

# Minutes of the Lammermuir Community Council

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 7.30 pm

### Cranshaws Village Hall

**Present:**

- Alistair Dawson, Bill Landale, Corinne Mycock, David Mycock, Clive Warsop
- **Minute secretary:** Beth Landon

**Apologies:** Cllr Donald Moffat, Cllr Mark Rowley and Tony Homer

Agenda point	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome and apologies</b>            AD welcomed all to the meeting.            Only item put forward for AOB was from BL to discuss an idea to create a viewpoint.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>            The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.            CM proposed and DM 2nd</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters arising not listed for discussion below</b></p> <p>AD reported on the consultation on <b>Licensing procedures</b> in Scotland. He thought they may want to change it to being online, but this is not the case, so he decided not responded.</p> <p>AD reported on the <b>Resilient Communities</b> meeting that AD and BL attended. This wasn't to recruit groups to this scheme, as they had thought, but was for those who already had a group going. AD reported to them how Lammermuir Community coped during the past winter's bad weather and it was commented on that the community is doing a great job already with the community herald etc.            AD suggested that as the community is already resilient anyway there is no need to join the scheme.            BL agreed as long as some individuals aren't falling through the net.            CM commented (in her role as Herald) that this is not a problem as they are aware of those not on email and in touch with.</p> <p>CM announced that Andrew Black of Longformacus is taking over the <b>Herald</b>. This will be connected to the website once it is established (further discussion in point 8 below).</p>	
<p><b>4. Treasurer's report</b></p> <p>CM reported there has not much change since April. The Minute Secretary was paid and interest received.</p> <p><b>Bank balance 14/5/18      £4824.11</b></p>	

<p>£784.11 available in the LCC fund (not ring-fenced)  £1180 ring fenced for the Walking Fund  £2000 ring fenced for the Public Arts Strategy  All money is now in BofS account, so the next step is to close RBS account.</p>	
<p><b>5. Windfarms</b></p> <p><b>Aikengall II</b> - AD has not had a response with regard to the negotiations over payments to the community.</p> <p><b>Cristal Rig IV</b> – AD had an email from the person who ran the exhibition, saying they are about to submit their application to the Energy Consents Unit. A full electronic copy of environmental impact assessment has been posted to AD on a memory stick and uploaded to ECU website.  AD also received an email from Mark Rowley to let LCC know this is available to view online now.  CM asked whether it will still need to go through official planning consent. AD said it would need to.  CW mentioned that although he knew this was coming in phases, the impact is far exceeding what he originally thought. He suggested LCC consider a refreshed agenda to address this.</p>	
<p><b>6. Village boundary markers</b></p> <p>AD pointed out there was an action to sort out permissions / courtesy notices regarding the location of the village markers at the meeting before last.  AD has been in touch with Mayshiel, but has had no response, so it is assumed they don't have any issues with the location of the sign post.  CM reported that she spoke to the Factor at Ellemford Estate and was asked to provide with a map. AD gave her one today which she will show to them.  AD said there will not be planters by the signs for now, they will be black on white, in Cranshaws and Longformacus they will be on the opposite side of the road from the current village name signs.  Ellemford currently has no sign.  CW has not seen Mr Charles recently to discuss this with him, He asked when the signs will go up. AD answered this will be once permission given by the roads department.  AD will meet Keith Paterson, head of roads department for SBC, a week today and then he will place the order with the foundry.  AD showed the design he and WDY had produced of a Blackie. All approved the design and requested that thanks be passed onto WDY.</p> <p>AD suggested that even if CW still hadn't managed to discuss this with Mark Charles by the end of the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> June, then AD will go ahead and place the order. CW agreed.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CW AD</p>

## 7. Community Consultation

TH was not present today to report back on his findings regarding ABPCC's community consultation, but had circulated the report to the LCC Trustees prior to the meeting and sent a message saying he is relaxed about following up any approach decided on at today's meeting.

BL said there are lots of ideas listed which we could have come up with for LCC. The consultation has stimulated ideas and the professional body did the job they were paid to do; however 3 years on it appears that not much happened, except that Abbey St Bathans have had their water supply sorted out.

CM said it is unnecessary to spend so much on a survey. All agreed. The point in having a survey is to find large projects which the community want to channel funding into. However many of these potential projects are covered by SBC (e.g. gritters) or promised by government (e.g. Broadband). Also of great importance to the community is the village halls, but the community has already got together to fundraise for these and neither need to be replaced.

A lengthy discussion followed:

BL – people are quick to tell you what is good for community, but who is going to make it happen?

CW – we have taken care of a lot of these things, e.g. village halls. Working very well here.

CM – maintenance of the hall should be paramount.

AD – concern is that if we spent £20,000 on it we may get similar answers. Don't think a new survey now would reveal anything new.

CW – we don't have to do it again, as we have proof we've done this.

AD – no issue with where to distribute wind farm funds, at the last LCF meeting we gave away around £25,000

CM – got the impression from TH, that he would like money to go on something big, rather than all these small grants through LCF – but don't think the survey would end up showing us a big solution. It's a lot of work and money.

AD – we don't have a limit on a single project with LCF

All agreed to keep going as we are. All expressed their thanks to TH for his efforts, but it was **decided that the survey wouldn't be worth the cost for LCC area.** The £3000 ring-fenced with LCF for the survey can be therefore be reabsorbed

CM suggested that the new website could have a survey or ideas department for members of the community to put forward ideas on how to improve our area; an electronic suggestion box.

