged and issued with a speeding ticket on A1.

Following enquiries into a road traffic accident last month at Thurston Mains, a male has been charged with taking and driving away a motor vehicle and careless driving.

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

Between 8 - 9/9/14 a laptop was stolen from an outbuilding at Lafarge cement works.

Between 12 -13/9/2014 an insecure pedal cycle was stolen from Thurston Manor Holiday Park.

On 4/10/2014 a vehicle had its wing mirror kicked off whilst parked in Main Street Innerwick. Enquiries are being carried out to identify those responsible.

Last month PC Ross received information about birds of prey carcasses having been dumped on the riverbank at Thornton Glen near Crowhill.

He later recovered 3 dead birds of prey which appear to have been thrown from the bridge over the Glen. The birds have been sent for examination and we are awaiting results.

CAPP priorities:

- 1. Patrol residential areas regarding inconsiderate parking of vehicles, mainly Dunbar and East Linton streets.*
- 2. Increase patrols in High Street, Dunbar to prevent youth anti social behaviour in vennels and closes.*
- 3. Patrol rural roads, especially between A1 and Oldhamstocks to check for irresponsible driving after reports of persons driving fast on narrow roads alongside horse riders.*

Next meeting 19.30 hours on Thursday 23rd October 2014 at Dunbar Police Station.

Events

For the next couple of weeks Community officers will be heavily involved in the roll out of the new Smartwater initiative in the Gullane and Longniddry areas. This has been launched on a national level and is aimed at tackling housebreakings. It is a forensic marking product being offered to home owners which they can use to uniquely mark their possessions.

5:00 Treasurer's Report: The balance as of 7 October, 2014 stands at £1,147.37

6:00 Matters Arising:

CB asked the meeting if they would support the proposed application for funding via the Big Lottery – Investing in Ideas to help fund the appointment of a consultant re the biomass/woodchip social enterprise project. After discussion the meeting were in agreement for the application to be lodged. CB also asked if anyone knew when ELCC was first formed. PJ to find out. **PJ**

Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership: Cllr Armstrong attended this meeting held in Dunbar Grammar School on 29 September. The meeting was poorly attended with only nine non-local authority organisations being represented. The meeting prioritised key themes and the voting exercise indicated two clear priorities: Opportunities for Children and Young People, and; Transport. Attendees split into two groups and discussed each of these themes in turn. PA is standing down as representative of ELCC from this group whose next meeting will be Monday 3 November 2014, 7-9pm, East Linton Council Chambers. An agenda will be developed building on the discussions held on 29 September and opening up discussions on themes 4-7. Dates of following meetings are:

Monday 1 December 2014, 7-9pm, venue tbc - - a key focus for the meeting will be the consultation on the Integration of Health and Social Care – this will also give us the chance to further explore Theme 3 and Monday 28 January 2015, 7-9pm, venue tbc - Consultation on the Main Issues Report (MIR).

Agreed Barbara Wylie would continue to represent ELCC at these meetings, with other members indicating their willingness to cover single meetings on a one-off basis as required.

7:00 Councillors' Reports:

Planning Applications: None

Lafarge/Tarmac: A small fire occurred in the kiln house at the level of burning platform in the area of the firing pipe. The Plant Manager instigated the plant emergency plan and a co-ordinated approach between the fire service and the plant management team succeeded in bringing this incident under control safely and quickly. SEPA were informed. Cllr P Armstrong also reported the following from the meeting held on 6 October, 2014. It was the 500th day without lost time and the management team were pleased to report there was an increase on sales within the latest quarter. Their target was 65% and they had reached 63.3%. Lafarge Tarmac is also constantly checking the water at Whitesands. They are at 42% for using alternative fuels.

Viridor: Dawn Charlton is standing down from this group, who meet twice a year. ELCC need to be represented and CB will ask Donna Collins if she could attend.

Viridor Credits: BW has worked closely with this group and two of the latest funding legacy projects were in East Lothian. The Directors from Taunton had visited these two projects. The next meeting will take place on 12 November, 2014.

Spott: AL advised pot holes in the Spott area required attention and what is the situation regarding repairs to the road surface from the waterworks to Spott village and tarmacing through the village. AL to email Cllr M Veitch direct.

Stenton: Stenton Community Association had laid tributes on the War Graves in their village.

Oldhamstocks: Verges and pothole repairs not complete. Scottish Power will be laying cables. The Bridge work should be completed within the next two weeks.

It is ten years since Oldhamstocks raised funds for a cancer charity with their Mile of Corks event. To mark the occasion a further charity event will be held on 16 May, 2015.

Innerwick: ELCC require a representative from the parish of Innerwick to attend our meetings. PJ to include this request in the application forms being sent out to all organisations within the ELCC area.

8:00 Date of next meeting: 25 November, 2014 – Stenton Village Hall

