

Cranshaws, Ellemford and Longformacus Community Association (CELCA)

General Meeting

Monday 1st June 2026

7.00pm at Cranshaws Village Hall

Minutes

Trustees in attendance:

Melvin Landale (ML Vice Chair), Alison Rodger (AR Treasurer), Gordon Allan (GA), Alison Landale (AL), Bill Landale (BL), Morag Rodger (MR), Clive Warsop (CW), Adam Prokopowicz (AP).

Also Present:

Kim Drysdale (KD Finance), Rachel Whale (RW Minutes)

Application Representatives:

App.	Representative
1	-
2	Jamie Stewart (JS)
3	Andrew Ainslie (AA)
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5	-
6	-
7	-
8	Sharon Baker (SB)
9	Frances Reid (FR)
10	Rachel Whale (RW)

1. Welcome and Apologies:

ML welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies were received from: William Pate (WP Chairperson) Alistair Gordon (AG), Selma Gordon (SG).

2. Previous Minutes from 10th November 2026:

No amendments were received. The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by: Alison Landale (AL)

2nd by: Adam Prokopowicz (AP)

3. Matters Arising:

Action	Description	By	Status
1	<u>Longformacus Village Hall – Audio-Visual Equipment</u> DR to contact LVHC to establish if the audio-visual equipment in the village hall is actually broken and needs to be replaced. Circulate the quotes again for the replacement equipment to the trustees. ACTION 1: WP to follow up on this and check if this can be covered under the renovation project or if a new application should be submitted. OUTCOME: Ongoing Unclear if items have been tested. Noting if needing to be replaced will require a new application. NEW ACTION: RW to follow up with LVHC to confirm when and by whom it was tested.	RW	✕
2	<u>Parent Space – Change of Proposal</u> ACTION 7: SL to submit in writing to WP the changes from original application. WP to send to trustees who should agree/disagree whether the new criteria match that approved previously. SL to be advised if a new application would be required. OUTCOME: To finalise. ACTION 2: WP to finalise with SL	WP	✕
3	<u>Windfarm Request for Donation:</u> ACTION 8: WP to respond citing the constitution. OUTCOME: To do ACTION 3: WP to respond.	WP	✕
4	<u>Dianne Repsch: Annual Tribute / Award</u> ACTION 9: WP to speak with IR to confirm he is happy with the concept and take forward.		✕

	OUTCOME: IR confirmed that this would be a lovely tribute and would support. ACTION 4: WP to liaise with IR, CELCA, and LCC and finalise details.		
5	<u>Admin Support</u> RW joined the meeting with a view of taking on admin support for CELCA and LCC. ACTION 5: WP to follow up with RW to finalise details of role. OUTCOME: Ongoing.	WP / RW	x
6	<u>Website</u> WP is looking into updating/tidying up website and dormant email address. Scottish Borders Website Design has been in touch regarding various items on the website that need addressed. ACTION 6: WP following up with website designer. OUTCOME: Ongoing	WP	x
7	<u>Additional Wind Turbines</u> AL commented on the additional wind turbines and queried if there were additional funds being made. AG added a suggestion of a consultant as there is perhaps other funds due for battery storage etc or to consider community ownership of a turbine. WP forwarded on the email from Fred Olson to AG for LCC to action once reformed. ACTION 7: LCC to engage with Fred Olson when back in operation following elections. OUTCOME: AG has contacted FO. Ongoing	AG	x
8	<u>Whiteadder Sports Centre – Paddle Boarding</u> During the discussion on Application 5 – Kids Sailing, AL queried use of paddle board. Confirmed it was used but consensus was to organise postcard to promote availability this year. ACTION 8: RW to liaise with Whiteadder Sports Centre and Printspot to create postcard for paddle boarding and other activities offered by the centre. OUTCOME: Followed up with WSC but had further queries to confirm with WP. Ongoing.	RW / WP	x

4. Treasurer's Report:

As follows:

CELCA 1 – Fred Olsen Renewables

31 ST May 2026	£83,521.44
Payments Out – In Transit	£0.00
Payments In – In Transit	£0.00
22/23 Participants Contribution	£202.00
Current Balance	£83,319.44
Skipton Building Society	£25,000.00
Allocated to Projects	£93,960.53
Set aside for Running Costs	£5,000.00
Available for Funding	£9,358.91

CELCA 2 – CWP Energy

31 ST May 2026	£63,855.38
Payments Out – In Transit	£0.00
Payments In – In Transit	£0.00
19/20 Participants Contribution	£0.00
Current Balance	£63,855.38
Skipton Building Society	£25,000.00
Allocated to Projects	17,901.33
Set aside for Running Costs	£0.00
Available for Funding	£70,954.05

Received payment from CWP in April. This was the standard payment no change since fund opened. CELCA 2 has £70k available with some of this ring fences for Longformacus Village Hall. Expecting around £50k in from FO July/August.

