

**Cranshaws, Ellemford and Longformacus Community Association  
Lammermuir Community Fund**

**Tuesday 20 September 2022  
7.30pm, Cranshaws Village Hall**

**Minutes  
General Meeting**

**Trustees in attendance:** Alison Landale (AL Chairperson) Bill Landale (BL), Adam Prokopowicz (AP), Ettie Spencer (ES), Melvin Landale (ML), Alison Rodger (AR), Ian Davidson (ID Interim Treasurer), Alistair Gordon (AG), Tony Homer (TH)

**Also present:** Paula Easton (minutes), Kim Drysdale (finance), Sarah Dixon (application 1), Kathleen White (application 6), Max Blinkhorn (application 7), Jonathan Wood (application 8) Laura Stanhope (application 9), Denise McNulty (application 10)

**1. Welcome/Apologies**

Apologies: Morag Roger, Anna Dabrowska, Corine Craik (application 2) Heather Bewick (application 5)

AL welcomed everybody

Code of Conduct was read aloud. This included respect each other's opinion, be brief and to the point, do not interrupt other comments, raise hand to ask questions.

**2. Previous Minutes of GM – 7.6.22**

9 pages of minutes – no changes

**Minutes approved and accepted** ML proposed, ID 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **3. Matters arising**

#### **3.1 Action List**

1. Contact List creation using The Herald – ongoing
2. Broadband Installation - £1000 available this is sufficient for 3 installations, 1 is being processed. It was agreed no further action required to promote this.
3. Windfarm payment amounts - this is already at the upper end of the level given by the windfarms hand there is a stable agreement in place. ID asked to pursue this further as profits high and ask what the levels are. Payments to CELCA are £5000 per megawatt generated.

**Action 1** AL & AG pass the funding amount issue back to LCC for them to contact. AL to share contact details to BL & AG. PE will write to BL LCC for action from him and AD on this matter.

4. Longformacus Park SBC warning signs & safe access - ID trying to reach the appropriate contact in council. Greenery to be cut back for better access visibility. Ongoing regarding Field Access and Parking from Mark Charles.

**Action 2** PE will write to BL LCC for hedge trimming

5. Emergency Electricity Extra Payment from Windfarm – Higher payment request declined as Action 3. They can renew and upgrade turbines for another 5 years. That is when the arrangement and wind turbines come to end of their lifespan. Any other location requires further planning permission. ID – another planning application is in place for Dunside. If it goes ahead will funding cover this community.

**Action 3** PE write to LCC asking if Dunside Windfarm Application would be a new funding source

## 4. Treasurer's Report – Kim

### Secretary post meeting update

*CELCA 1 payment of approximately £38,000 was received 21 Sept.*

The March payment was received from Community Wind Farm in June.  
CELCA 2 is temporarily minus £45,000 due to Longformacus Hall & Park funding.

70 household applications were received for the emergency community funding of £100 each. Postal order requests incurred additional costs of £37.50. This covered 3 that were purchased for use when bank details were not required or available.

ID is now an account signatory

### CELCA 1 - Fred Olsen

CELCA YEAR ENDING 30.09.2022

#### Bank balance and Funding available

07-Sep	£ 157,765.49
Payments out in transit	£ 10,077.00
Payments in in transit	£ -
21/22 Participants contribution	£ 934.00
Current balance	£ 146,754.49
Allocated to projects	£ 152,522.40
Set aside for running costs	£ 5,000.00
Available for funding	-£ 10,767.91

Payments pending

BREST Swimming

077.00

#### Bank Reconciliation and Check

Opening Balance as at 1st Oct 2021	£ 177,864.02
Income received	£ 44,127.34
Expenses paid	(£ 5,231.05)
Projects spend	(£ 70,005.82)
Closing Balance	<u>£ 146,754.49</u>
Balance at bank	£ 146,754.49
	<b>£ -</b>

#### 21/22 Contributions

Yoga x 4	72.00	01-Nov
Yoga x 1	18.00	05-Nov
Yoga x 2	33.00	08-Nov
Yoga x 1	18.00	18-Nov
Yoga 2020	200.00	07-Dec
Yoga x 2	48.00	07-Jan
Yoga x 3	72.00	10-Jan
Yoga x 1	24.00	07-Mar
Yoga x 5	120.00	21-Mar
Yoga x 1	24.00	28-Mar
Watch Promotions	305.00	11-May

