

Lammermuir Community Council

General Meeting

Held via Zoom due to Covid-19

3rd July 2020

Minutes

- **Participants:** Alistair Dawson, Corinne Mycock, David Mycock, Tony Homer, Clive Warsop, Morag Rodger, Elizabeth Willis, Bill Landale, Cllr Mark Rowley.
- **In attendance:** Kate Campbell
- **Minute secretary:**

Agenda point	Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Apologies from Beth Landon who is unwell (Covid-19)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th May 2020</p> <p>Nobody had any corrections and the Minutes were accepted as a true record. DM proposed EW seconded.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not listed for discussion below</p> <p>Blackhill Windfarm Community Trust: DM attend the last meeting. The bids procedure is similar to that of LCF. They have decided not to put funds into the Covid-19 response yet as there appears to be more than enough elsewhere, but they foresee that covid related funding is needed more further down the line. They too have had a bid from the Duns Ceilidh group.</p> <p>Fridge in the Hub: AD has asked Ettie about this. She is adamant that they do not want a fridge: there is insufficient room and who would manage it (cleaning and checking use-by-dates). [See later in these minutes.]</p> <p>Covid-19 funds for school children: AD to contact heads of Duns primary school and Berwickshire High to see if parents of pupils from our area may be struggling financially to provide school kit, e.g. uniforms.</p>	<p>AD</p>
<p>4. Treasurer's report</p> <p>Bank Balance 02-07-2020 £3,679.26 COMMUNITY COUNCIL £913.90</p>	

<p>SBC Covid-19 Funding (ring-fenced) £585.36 remaining from £1,000 allocated WALKING FUND £2,180.00</p> <p>LCC PROJECT FUNDING – RINGFENCED AT THE LCF: DEFIBRILLATOR £256.07 COMMUNITY BROADBAND £372,67 COMMUNITY WEBSITE £1,328.00</p>	
<p>5. SP Energy Networks</p> <p>Georgene Hunter-Wilson and Euan Norris from SP Energy networks went through a Powerpoint presentation concerning the imminent up-grade to the local power distribution network. The work should be completed by the end of August. It will involve power cuts lasting as long as from 10 am until 4 pm. People will be informed in advance by letter. They talked about the Priority Services Register, which is a free way of supporting vulnerable customers in the event of a power cut. They will send a pdf about this which we can circulate on The Herald.</p>	
<p>6. Covid-19</p> <p>The family in Cranshaws that had earlier asked for help, did so again, via SBC. SBC asked LCC to help even though it is not strictly a covid-19 issue. AD took two boxes of groceries from the Longformacus hub, bought dog food from Duns and topped up their electricity card with £49.00. Reimbursed £60.00 from the covid-19 fund.</p> <p>The Hub at Longformacus is still being regularly topped up by Pauline Stewart via FareShare and Re-tweed, and when this happens, a Herald message is sent out. The Hub is being well-used. Pauline is providing food bags for families on Gifford Road.</p> <p>There followed a long discussion about the Hub. CW said that there was a rumour that the Hub will be closed soon in order that work on the village hall improvement can start. He knows of twenty-three people who are very concerned by this, and if the hub does close “action will be taken”.</p> <p>The issue of the fridge was raised again. EW volunteered to look after it. AD to investigate again.</p> <p>If that end of the hall was closed due to building work, could the other end be used? MoR suggested the Heritage Centre. Will ask mother in law and this would need Mr Charles’ permission.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>MoR</p>

<p>MaR said that although there appeared to be a lack of clarity from the village hall committee, matters relating to the hall, such as the hub, were their business and not an LCC issue. Despite the concerns over the village hall response, BL pointed out that there would not have been a hub at all if it had not been for the village hall trustees; they had set up the hub and were running it.</p> <p>MaR: Although the medical crisis was largely over, the economic consequences are certainly not, and the hub may still be needed well into the future.</p> <p>Both MaR and CW mentioned a covid-19 business fund that SBC were distributing on behalf of UK and Scottish Governments. Both village halls will be encouraged to apply.</p> <p>AD to get in touch with Heads of the schools in Duns to see if there are vulnerable families in the area who may benefit from financial help with school uniforms and other school kit.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>AD</p>
<p>7. Windfarms</p> <p>The planning application from EDF to build new turbines at Fallago has been turned down. However, an additional application to extend the life of the existing turbines by five years to 2035 was approved. The reporter at the Public Local Enquiry had turned down both applications, but Scottish Ministers overruled the decision on the extension.</p>	
<p>8. Internet Accessibility Questionnaire</p> <p>AD had previously asked members to comment on the possibility of sending a questionnaire via post to all residents asking about their access to the internet. The aim is to find out how many people do not have access and therefore still need postal communication. How many would like it but do not have it – we may be able to help. And of those that do, who does not receive emails from The Herald. A proposed questionnaire was circulated and discussed. There was general approval.</p>	<p>AD</p>
<p>9. Police Reports</p> <p>None, presumably because of Covid-19.</p>	
<p>10. Planning</p> <p>No applications since the last meeting.</p>	

<p>11. Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence has been related to the covid-19 response (see above).</p>	
<p>12. Any other business</p> <p>Whiteadder Watersports Centre</p> <p>This used to be run by SBC but they have now ceased funding it. They have asked for bids to take over and run the facilities. A bid from Cheryl and Anthony Philipson has been put in to run a café and gallery. We agreed that it would be good for the facility to be maintained and that we support a local bid. LCC had discussed a bid to take over the sailing side at the meeting on 23 January 2020. A local bid jointly with another bid to run the sailing would be a preferred option for us. AD to write to SBC.</p>	AD
<p>13. Dates of next meetings</p> <p>8 October Cranshaws 10 December AGM Longformacus</p>	
<p>Subsequent to this meeting, LCC was asked by Pauline Stewart if it would engage with management of the hub/larder at Longformacus Village Hall. LCC met via Zoom on 8th July. Everyone was allowed to express their views in turn. It was decided that LCC did not want to play a role in management. AD to let Pauline know.</p>	AD