CW queried no inflation rise, are you suggesting back dated funds are due?

KD will make enquires with CWP Energy.

AL comment to guests this sounds like a lot of money but it does need to last for the year and all the applications we may receive.

5. Funded Project Feedback:

ML requested feedback from projects.

ACTION: RW to follow up

6. Applications for Funding:

6.1 – Application 1: Duns Community Nursery (DCN) – Family App Subscription

We are a not-for-profit nursery run by the community, for the community, providing home-from-home childcare for children aged 0-5 from 7.30am–6pm. Since opening in 2023, we have grown alongside our families, shaping our provision around what our community needs most.

If successful, we would use the grant to continue funding Family, the secure digital platform we use to manage the nursery. It enables paperless invoicing and payments, reduces administration time, and supports our data protection responsibilities. It also enables staff to document children's learning and development in real time and share this with parents, strengthening communication between home and nursery. This previous funding has made a significant difference to both staff workload and parent engagement. Continued funding would ensure we can maintain this streamlined, secure, and environmentally responsible way of working, allowing staff to focus more of their time on supporting children directly.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Family App subscription (01/04/2026 to 31/03/2027)	1	£2,433.60
	Total Project Cost	£2,433.60
	Amount from CELCA	£2,433.60

ML queried if we know the number of children attending from the CELCA area.

MR noted funding last year.

KD confirmed £5,093 project fund linked to French doors which have been delayed due to problem with Building Warrant.

MR Would like to see funding sourced from other wind farm funds, not just CELCA.

AL noted they have tried to self-fund via raffle but have been unsuccessful.

It was noted that the Duns Nursery does an incredible job and is a project to be supported.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval subject to condition(s).

Proposed by: Morag Rodger (MR)

2nd by: Clive Warsop (CW)

Conditions: Would like information on how many children from the CELCA have / currently attend the nursery. Noting that this number will fluctuate. Recommendation to seek further funding from other funds.

6.2 – Application 2: Tweed Foundation - TweedStart

The Tweed Foundation, established in 1983, is dedicated to protecting and improving the natural environment of the River Tweed. It engages in a comprehensive program of biological monitoring and habitat enhancement to protect the Tweeds valuable fish stocks and maximize the rivers natural productivity.

Funding will support a progressive programme, not one-off sessions. Working with young people and volunteers to achieve recognised Dynamic Youth Award certification, contribution to Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions, and progress into volunteering, Tweed ambassador roles supporting the future of our communities within the Tweed catchment. We will provide:

- Supervised outdoor learning sessions on the River Tweed and its tributaries.
- Introduction to river ecology, fish life cycles, habitats and conservation.
- Practical angling instruction, including safety and responsible practice.
- Hands-on activities such as river observation and basic monitoring.
- Progression opportunities through the TweedStart Dynamic Youth Award.
- Volunteering, leadership and mentoring through the TweedStart Ambassador programme.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Project Oversight, Management, Coordination, Safeguarding,	1	£10,000.00
Multiple Session Delivery	10	£6,000.00
Equipment & Resources	10	£2,000.00
Insurance, Governance & Overheads	1	£2,000.00
Total Project Cost		£20,000.00
Amount from Others		£0.00
Amount from CELCA		£10,000.00

JS provided background on the Scottish Registered Charity and the work they do around the River Tweed and its tributaries. Including scientific research which is utilised at national level, guardianship of the Tweed and educational programs which are linked to the national curriculum.

Aimed at children and young adults they have a dedicated center and go out into schools with projects such as match the hatch and projects where a class can watch a fish grow in a tank and once grown can release it into the river.

Noting that the children and young adults are encouraged to promote activities they are enjoying in and around the river on social media with the aim that more children and young adults come and enjoy the rivers.

Sharing success stories of individuals who were not achieving at school, lost in the system, considered a disruptive element, have since gone onto excel through their program - now teaching at an academic standard

The project is a series of outdoor educational activities in and around the river and would include projects of bank restoration, removing invasive species, repairing banks with sensitive native planting. Monitoring insects, plant and fish life. Equipment purchased would include nets and scopes to view below the water's surface.

MR commented that her children have accessed these classes and have enjoyed the activities. Also noting the lack of match funding.

ML queried the activities and would like to see more detail on what / where / when. Also noting that the accounts show a well-funded organisation.

