

Lammermuir Community Council
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 7pm
Cranshaws Village Hall
Minutes

Present:

- **Council members:** Alistair Dawson, Corinne Mycock, David Mycock, Tony Homer, Clive Warsop
- **SBC members:** Cllr Mark Rowley arrived at the end of the AGM
- **Minute secretary:** Beth Landon
- **Also present:** Ettie Spencer, Morag Rodger, Elizabeth Willis

Agenda point	Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>AD thanked everyone for coming, in particular Ettie Spencer, Morag Rodger and Elizabeth Willis. Apologies from Bill Landale and Cllr Donald Moffat.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 13th December 2018</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. DM proposed, CM 2nd</p> <p>The last LCC AGM was held on 13th December 2018. The 2019 AGM should have been held in December 2019, but was missed, for which AD apologised. So, although it is January 2020, this is the AGM for 2019. The next AGM, for 2020, will be held in December 2020.</p> <p>However, before then, in November, there needs to be a new Election for members of the Community Council. Two members resigned early in 2019 and we currently have the absolute minimum number of members, six. And that includes Bill Landale who is very unwell. So, as was said in the email to residents, we need new residents to step forward either at the election later this year, or ideally, to be co-opted before then.</p> <p>AD thanked Ettie Spencer, Morag Rodger and Elizabeth Willis for responding to this call. However, as only two are able to be co-opted, ES said she was happy not to be elected. Co-option needs to be included on the agenda, with name, address, electoral roll number, and a proposer and seconder from amongst those already on the Community Council, so this will happen at the next meeting.</p>	AD

<p>3. Matters arising not listed for discussion below</p> <p>Correction – superfast broadband almost ready in Longformacus – NOT through R100</p>	<p>Beth Landon</p>
<p>4. Chair’s report for the year</p> <p>In last year’s Chair’s Report, I registered a degree of frustration at the lack of positive progress that the Community Council had managed to achieve during the year largely due to factors outside its control (external bureaucracy and red-tape). This year we have made positive progress in two important aspects at least, Broadband and the Community Website.</p> <p>Broadband</p> <p>This time last year I reported that with the demise of Community Broadband Scotland, we were impotent with regards to providing Superfast Broadband ourselves. We could only wait to see when (and if) R100 provided us with Superfast Broadband. [R100 is a Scottish Government commitment to provide 100% of Scottish premises with Superfast Broadband by 2021]. This year we gave up waiting and asked Borderlink to investigate whether they could provide Superfast Broadband through a 4G network to LCC premises that had poor broadband services (all those properties outside Longformacus). Borderlink came up with a plan to reach the majority of properties at a cost that LCC could afford. Phase 1 is now complete. This included all except two of the properties which responded to our initial invitation to apply. The majority of these were able to claim the cost of installation through the government BBUK voucher, as they had speeds less than 2 Mb/s. Phase 2 is about to begin; we will encourage all remaining properties with poor speeds to apply.</p> <p>Community website</p> <p>Earlier offers to produce a community website came to nothing. LCC therefore commissioned a local professional web designer Jonathan Nicholson of Scottish Borders Website Design. An initial design was approved by LCC and LCC has registered the domain name (Lammermuirlife.co.uk). Scottish Borders Website Design has now been supplied with all the content needed, and most has been loaded. Very shortly there will be a meeting for the administrators and then the new website can go live.</p> <p>Windfarms</p> <p><i>Fallago</i></p> <p>In August 2017 there was a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) into the Proposal by EDF Renewables for a Time Extension to Fallago 1 (48 turbines) and to construct Fallago 2 (12 turbines). The result of the PLI was deferred until the second quarter of 2019. However, the outcome is still not known.</p>	

Aikengall

Aikengall 2 has been operational since November 2018. Earlier in 2019 Alison Landale (Chair, LCF) and I signed an agreement with the owners, Community Windpower Ltd, such that they will contribute approximately £50k p.a. to the LCF.

Crystal Rig

Planning permission has been applied for by Fred. Olsen Renewables to extend Crystal Rig with a further 11 turbines, four of which are 200 m high. The new turbines are largely to the south of the existing turbines and so would have a greater visual impact on our community. We have no further information since this time last year.

Planning

There have been only five planning applications that LCC has been asked to comment on, and none of them controversial.

SP Energy Networks

There is a planned upgrade for the local electricity supply. This was supposed to happen early in 2020 but has not started yet.

