

Lammermuir Community Council
General Meeting
Held via email due to Covid-19
March 2020
Minutes

- **Participants:** Alistair Dawson, Corinne Mycock, David Mycock, Tony Homer, Bill Landale, Elizabeth Willis.
- **Minute secretary:** Beth Landon

Agenda point	Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Cllr Donald Moffat, Cllr Mark Rowley, PC Ian Porter</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January 2020</p> <p>Nobody had any corrections and the Minutes were accepted as a true record. DM proposed AD seconded.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not listed for discussion below</p> <p>Public Arts Strategy: At the last LCF meeting AD read this statement which had been agreed unanimously by LCC. “The history of the Public Art Strategy Project goes back way beyond my time. As we understand it, the Community Council put in a bid to the Community Fund for a Public Art Strategy project, and this was granted. The money allocated for this has been ringfenced for many years. However, the people on the Community Council at that time are no longer involved. The current Community Council does not want to take the project forward. Therefore, we would like the funds to be re-absorbed. We feel that if a Public Art Strategy Project is to go ahead, it needs a fresh application to be put to the Community Fund so that it has a mandate from the current Community Fund.”</p> <p>This was agreed by the LCF so the budget for this has been resorbed.</p> <p>Borders Forest Trust: AD responded.</p> <p>Jim Clark Rally: This will not now go ahead in May.</p>	

<p>4. Co-option of new members</p> <p>Elizabeth Willis: The Swallows, Stobswood Farm, Longformacus, Duns TD11 3NT: Electoral roll number 6C 132</p> <p>Morag Rodger: Stobswood Farm, Longformacus, Duns TD11 3NT: Electoral roll number 6C 122</p> <p>Everyone who responded agreed to both co-options.</p> <p>TH suggested that LCC plan ahead for the CC elections later in the year, in particular to seek to have a range of Councillors representative of the local population, from a range of demographics and with a range of skills and knowledge. Ideally this would be through co-option of further councillors, but as there are limited places allowed, he suggested all community councillors invite anyone they feel might be interested to attend CC meetings with this in mind. AD agreed.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's report</p> <p>Bank Balance 26-03-20 £3,143.90 COMMUNITY COUNCIL £963.90 WALKING FUND £2,180.00 PUBLIC ART STRATEGY (refunded to LCF) £0.00</p> <p>LCC PROJECT FUNDING – RINGFENCED AT THE LCF: DEFIBRILLATOR £256.07 PUBLIC ART STRATEGY REABSORBED £0.00 COMMUNITY BROADBAND £372,67 COMMUNITY WEBSITE £1,328.00</p> <p>CM reported that Phase 1 of Borderlink Broadband has been completed and is paid for.</p> <p>The SBC yearly grant of £540 has been received and £2000 which had been allocated to LCC for the Public Arts Strategy as been refunded to the LCF.</p> <p>£155 has been received for hall hire reimbursement.</p> <p>There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>AD and BL thanked CM.</p>	

6. Broadband

Since the last meeting a new relay has been installed at the Old Sawmill and this provides a link to Greenhope. BL reported that the broadband is working well.

CM reported that a new Government Broadband Funding scheme is in the pipeline, with more information expected in April. It might come in the shape of a total amount of funding per connection, which could help funding the more challenging connections in our community. In order to protect our local funding stream, it therefore seems prudent to **defer Phase 2 of the Borderlink roll out.**

There are many residents that are stuck in a contract with different broadband providers, not able to get out without paying a hefty fine. There might be a possibility to come out, since BT is the company that won the Government's tender - If BT can't deliver the superfast broadband that might mean they simply can't fulfil their obligation.

With new plans so close on the horizon we have decided to hold off for now. We have worked on different solutions to get superfast Broadband out there and defining who would benefit from Line of Sight Borderlink Broadband. Cooperation with estate owners and the details of the government plans will decide which residents we need to approach.

The teething problems with Borderlink seem to have been solved.

AD thanked CM and DM who have put so much effort into the provision of local Broadband.

7. Windfarms

Nothing new on planning.

Community Windpower Ltd have just made the second year's payment to CELCA2, making £119,500 in total. This is earmarked for the two heritage projects: Longformacus Village Hall and Cranshaws Walk. Progress is being made on both of these.

DM has volunteered to be the LCC representative on the **Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund**. He will attend the AGM in May.

8. Website

AD has now finished the website; the last part to be populated was Flora and Fauna. Further information may be added from time to time. The Events Calendar is clearly going to be empty for a while, given the current

<p>measures in place to tackle the coronavirus crisis. There have been 197 active users, 403 sessions, although only 16 users during the last 7 days.</p> <p>CM fed back that she has found the website attractive and user friendly and suggested the reasons for the lack of footfall might be lack of new information and limited number of 'locals'.</p> <p>BL thanked AD for his work on the website, which he thinks is excellent. He suggested a slightly easier navigation path to 'Places to stay' would be helpful. AD explained that navigation is the same as to other pages, by a sequence of drop-down menus.</p>	
<p>9. Police reports</p> <p>We have had reports for January and February. They now have a different format, covering a larger area.</p> <p>Cannabis warning 12/01 – Longformacus – During proactive patrol, officers issued three recorded Police warnings to the occupants of a parked vehicle for possessing a small quantity of cannabis.</p> <p>Traps As of the 1st April 2020, all current Unique ID Trap numbers previously issued by Police Scotland will become void, and any person wishing to use Multi cage traps, Larson Traps and Larson mate traps from 1st April 2020 must Register with Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) direct where they will be issued with their own unique new number.</p> <p>Any persons not registering directly with SNH, and continue to trap certain wild birds after the 1st April 2020, may be liable of committing an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.</p> <p>This is purely for information only, to give people an opportunity to register directly with SNH.</p> <p>During the Covid-19 crisis there will be no police attendance at CC meetings.</p> <p>There were no comments on the reports.</p>	
<p>10. Planning</p> <p>There have been no new planning applications in the LCC area since the last meeting. There is an application for a Plastics Recycling Facility at Dunbar. There were no objections to this. Action: AD to respond.</p>	AD

<p>11. Correspondence received</p> <p>Links to information on Covid-19 can be found on the Scottish Community Councils website.</p> <p>Most other emails from SBC were concerning cancelled meetings.</p> <p>Information has been passed on about the VE day 75 celebrations, although these will presumably not now go ahead.</p>	
<p>12. Any other business</p> <p>CM informed us that in light of the Corona emergency and the country being 'in lockdown', there has been a Local Shopping Service set up with the help of Berwickshire Wheels. She requested that community councillors enquire to ensure that everybody in the community knows about this, and actively see if anybody needs help in any way.</p> <p>AD pointed out that information on local help is on the website.</p>	
<p>13. Dates of next meetings</p> <p>14 May Cranshaws (may still be in lock-down)</p> <p>2 July Longformacus</p> <p>8 October Cranshaws</p> <p>10 December AGM Longformacus</p>	