Total 10077.00

934.00

## CELCA 2 - Community Wind Power (CWP)

CELCA 2 Funding Year Ending 30th September 2022

### Bank balance and Funding available

	07-Sep	£ 141,676.30
Payments out in transit	£	-
Payments in in transit	£	-
19/20 Participants contribution	£	-
Current balance	£	141,676.30
Allocated to projects	£	187,680.98
Set aside for running costs		
Available for funding	-£	46,004.68

### Payments pending

### Bank Reconciliation and Check

Opening Balance as at 1st Oct 2021	£ 114,305.70
Income received	£ 50,000.00
Expenses paid	(£ 77.00)
Projects spend	(£ 22,552.40)
Closing Balance	<u>£ 141,676.30</u>
Balance at bank	£ 141,676.30
	<b>£ -</b>

### 20 /21 Participant Contribution

## Appendix 1 CELCA Project Summary 20.9.22

### 5. Funded Projects Updates

Community Walk - Disability access and bases for benches, seating and play equipment are now in place. Feedback from community attendees that the project is very much appreciated and makes a lovely addition to the area.

#### 5.1 Longformacus Community Play Park

Play equipment installation is due to take place on 2 Nov. This is dependent on possible delays due to adverse weather or material availability. KD & AL verified that Funding is in place and has been set aside.

#### 5.2 Postage Funding

KD requested a top up of £1000 for postage costs.

**£1,000 approved** AG proposed, ID 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 6. Applications for funding

Order	Project	Name	Amount Requested
1	Play Equipment Cranshaws - resurfacing	Sarah Dixon	<b>£3,185.16</b>
2	Food Larder	Corine Craik	<b>£1,300.00</b>
3	Emergency Electricity Community Funding	Alison Landale	<b>£9,000.00</b>
4	Winter Fuel 2022/2023	Alison Landale	(Dec) <b>£5,600.00</b> (Jan) <b>£5,600.00</b>
5	Windmill Coffee Shop	Heather Bewick	<b>£1,000.00</b>
6	Yoga Classes	Kathleen White	<b>£867.00</b>
7	Whiteadder Watersports - Equipment	Max Blinkhorn	<b>£7,960.00</b>
8	Longformacus Village Hall – Heating/Electricity	Jonathan Wood	<b>£4,000.00</b>
9	Duns Dogs Training	Laura Stanhope	<b>£930.00</b>
10	Yoga Retreat Sessions	Denise McNulty	<b>£2,270.31</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£41,712.47</b>

### 6.1 Play Equipment Cranshaws - resurfacing (£3,185.16)

Application received from Sarah Dixon

Supplementary application for surface material for the play area to comply with industry standards. Could use play grade woodchips but they would need topping up increasing expense. The free woodchips offered in the original application are no longer available without charge and might not reach standard required. Public liability insurance needs certain specification to be met. Sand is a safe and cheaper coverage material, making it the best choice. Insurance will be met by using play grade sand and avoids risk of using woodchip.

A working group is in place as required for insurance cover.

AG raised the issue of high total costs from the combined costs of play areas at both Longformacus and Cranshaws. The alternative of offering family households direct funding for play equipment was not thought beneficial to the community by others.

ES said the playground designs were generated by playgroup parents. They asked for this through a democratic process to bring young members of the community together.

If playpark not completed within 2 years, then funding could be removed.

**£3,185.16 approved** AR proposed, ES 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **6.2 Food Larder (£1,300.00)**

Application received from Corine Craik

Application to continue food larder offered at Longformacus. AL suggested increase from £1,300 to £1,500 as costs continue to increase. ML suggested £2,000. ES stated there were no volunteers to help Corine; she runs it independently and increased funding would cause more work for her. As a volunteer she could close larder if it was a problem.

BL said the LCC had complaints that the larder container was too low on the ground; necessary and sometimes difficult to bend down for access. Needs to be on a pallet to increase height

**Action 4** AG to provide pallets for ML & BL to coordinate construction of stand for the larder.

**£1,500 approved** ID proposed / TH 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **6.3 Emergency Electricity Community Funding (£9,000)**

Application received from Alison Landale

At the last meeting Emergency Electricity Community funding was approved for £15,000. A total of £7,000 was used. This application is for £9,000 to offer the same as before. Half of households did not apply to receive funding.

ID thought the additional application was not required as already enough in the remaining funds to cover those that accepted. AG said that as prices have increased, we can raise topic for discussion again at November meeting; by then the number of households taking up the funding will be known.