Finally, I would like to thank Corinne Mycock for the time and effort she has put in as Treasurer and as the ‘Community Herald’ and Beth Landon for taking and preparing the minutes and updating the community website. Also, Corinne and David Mycock for their efforts with Broadband. The Community Council would also like to thank Councillors Mark Rowley and Donald Moffat for coming to our meetings and offering advice.

Alistair Dawson

Further comments:

Broadband – now R100 has been put back to 2023, although even this date isn’t certain. CM now has a list of addresses which could be eligible for the second phase of the Borderlink roll-out, so postcards will be sent out to them.

Website – CM, AD and Beth are going to be editors and will meet soon with the Jonathan Nicholson to receive training. Keith Noddle will update for Lonformacus Village Hall and Heather Borthwick for Cranshaws Village Hall.

Aikengall II – AD to chase up the next payment

SP Energy

DM reported that an engineer had been remeasuring, as the previous cost prediction was too low.

CM thanked AD for all his work, including that on the website.

CM

AD

<p>5. Treasurer's report for the year</p> <p>Balance brought forward: £4,897.82 Total credits: £5,813.36 Total debits: £1,108.11 Year-end balance: £4,705.25</p> <p>Breakdown of balance: Community Council available funds: £825.25 Walking fund (ringfenced): £1,880.00 Public Art Strategy (ringfenced): £2,000</p> <p>Full details are in the End of year accounts, which will be made available on the website. £160 was deposited in the bank account by CM to help with cash flow issues, but was subsequently repaid.</p>	
<p>6. Election of office bearers</p> <p>The office bearers stepped down and ES took over as chair to oversee the re-election.</p> <p>DM proposed AD as chair, AD accepted and CM 2nd AD proposed CM as treasurer, CM accepted and CW 2nd</p>	
<p>7. Appointment of auditors</p> <p>It was agreed to continue with BAVS as auditors</p>	
<p>8. Agreement to abide by the Scottish Borders Council Code of Conduct for Community Councils</p> <p>All Community Councillors present signed the agreement form. AD to forward to SBC</p>	AD
<p>9. Date of next AGM</p> <p>Thursday 10th December 2020 in Longformacus</p>	

Meeting closed at 7:40pm

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After AGM
Minutes

Present:

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<p>1. Welcome and apologies Bill Landale and Cllr Donald Moffat</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th December 2019 The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. DM proposed, CM 2nd</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not listed for discussion below</p> <p>Telephone box consultation – an objection to the closure has been submitted by SBC. AD not heard back yet.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurer’s report</p> <p>Bank Balance on 23-01-20: £4,559.40</p> <p>COMMUNITY COUNCIL: £679.40 WALKING FUND (ringfenced): £1,880.00 PUBLIC ART STRATEGY (ringfenced): £2,000.00</p> <p>LCC PROJECT FUNDING – RINGFENCED AT THE LCF SECRETARY £0.00 (reabsorbed) DEFIBRILLATOR £256.07 PUBLIC ART STRATEGY (ringfenced) £12,500.00 COMMUNITY BROADBAND £3,903.00 COMMUNITY WEBSITE £1,757.00</p> <p>Broadband: Phase one and two of the Borderlink roll-out will be covered by the Community Broadband fund (LCF) and if necessary, the Walking Fund (LCC) will be used to cover any shortfall as agreed at the last meeting.</p>	

<p>Website: CM to find out the remainder left to pay the web developer, and report back on how much remains to cover the running costs.</p> <p>Public Arts Strategy: It was pointed out that this is an LCC Project even though it has recently been progressed by LCF. There is no current working group taking this forward. The Council personnel that started the project have long ago left and no current Council member is willing to take it forward. It was generally felt that the project could be divisive, e.g. would residents feel that the money could have been better spent elsewhere, was the appointment of the artist fairly arrived at. Should it be put on hold until the Woodland Walk is taking shape, so artists could see the context for where the sculptures may be situated?</p> <p>It was decided that AD should approach LCF to discuss how to proceed.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>AD</p>
<p>5. Broadband</p> <p>Recent progress was covered in the AGM. 14 new premises have been connected via Borderlink (phase one), and information will be sent out to ensure all the rest who want to be are covered (phase two).</p> <p>Several present reported issues with the new installations: low speeds on several occasions and the connection dropping out multiple times a day. Borderlink were notified and responded quickly. They are aware that some are still experiencing teething issues and are working hard to iron these out.</p> <p>One present reported they were unable to get out of the contract with BT, so are paying a subscription to Borderlink in addition (for a faster broadband package that they needed) and their connection drops out five or six times a day.</p> <p>Cllr MR suggested LCC make a formal report on these issues to Borderlink, as there has been a cluster of teething issues. CM suggested each individual report back, as Borderlink are aware and are working on it.</p> <p>Last week it was announced that government R100 scheme will go ahead in the South of Scotland, and although it won't provide full coverage, it will reach a significant number of people. BT signed the contract in December, although there is still no timescale</p>	
<p>6. Windfarms</p> <p>Nothing new to report – see AGM minutes.</p>	
<p>7. Website</p> <p>Covered under AGM</p>	