<p>CM mentioned the possibility of distributing <b>trust funds/ bursaries</b>. CM had previously contacted the High School about this, but no one got back to her. So many of the children in the LCC area go to BHS.</p> <p>The following conversation followed:  BL – trusts funds should be for all in the community, not just for those going to BHS, e.g. for university.  CM – BHS will have knowledge of schemes set up which LCF could give grants for.  BL – any objection from funders on setting up a bursary / trust fund?  CM – can't remember anything in the constitution.  CW – there are just limits on buying land etc  CM – a bursary fund would need very careful setting up, with strict criteria, e.g. the child has to live here.  BL – the process by which this is assessed ought to involve an educational specialist, and not be means tested.</p>	
<p><b>8. Website</b></p> <p>AD requested a mandate to go ahead with the best web developer of those he and WDY researched and presented at the last meeting, rather than to keep looking, so we can get started on this soon. The conclusion of the last meeting was to go away and look at more websites, but AD and WDY had already done this. AD suggested they could get in touch with the one which looked best, have a meeting with those interested and go ahead. Those to ask to be present at this meeting include: Beth Landon (has been updating the current website), AD, CM, Jan McArthur and Andrew Black (taking over from CM as herald). This would be a one off meeting, not ongoing, to shape how it is developed.</p> <p><b>All agreed for AD to go ahead and arrange this meeting with the web developer he thinks best (Jonathan Nicholson).</b></p> <p>CW suggested having one person to update to maintain a style – Beth Landon was asked, and agreed to do this, depending on how much time it takes going forward.  BL pointed out the need to be prepared for them to want to start from scratch. This is fine with all.  AD mentioned the fee is for set-up only, we would then take it forward.</p>	AD
<p><b>9. Defibrillators</b></p> <p>TH applied to LCF on 5<sup>th</sup> June for funding for defibrillators for the three villages and was successful, pending approval from the wind farm.</p> <p>AD pointed out that there is supposed to be a defibrillator guardian appointed (not currently in place) to send in a monthly report and had had an email Scottish Ambulance Service from saying they haven't had this report. TH will be the guardian.</p>	

<p>Current state of progress: Cranshaws and Longformacus Halls should have delivery of equipment and the installation within next 2 weeks. A link in needed in Ellemford to the phone box for the power.</p> <p>CM mentioned that TH has agreed to arrange another training session for the community once the installations are complete.</p>	<p>TH</p>
<p><b>10. Police reports</b></p> <p>During May there were 20 calls to police, mainly road traffic incidents and concerns for persons. No incidents related to LCC.</p> <p>Pauline Bolson forwarded a message to AD to inform LCC that Carol Wood is the new inspector with responsibility for community area.</p>	
<p><b>11. Planning</b></p> <p>There are four ongoing planning applications:</p> <p><b>Honey house</b> - replacement window and door, no objection</p> <p><b>Greenhope</b> - BL is waiting to hear back from planning concerning his application to divide their house into two – legally rather than physically (i.e. to have section 75 restriction lifted). This will enable them to leave a part of the house (original and extension) to each of their two children.</p> <p><b>Agricualtural building at Smiddy Hill farm</b> – approved</p> <p><b>Communications mast</b> – for use by the emergency services. Currently the plan is for this to be located on the Ellemford Estate. AD suggested a better location would be next to the saw mill, as there is already power there and all agreed. AD will respond on the planning portal that location next to the saw mill would be a much better location. Brownfield site rather than agricultural, fewer residences impacted, power already available, landowner consent, and presumably better coverage.</p> <p>BL pointed out that the community won't potentially benefit from better mobile coverage or broadband because the mast will use a satellite feed.</p>	<p>AD</p>
<p><b>12. Correspondence received</b></p> <p>Most has been forwarded to LCC by WDY</p> <p>Of note recently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GDPR</b> awareness session. Doesn't apply to LCC as we don't retain personal information. The Herald has emailed everyone to ask them to reply if they no longer wish to be on the email list and only one reply was received asking to stay on.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bank closures:</b> a committee has been set up to find out what impact the closure of local branches has had on local businesses etc. AD will forward this to CM to respond to</li> </ul>	AD
<p><b>13. Any other business</b></p> <p><b>Viewpoints</b>  BL suggested LCC look into applying to designate a local viewpoint: past Whitcheater, sharp LH bend, straight ahead is a field, with amazing views of the hills and winding rivers. All agreed this is one of the favourite spots.  CM pointed out LCC would need to get Ellemford Estate permission and roads planning, and the farmer would need to be willing. Exits and entrances will need to be considered. AD suggested a lay-by and DM suggested some parking.  CM pointed out that this may help in the argument against more windfarm development.  AD suggested a bench and a plaque describing what you can see.  BL offered to apply to LCF for any funding required, but is not sure how to register it.  CM suggested that this could be unofficial if Ellemford Estate allows it.  BL said registering it may increase traffic and this in turn may incentivise road upkeep.</p> <p><b>Public Arts Strategy</b>  CW asked about where this project is up to. CM updated CW on the decision at the recent LCF meeting as he wasn't there: Ringfencing of the fund originally applied for stands as a new committee is going ahead with it, and the 2 year time limit for spending the money has been restarted (beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July if no objections from the windfarm following the recent LCF meeting) The idea is that an Artist will attract other funding as well.</p>	BL
<p><b>14. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September in Longformacus at 7:30pm  Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December in Cranshaws at 7:30pm</p>	

**AD closed the meeting at 9:10pm**