JS advised that as a charity they have a comply with a reserve policy to ensure that there are at least 2 years funds held to cover staffing costs.

AL noted that CELCA cannot fund staff.

CW commented the value of the project was not in question but concern of level of financial support.

Discussion around number of Children in CELCA area taking into consideration value for the area.

KD confirmed that funds would be via invoice.

BL queried if Tweed Foundation do talks or have a stand at the Ellemford show.

JS advised of talks they have undertaken in other communities and shows they have been at in the past. Also detailing some of the work they are doing around the ears including monitoring fish levels and water temperature at Abby St Bathans.

ML suggests part fund and queries what proportion do members feel comfortable with.

It is noted that there are 3 funds (CELCA/Blackhill/ASB) so a 1/3 is suggested. It is noted that Fallago Rig fund doesn't allow shared funding. Conesus is to support the project and between 1/2 and 1/3 is discussed settling at 40% of funding requested.

JS advises that this is the first tentative step in looking at funding.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval subject to condition(s).

Proposed by: Alison Landale (AL)

2nd by: Morag Rodger (MR)

Conditions: 40% Funding agreed. Recommend that additional funding is sourced from other wind farm funds. Open to revisit if unable to obtain required funding. Requested further information of activities.

6.3 – Application 3: Duns Pipe Band - Equipment

Founded in 1942, Duns Pipe Band has offered generations of Borderers tuition, instruments, equipment, and highland dress free of charge to ensure anyone can learn the bagpipes or drums. Open to all ages and abilities, the band has 40 active playing members and 12 learners, most progressing through our free in house training programme.

Duns Pipe Band are seeking funding to replace essential pipe band equipment, specifically 30 pipe bag covers, and 30 sets of drone cords used by Duns Pipe Band members. These items are subject to regular wear and deterioration due to environmental exposure, frequent use, and necessary cleaning. As core components of the instrument setup, bag covers protect the airtight bag supplying air to the reeds, while drone cords secure the drones in position. Replacing these items ensures the instruments remain functional, presentable, and fit for performance at community events.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Bagpipe Covers	30	£1,590.00
Bagpipe Cords	30	£450.00
Total Project Cost		£2,040.00
Amount from Others		£0.00
Amount from CELCA		£1,020.00

AA shared the history of the Duns Pipe Band with several generations of his family having been a part of the organisation and spoke passionately about the Pipe Band and its links with the area as well as his passion for teaching. Noting that teaching ensures the Pipe Band continues. Confirming that one of their members lives at Stobbs. And previously playing at the Ellemford Show

AL queried who provides the Pipes to members/learners

AA advised that the band provides these as they can be expensive for learners and the cost can create a barrier for new members.

AA advised that other funds have been approached for other elements they require. Noting they are a registered charity and volunteer organisation.

ML is supportive of the great work they do and would like to see them at the Ellemford Show.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval.

Proposed by: Morag Rodger (MR)

2nd by: Alison Landale (AL)

Conditions: None

6.4 – Application 4: Ellemford Show

The Lammermoor Pastoral Society is the Committee which organises the Ellemford Show. The Ellemford Show is a locally run family show which I believe will have been running for 160 years this coming year. The show is held on the last Saturday in September (26th September 2026).

If successful, the grant money will go towards the running costs of the show. The application is to fund 50% of the running costs listed below, which will include the hire of marquee, toilets, generator, printing, show dance costs, rosettes, security for the evening family entertainment & hog roast. An application has been submitted to PACT for the remaining 50%.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Olympus Marquee Hire/table/chairs/generator/light (inc VAT)		£4,380.00
Oink Hog Roast (inc VAT)		£900.00
Hire of toilets (3 plus disabled) & external lights (2025 prices)		£507.00
Security 4-person professional security 6pm to 1am (inc VAT)		£840.00
Deebees Rosettes		£367.00
Printing Costs based on 2025 Prices		£1,909.00
Band for after show dance		£1,500.00
Total Project Cost		£10,403.00
Amount from Others		£5,201.50
Amount from CELCA		£5,201.50

AL noted the importance of the local community event.

MR commented on increasing cost of living and the effects.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval.

Proposed by: Bill Landale (BL)

2nd by: Alison Landale (AL)

Conditions: None.