ES suggested combining Electricity & Winter Fuel payments (application 6.4) when offering them to the community.

BL asked if the previous funding was approved by wind farms. AL verified that both wind farms had approved the funding after checking it had been offered with fairness and transparency.

£100 per household Emergency Electricity Community funding to be offered immediately.

**£9,000 approved** ML proposed, AR 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **6.4 Winter Fuel 2022/2023 (Dec £5,600.00 & Jan £5,600.00)**

Application received from Alison Landale

Split application to repeat winter fuel funding (2020/2021 & 2021/2022) offered to households to relieve some of the general financial burden. The coal purchase cost has increased by £10 per bag to now £30 - it cost £21 a few weeks ago. AL tried to arrange a coal order while prices were lower, but this was not possible from Pearsons as they did not have enough supply.

£540 remaining in the fund from last application.

The cost of purchasing logs and coal from Pearsons in Duns is high. A cheaper alternative from Maidens in Berwick was discussed with free delivery. A single large cubic meter crate of logs would be the most cost effective but then local distribution would need to be arranged by the community. There were numerous challenges to this option: not everyone can use logs; securing a delivery location; can't be left onsite for a long period; distribution/collection. This possibility rejected.

KD agreed with ES that the fuel and emergency electricity funds should be combined as payments. Households can then purchase their own fuel using their own supplier.

Last winter £80 was available in December and repeated in January. AL has increased the amount this year due to the higher coal/fuel costs.

£100 per household towards winter fuel, funding offered in December 2022,

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Residency will be verified prior to staggered payments.

Allowing for 80 up takes, £16,000 approved for residents to purchase their own fuel.

**£16,000 approved** AR proposed, ID 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **6.5 Windmill Coffee Shop (£1,000)**

Application received from Heather Bewick

Windmill coffee shop is popular and well attended.

**£1,000 approved** ML proposed, ES 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **6.6 Yoga Classes (£867)**

Application received from Kathleen White

Supplementary application to current Yoga classes. They are held at Longformacus Village Hall on Monday evenings, having 10 students including 3 new students.

2 spare yoga mats are required for those wanting to try yoga without the expense needed to purchase a mat.

Application to Fully fund yoga classes for some or all the students over the winter. The current contribution attendees pay is £3 per person. 9 of the 10 have pre-paid for a block of 8 classes. There is concern that people will drop out or not sign up due to pressures on their income.

KD confirmed that £90 per session is funded by CELCA for Amanda. Yoga instructor Amanda has informed KW that 12 people could be accommodated in the hall, but 10 is more comfortable. Mostly local



students but a couple of previous residents who have moved do continue to come to class. Classes are only viable by allowing this flexibility.

ES said extra people attending benefit the people who live here. KD £4,443 remains in the fund from the March application so is already available. All agreed these should be used for the application.

Yoga Classes funds already allocated to be used for mats & assisted cost places.

### **Additional Funding not required**

#### **6.7 Whiteadder Watersports - Equipment (£7,960)**

Application received from Max Blinkhorn

AL asked why funding had not been requested from elsewhere; he had been unaware of requirement to do so. He also said the management team have limited time and a high demand on the centre. There is a £25,000 request in place with postcode lottery towards a businessperson to help manage the centre. Michael Doyle, (Duns) has been taken on as treasurer.

Lead instructors are putting a program together to offer a swimming winter activity. Access can be difficult in winter, and it is a cold time of year to introduce people to new activities.

MB showed well worn wet shoes that are serviceable but poor. They have a narrow size range available and need larger and smaller sizes.

Paddle boards: have 8 but these only support a certain size. Board max weight is 110kg, but a range of body weight people want to get involved and need suitable wetsuits & paddle boards. AL thought these unlikely to be used during winter; suggested MB apply again towards spring and should explore other funding sources.

MB - Weather equipment system allows people to see the water and wind conditions to more accurately assess that specific day at the site.

General agreement that these are valuable assets.

MB pointed out that they are trying to create a destination place and weather checks are helpful for users & to get repeat visits; that it is also good to have the car and boat park covered by camera for security.

The request for a tablet & screen is to help teach. There are lots of materials and eBooks that would be available to share using these items. At present the only screen is in the tiny office.

Trustees generally felt this was not necessary over winter.

