

Lammermuir Community Council
Ordinary General Meeting
Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7.30 pm
Longformacus Village Hall
Minutes

Present:

- Alistair Dawson, Corinne Mycock, David Mycock, Tony Homer, Clive Warsop
- **SBC members:**
- **Minute secretary:** Beth Landon
- **Also present:** Morag Rodger

Agenda point	Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies Bill Landale, Cllr Mark Rowley, PC Ian Porter</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September 2019 The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. CM proposed, DM 2nd</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not listed for discussion below</p> <p>AGM The AGM was due in December, but this was only remembered this week. It was proposed to have this in January as 3 weeks' notice is required.</p> <p>CC elections A Community Council election is due next year. AD contacted Eileen Graham at SBC to ask and has sent her a copy of the constitution. SBC oversee the process.</p> <p>Power lines Nothing more to report about SB Energy Networks and the update of the power lines.</p> <p>Telephone box consultation AD is still awaiting a response from SBC</p> <p>Polling stations AD has replied to the letter from SBC to say the halls are satisfactory for use as Polling Stations and that it is important to the community that both are in use as polling stations.</p>	

4. Treasurer's report

Bank balance is £4,615.08

LCC funds available: £735.08

Ringfenced funds:

Walking fund £1,880

Public Art Strategy £2,000

LCC PROJECT FUNDING – RINGFENCED AT THE LCF:

SECRETARY £0.00

DEFIBRILLATOR £256.07

PUBLIC ART STRATEGY (ringfenced) £12,500.00

(£500 was spent on an artist's' commission)

COMMUNITY BROADBAND £3,903.00

COMMUNITY WEBSITE £1,757.00

5. Broadband

At the last meeting, Borderlink presented the possibilities for connecting those in the community who don't have broadband or have poor broadband speeds.

An email was sent round the community via the Herald and 25 people have signed up in response (no one from the Longformacus village, as these are getting speeds above the minimum to be eligible for the government vouchers).

CM, DM and AD had a meeting with Borderlink last week. Borderlink have produced a list of all those who have applied, with their eligibility for vouchers noted and whether they have applied for them already, and the overall estimated cost to connect everyone who has signed up. Some have already used their voucher on satellite broadband, so the community fund will cover this instead. The community fund will also pay for all the relays needed. Once these are set up all the community will be able to connect once they have been set up with the antennae. The next step is for Borderlink to decide where the relays will go, then they will report on exactly what the cost will be.

Postcards weren't sent out this time as the time was short (the government voucher scheme has recently ended, but another scheme may be launched in March) and it was assumed that those on email wouldn't need it. It was decided to go through with this first phase of connections, then send a

<p>postcard round the community to ask who else would like to be connected. LCC will then apply again to the LCF for further funding, if required, for a second wave of connections.</p> <p>All were encouraged to help spread the news by word of mouth in the meantime.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the monthly subscription to Borderlink doesn't cover the phone line and calls. The Post Office do a good deal for landline only, and BT have comparable deals.</p> <p>LCC now need to make a formal decision. There is just enough money in the allocated LCF funding to cover the estimated cost, however it may come to a little more. AD proposed that, if necessary, some of the walking fund is used to cover the difference. All agreed.</p> <p>It was decided to send a postcard round the community in January or February, to explain the situation and to ask who would like to join in the second wave, in time to put in a further application to the LCF.</p>	<p>AD / CM</p>
<p>6. Windfarms</p> <p>Nothing new to report</p>	
<p>7. Website</p> <p>AD showed the plan for the website map, with those sections for which he has provided content ticked. The majority has now been completed. Sections remaining are the homepage and hall booking pages. AD will send a link to LCC once he has finished, to allow for feedback, and then it can go live.</p> <p>Some sections have been discarded from the Community Matters pages: Community Workshop as this is not happening currently, and LammermuirLive (the new name for Watch Promotions) as it's covered in other areas.</p> <p>The Herald email address and notifications will be fed in. Email addresses will be also set up for hall bookings, they will forward to those in use.</p> <p>AD and Beth Landon will be able to update the website. Village hall reps will update their areas. Hall bookings will automatically update the calendar.</p> <p>There will be links throughout to relevant websites and social media. Some further links to social media were suggested: Cranshaws Village Hall, the</p>	<p>AD</p>

<p>Southern Upland moorland group and Ellemford Industrial Section Facebook pages.</p> <p>The domain name is about £25 per year, this will be covered by the fund which can be topped up. Set up is being covered by a one-off fee and any further help will be charged on a case by case basis.</p> <p>It was suggested that the website should contain information about local social housing. A link to Berwickshire Housing Association website could be included in the Community Matters section. TH to email a link to AD and will ask BHA for their preferred informative blurb.</p>	<p>TH</p>
<p>8. Police reports</p> <p>October Campaigns: Do not risk it – highlighting the dangers of drink / drug driving. Child sexual abuse – prevention of online grooming</p> <p>No road safety incidents, inconsiderate driving incidents or antisocial behaviour incidents reported</p> <p>Two police incidents reported between 1/9/19 and 30/9/19</p> <p>November Campaigns: Raising awareness of online fraud Reduce the risk of ransomware cyber attack Report on wildlife crime Information film on adult survivors of childhood abuse</p> <p>No road safety incidents, inconsiderate driving incidents or antisocial behaviour incidents reported</p> <p>Three police incidents reported between 1/10/19 and 31/10/19</p> <p>December Campaigns: On-line safety Local policing survey Christmas safety tips</p> <p>No road safety incidents, inconsiderate driving incidents or antisocial behaviour incidents reported</p>	

<p>Three police incidents reported between 1/11/19 and 30/11/19</p> <p>In total eight police incidents were reported since the last meeting</p>	
<p>9. Planning</p> <p>The powerline for the Emergency mast on Bothwell Hill has been approved</p> <p>LVH village hall One consultation has taken place on this so far and a local archaeologist has approved. LCC approve this. AD to inform SBC.</p>	AD
<p>10. Correspondence received</p> <p>Audit Scotland, which audits all Scottish public bodies, has recently completed an audit on SBC and AD has the link for any who are interested.</p> <p>Consultation on Draft Crown Estate 2020 - 2023 corporate plan was available for people to participate in until the 25th November.</p> <p>VE day (received from Scottish Government) - CCs are asked to be take a lead in organising local celebrations for next year's "VE day 75" from 8 – 10th May. LCC need to decide if they would like to organise anything. It is likely that there will be celebrations happening at the Volunteer Hall in Duns, if so, this could be promoted on the new community website.</p>	
<p>11. Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morag Rodger will consider being a co-opted as a member of LCC • CM to contact SBC to let them know the accounts aren't ready yet, but will be available after the AGM in Jan 	CM
<p>12. Date of next meeting AGM Thursday 23rd January 2020 in Cranshaws</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.50pm