6.5 – Application 5: Ellemford Show – Industrial Section

Ellemford Show goes from strength to strength with more people attending each year. There has been a notable increase in the number of young families within the area, this has required a rethink regarding activities on site for the children. The cost of entertainers has increased dramatically over the years as has the cost of the bouncy castle/tractor assault course and as no charge is applied for children to access the activities, the committee bears the cost. Whilst entry fees apply for classes detailed in schedule, raffle tickets are sold, and money is raised through the auctioning of produce this barely covers the cost. The grant will help ensure that children's entertainment can continue to be provided free for families.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Flyagaric Circus Skills	1	£390.00
Bouncy Castle Noon Entertainments	1	£400.00
Tent Hire	1	£350.00
Axe Throwing	1	£120.00
Total Project Cost		£1,260.00
Amount from Others		£0.00
Amount from CELCA		£1,000.00

Consensus is supportive as per previous application.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval.

Proposed by: Bill Landale (BL)

2nd by: Gordon Allan (GA)

Conditions: None

6.6 – Application 5: Learn with Lizzie

To continue to fund the learn with Lizzie STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths) sessions at Longformacus Hall.

This funding provides once monthly classes for up to 15 children (age 4-10) in the local community with a primary teacher. As a group they learn about STEAM subjects through crafting, carrying out experiments and watching demonstrations. At summer club the group also worked on entries for Ellemford show with two of the children attending sharing first place. The children all would like the classes to continue, and they have consistently received very good feedback from parents.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Learn with Lizzie Workshop	5	£500.00
Hall Hire at Longformacus @ £20.00 / session	5	£100.00
	Total Project Cost	£600.00
	Amount from Others	£0.00
	Amount from CELCA	£600.00

MR noted that Learn with Lizzie is popular and the classes are full.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval.

Proposed by: Morag Rodger (MR)

2nd by: Alison Rodger (AR)

Conditions: None

6.7 – Application 5: Cranshaws Village Hall – General Maintenance

The hall provides a space for locals and people from out with to hire the use of the hall. The committee holds regular social events, these bring the local community together.

Maintenance grant for ongoing maintenance, general repairs, electric, clearing of gutters, replacing some lighting, PAT testing, fire safety checks, and regular cleaning.

ITEM	QTY	COST
General Maintenance		£5,000.00
	Total Project Cost	£5,000.00
	Amount from Others	£0.00
	Amount from CELCA	£5,000.00

ML qualified that his was a years funding with insurance premiums costing £1,000.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval.

Proposed by: Morag Rodger (MR)

2nd by: Alison Landale (AL)

Conditions: None

6.8 – Application 5: Duns Swimming Pool – Memberships

The grant will be used to fund 100% of the cost of children's swimming lessons for one year and 70% of annual membership of Duns Swimming Pool for CELCA residents.

It will benefit CELCA residents as they are getting access for a year to the excellent sports facility at Duns Swimming Pool for 30% of the cost. It will encourage parents to sign up their children for swimming lessons, providing them with a valuable life skill and hopefully helping them to keep safe around water and water based activities.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Over 60s membership at £250 (funded at 70%)	9	£2,250.00
Family membership at £575 (funded at 70%)	9	£5,175.00
Individual membership at £330 (funded at 70%)	3	£990.00
Swimming lessons for children at £270 (fully funded)	22	£5,940.00
Family membership at £575 (fully funded)	1	£575.00
Total Project Cost		£14,930.00
Amount from Others		£0.00
Amount from CELCA		£12,401.00

SB confirmed numbers are based on individuals already utilising the part funding. There are some changes expected with members leaving and joining the area, these are likely to offset each other.

KD confirmed funds are paid against invoices so would only fund those who utilised the part funding.

ML noted continuation of previous funding and the importance of water safety saving lives.

SB noted 22 children in the area are being fully funded, many going on to join the swimming club or lifeguard training. Noting recent water-based deaths due to the hot weather.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval.

Proposed by: Adam Prokopowicz (AP)

2nd by: Morag Rodger (MR)

Conditions: None

6.9 – Application 5: Berwickshire Agricultural Show

The Annual Agricultural show hosted by Berwickshire Agricultural Association plays an important role in celebrating, supporting, and promoting rural life and industry in the Berwickshire area.

We will use the grant to part fund the cost of tentage, rosettes, trophy engraving, judge's expenses, cataloguing, insurance, and advertising for the Industrial Tent at the 2026 show.

Many exhibitors in the Industrial Section come from the Lammermuir district, providing an opportunity to showcase their talents in stick dressing, as well as their make-and-bake skills. The section also allows participants to connect and interact with fellow local exhibitors, fostering a strong sense of community and shared tradition.