MB Currently have 60 wetsuits and 12 need disposing of. Need more to be able to offer overlapping sessions. For example, Scouts groups have 30 children, and everyone is a different size. ML said that 100 combined wet suits seemed excessive. MB Various sizes are required and enough to allow for them to dry out between sessions. The application covers rails for drying.

Need the kit ready before they could reopen next year, and this takes a while to purchase. They are looking for bargains to purchase now while out of season. Lomo suppliers in Glasgow don't have stock in until next season.

UV degraded equipment. Boats out all summer and stored in winter but showing their age. Application includes boat covers at £100 each for 12 small boats.

Fund request to help development of the water sports centre.

**Approved** - Boat refurbishment & anchoring equipment, kit management equipment, weather station, security & public video equipment, wetsuits/wetshoes

**Reapply in spring & apply to other funders** - large paddleboards & kayaks, tablet & screen, audio visual equipment

£7,960 requested, reduced by £2650

**Reduced: £5,310 approved** ES proposed, AD 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **6.8 Longformacus Village Hall – Heating/Electricity (£4,000)**

Application received from Jonathan Wood

The village hall was previously heated with electricity but uses oil. Electricity is supplied by Shell Energy and oil is supplied by Chrystal Petroleum. There have been difficulties in continuity of charges with electricity meter readings that are sporadic and fluctuate.

Funding request to be used for the running of the hall. The main operating costs are heating and electricity. The hall needs to be kept running during bad weather. AG highlighted the resilience requirement of the hall. The operating costs of the hall remained during covid, and reserves were spent while no one could hire it.

ID said the cost of hiring the hall is modest, but it would be difficult to charge more during these financial times.

**£4,000 approved** ML proposed, AP 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **6.9 Duns Dogs Training (£930)**

Application received from Laura Stanhope

An application to CELCA to fund 5 dog training places, and to Abbey St Bathans for another 5 places. Duns Dogs will have a stand at the Ellemford show for attendees to try training with their dog. An indoor farm location has been secured for winter weather.

Duns Dogs have all necessary qualifications & insurance. Laura has made the application so people from this community can be funded to attend. She has no personal gain from this.

**ACTION 5** PE obtain a copy of the Professional dog training certificate & insurance via Laura who was congratulated for such a potentially helpful class for members of the community.

**£930 approved** ES proposed, BL 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **6.10 Yoga Retreat Sessions (£2,270.31)**

Application received from Denise McNulty, previously from Longformacus.

Denise wants to offer a new type of yoga session which can be seen as a privileged activity. This will give people an opportunity to take part within their own community. She would provide her own yoga mats.

AL has spoken to people in the community who already do yoga who see this as not being in competition to the current classes. They suggested

funding the 1<sup>st</sup> retreat and get feedback before proceeding with further funding for retreats. Participants not in community should pay full rate. Denise to keep note of names for treasurer to ensure from CELCA area.

ML & ES agreed with the taster session suggestion. AG verified with Denise that the 1st session can work independently. JW explained Longformacus village hall is honoring the low hire rate quoted.

£500 is required to go ahead with 1 session in the hall. A report will be made before further funding. Is made. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session would be due in December and can be applied for at November meeting.

Denise will liaise with AL for Postcard distribution offering the first session.

**Reduced £500 approved ML proposed, BL 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **7. Advance Notes of Intention**

(Opportunity to let CELCA know if a new application is being considered)

## **8. Any other business**

To be discussed at the next meeting:

1. Red Squirrel Project - Geoff Ball registering that an application will follow.  
CELCA used to fund grey squirrel control trying to reintroduce red squirrels.
2. CELCA cannot re-absorb LCC funding without the specific discussion with LCC.
3. Request that Funds be set aside for help towards funding apprenticeships for community members – ‘work for life’ i.e., plumbing, electrician, hairdressing. A community member wanted this possibility to be put forward. AL asked for suggestions to help apprenticeships.
4. Suggestions for replacement trustees (LCC) and CELCA  
AL asked for any ideas, please try to think of 1 person and have a positive conversation to consider joining CELCA.

5. Any ideas to be shared with AL for a CELCA logo as limited progress with the primary school.
6. Community Workshop to be updated at future meeting

**Action 6** Community Workshop BL, ML, TH & AL

## **9. Date of next LCF General Meeting & AGM**

Tuesday 8 Nov 2022 at 7pm, Longformacus Village Hall.

**Meeting Closed 9.25pm**