<p>8. Police reports</p> <p>Police Scotland are changing the information they ask for on first contact under the “Contact Assessment Model Project”.</p> <p>November Campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online safety • Local police plan survey • #KeepXmasSafe <p>No road safety incidents, inconsiderate driving incidents or antisocial behaviour incidents reported.</p> <p>From 01/11/2019 to 30/11/2019, three police incidents were reported.</p> <p>December Campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisitive Crime Campaign (buying stolen goods) • “Smishing” (SMS SPAM) <p>No road safety or antisocial behaviour incidents reported.</p> <p>One inconsiderate driving incident reported.</p> <p>From 01/12/2019 to 31/12/2019, four police incidents were reported, including an abandoned vehicle within Crystal Rig wind farm grounds on 21/12.</p>	
<p>9. Planning</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence received</p> <p>Borders Forest Trust - requesting feedback on woodlands, people, planting and places. AD will respond.</p> <p>Community Action Team – consisting of an extra seven police officers funded by SBC. A report for Berwickshire was received, reporting a reduction in anti-social behaviour amongst youth in Eyemouth, number of incidents reduced by ~70%</p> <p>Jim Clark Rally - all on the route should have had a letter inviting them to take part in a consultation, which opened yesterday. AD had an email, which</p>	AD

<p>he will send to CM for the Herald. Route maps for 2020 have been published on the SBC website, along with the consultation process, and all are invited to respond.</p>	<p>CM / AD</p>
<p>11. Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caravan - CM had a call from a resident who is concerned about a caravan in a state of disrepair parked near Cranshaws Village Hall, in the parking area. They wanted to know whether LCC could take any action to have it removed. It is thought that the person who owns the caravan lives in the adjacent housing. CM contacted Berwickshire Housing Association as they are the landlord to the tenants who it is believed own the caravan, but has not heard anything back. It was mentioned to the police in December, but caravan is still there. It isn't known who owns the parking area. LCC have done what they can by passing on the concern. • Whiteadder reservoir – East Lothian Council (ELC) have invited tenders to put forward proposals for use of the sailing club. ES met some people from Portobello, who have been part of a similar community initiative there, who were scoping out the place with a view to putting in a bid. One of them was an instructor when it was open. They are considering setting up a SCIO, which would provide water sport activities and run a café. They are looking for local support and funding to make their bid more viable. AD has received a copy of their initial proposed costs, and it may need some changes. ELC own the sailing centre. Some boats which were used there are stored in Eyemouth and are owned by SBC. It was pointed out that LCF have funded sailing lessons there in the past and that there is a community owned boat at the centre (a Dryscumb), with disabled access. MR suggested that if LCC take this on they may be able to get some of the SBC funded boats and equipment back, as they are council assets. ES will tell the people from Portobello about the LCF and that LCC are in favour if they can make it work, and will also flag up the community ownership of the Dryscumb boat. • Street lighting - ES flagged up the idea that Longformacus should perhaps not be flood lit at night, in light of the environmental crisis. Another member of the public present said it would be good to reduce the brightness at least. Cllr MR explained that the wattage was reduced a couple of years ago, thus reducing the environmental impact and changing the hue from yellow to white. It was suggested that the Lammermuirs could become a dark sky area. Cllr MR would support the idea of the street lights going off in the middle of the night. A consultation would be needed of the villages affected (Longformacus and Cranshaws) and those who regularly commute through the area. However, SBC have looked at changing the policy of leaving the street lights on all night previously and after a public consultation the decision was made to keep the 	

<p>status quo. They are currently operated by photo cells, so the infrastructure cost may be too much to change them to timers. MR will ask if there is any value in going ahead with a local consultation, and will find out which department to ask – roads or environment. He will get back to AD and he will take it forward if appropriate.</p>	<p>ClIr MR / AD</p>
<p>12. Dates of next meetings</p> <p>Thursday 26th March 2020 in Longformacus Thursday 14th May 2020 Cranshaws Thursday 2nd July 2020 Longformacus Thursday 8th Oct 2020 Cranshaws</p>	

Meeting closed at 9:10pm