The Industrial section is hoping to contribute of £1,000 towards the costs associated with their section, however the remainder is un-funded. The total tent cost for this section is £2,316, while the additional sundries (listed above) total £1,126. The total cost of this section has risen again this year to £3,442, and as mentioned earlier, the Industrial section hopes to increase their contribution to £1,000 this year which leaves £2,442 unfunded - 49% grant requested. Attending the Show will become unobtainable for the Industrial Section should they have to fund all their costs.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Industrial section tentage, rosettes, tables, chairs, trophy engraving, judges expenses, insurance, advertising		£3,442.00
	Total Project Cost	£3,442.00
	Amount from Others	£0.00
	Amount from CELCA	£1,200.00

FR confirmed that this is a third of the cost for the Industrial tent and are making applications elsewhere for other elements required to sport the show. Noting financial challenges with costs rising. Most inclusive section of the show where anyone of all ages and abilities within a wide range of disciplines can enter and is not limited to individuals from a selected area.

CW noted previous support through the years.

ML noted it's a proportion of one part of the show.

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval.

Proposed by: Morag Rodger (MR)

2nd by: Alison Landale (AL)

Conditions: None

6.10 – Application 5: LCC Local Place Plan Development Phase

The Community Action Plan (CAP) has provided a strong foundation for identifying local priorities across Longformacus, Cranshaws, Ellemford and Rigfoot. With the Scottish Borders Council issuing a formal invitation for Local Place Plans (LPPs) in July 2025, there is now a significant opportunity to adapt the CAP into a statutory LPP.

A Local Place Plan allows the community to set out its aspirations for land use, development, infrastructure, services, green space, housing and local priorities. Once registered, the LPP will directly inform the next Local Development Plan (LDP) and ensure that community views are embedded in future planning decisions.

The LPP will build on the CAP by adding spatial mapping, asset mapping, policy alignment with National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), and a strengthened demonstration of community support.

ITEM	QTY	COST
Consultancy fees	1	£9,230.00
Travel expenses	1	£270.00
Typesetting	1	£500.00
Total Project Cost		£10,000.00
Amount from Others		£0.00
Amount from CELCA		£6,000.00

RW apologies for late inclusion of LCC application. The proposal is to adapt the CAP into a Local Place Plan which will have more standing within SBC Local Development Plan ensuring greater consideration to community aspirations at a higher level of planning. Part of the process will ensure the LDP is correct - currently Cranshaws is not mentioned and Longformacus boundary may be incorrect. The proposal is to use Julie Nock who wrote the CAP and knows our community well.

ML noted previous email and requested application is recirculated to allow members an opportunity to review.

OUTCOME: Agree in principle but require application to be circulated and time to review.

Proposed by:

2nd by:

Conditions:

ACTION RW to send out application for review with responses via email.

7. Funds to be Topped Up

Ref.	Funds to be Topped Up	Amount Req.	Status
7.1	Cranshaws Larder	£2,000.00	Approved
7.2	Longformacus Larder	£2,000.00	Approved
	Total Amount Requested	£4,000.00	

Agreed.

8. Funds to be Re-absorbed

Ref.	Funds to be Re-absorbed	Amount Req.	Status
8.1	Stitch & Craft	£376.78	Re-absorb
8.2	Maintenance for Tools	£50.81	Re-absorb
8.3	Owl/Swift Nesting Boxes	£290.00	Re-absorb
8.4	Green Lotus Therapies	£300.00	Re-absorb
8.5	Duns Dogs	£260.00	Re-absorb
8.6	(CofK) – Tree Pruning	£249.00	Re-absorb
8.7	(CofK) – First Aid	£1,000.00	
8.8	(CofK) – Willow Weaving	£300.00	Re-absorb
8.9	(CofK) – Lifeguard Training	£1,580.00	
	Total Amount Re-absorbed	£1,826.59	

Agreed except 8.7 (CofK) First Aid and (CofK) Lifeguard Training – to be retained.

ACTION AL to organise First aid course.

ACTION RW to advertise Lifeguard training and funding available. 03/08/26 – 07/08/26 at Duns

Swimming Pool - £268.00 [National Pool Lifeguard Qualification \(NPLQ 10\) at 03/08/2026](#)

Clarification Tree pruning for Wee forest or Penny Orchard. Confirmed Pennys Orchard and was a historic application 2/3 years ago.

ML if nothing has happened in that time this should be reabsorbed.

Advance Notes of Intention:

None

9. Any Other Business:

AL Noted the constitution was amended and queried the application amount that could be approved without a special meeting.

AA expressed an interest in organising pipe band lessons in one of our village halls. It was suggested that Longformacus may be better placed. Once date is proposed CELCA can send out notification via postcard, Herald and posters.

ACTION: RW to follow up with AA.

10. Date of Next AGM Meeting:

Monday 7th September 2026 to be held at Longformacus Village Hall at 07:00PM.

Meeting closed at: 20:31