

Lammermuir Community Council
Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 11th February 2021 at 7:30pm
Via Teams
Minutes

Present:

- **Participants:** Bill Landale, Corinne Mycock, Elizabeth Willis, Tony Homer, Morag Rodger (MoR), Clive Warsop, Cllr Mark Rowley(MR), Cllr Donald Moffatt(DoM).
- **Minute secretary:** Beth Landon
- **Teams host:** Johnny Fisher

Agenda point	Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>BL welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from David Mycock DoM and MR had to leave at 8pm</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th December 2020</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting</p> <p>TH proposed, EW 2nd</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising not listed for discussion below</p> <p>Community Larder CW asked whether the SBC councillors have been given a remit to put pressure on the village hall to allow the Larder to use the foyer as they did during the first Covid lockdown. At present the larder is operating from the hall, but through deliveries to homes. MR confirmed that people from Longformacus have been asking for this. He thinks that the Covid restrictions will continue for the next few months and so the larder will be of vital importance to the community, particularly as a social hub and swap shop for books and games for children, and that the answer is to revert back to the previous model using the foyer. FareShare have been in touch to say the larder is exemplary. MR will approach Longformacus Village Hall Committee to this communicate this view.</p>	

<p>BT – end to analogue service (brought up for discussion before SBC councillors had to leave the meeting) TH reported a major change in the way BT will deliver their telephone service in the UK and said this will not be open to public consultation. BT plan to withdraw all analogue services over next 5 or 6 years, and will start with several pilot areas. Heriot and an area south of Peebles will be affected in first stage. TH is concerned that this may have negative impact in rural areas, where internet access is unreliable, meaning people could be without means of communication. MR said that this information is in the public domain, BT have said they will not continue to run and maintain a copper network as well as fibre. This might be of benefit, as BT will have to have fibre to pilot areas. TH will send information to MR. MR will try to find out more details.</p> <p>Duns Medical Group TH took part in patient appraisal meeting, although he was asked not to say anything about the potential options or conclusions from the meeting until until 31st March when the partners retire. At the next meeting he will be able to give more information. MR said the range of options is in the public domain, but TH will have more information on which are most likely options. Potential options will be: another practice takes over, NHS borders takes operations in house, or the patients get divvied up between practices across Berwickshire.</p> <p>BL will add to agenda for next meeting</p>	<p>TH & MR</p> <p>BL</p>																						
<p>4. Treasurer’s report</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Bank Balance 11-02-2020</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,109.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SBC yearly grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£540.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMMUNITY COUNCIL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,423.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SBC COVID-19 FUNDING (ringfenced)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£505.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WALKING FUND (ringfenced)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">(LCC PROJECT FUNDING – RINGFENCED AT THE LCF)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DEFIBRILLATOR</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£256.07 (for spare parts)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMMUNITY BROADBAND</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,372.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">(£372.67 allocated, rest for what comes next)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMMUNITY WEBSITE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,069.70</td> </tr> </table>	Bank Balance 11-02-2020	£4,109.38	SBC yearly grant	£540.00	COMMUNITY COUNCIL	£1,423.90	SBC COVID-19 FUNDING (ringfenced)	£505.48	WALKING FUND (ringfenced)	£2,180.00	 		(LCC PROJECT FUNDING – RINGFENCED AT THE LCF)		DEFIBRILLATOR	£256.07 (for spare parts)	COMMUNITY BROADBAND	£5,372.67		(£372.67 allocated, rest for what comes next)	COMMUNITY WEBSITE	£1,069.70	
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<p>CM suggested ringfencing another £400 to the Walking Fund. This can be repurposed to another fund in future if needed.</p> <p>MR urged the CC to get these funds out into the community, e.g. to support the arts project for kids which is in progress at the moment.</p> <p>CM pointed out that LCC has tried to offer funding to community for projects, but not had much uptake. Also, that in “normal” times there has not been so much money building up, usually the costs of meeting in the hall, and paying for secretary’s travel etc mean there are only a few hundred pounds left at the end of the year.</p> <p>A discussion followed about why MR had put pressure on Longformacus hall to apply for the Covid money from SBC. MR explained that as one of their objectives was to raise money to support the charity, they would be in breach of obligations as trustees if they had not accepted it.</p> <p>BL asked whether LCC want to change the way set aside funds are used. This will be added to the next agenda.</p> <p>The Walking Fund is made up of the original £1,080 and £1,100 of it is set aside funds. The idea of the Walking Fund was to create mapped walks in the area. Also to consider are the Covid and LCF money available.</p> <p>TH suggested using some of these funds to purchase a bigger fridge for the larder.</p> <p>EW responded by saying the village hall committee had been helpful to the larder, but there is no room for a larger fridge in the hall kitchen.</p> <p>JF said it is not helpful to push the guilt over unspent funds from LCC to the hall. It would be preferable to find an LCC idea for the use of funds.</p> <p>BL agreed that a fridge is a village hall committee matter.</p>	<p>BL</p>
<p>5. Broadband</p> <p>No developments</p>	
<p>6. Windfarms</p> <p>No developments</p>	
<p>7. Website</p> <p>JF had nothing new to report, he has just been managing upkeep of the web pages.</p> <p>JF has been approached by Simon who set up the Longformacus Village Hall Facebook page, who thinks this may be more useful for general community updates. JF suggested this Facebook page could link in with The Herald and may be a better place for locals to receive updates and connect with one</p>	

<p>another than the website. Simon would be happy to hand this over and for its name to be changed.</p> <p>TH expressed concern about the focus on Longformacus, as there is no similar Facebook page for Cranshaws. He thinks people may not see it as theirs over the other side of the area.</p> <p>Beth Landon mentioned a Facebook page may be good for LCF notifications. CM said she thinks it is a good idea to link this up to The Herald, but it would be time consuming to post as well as send out the emails and she is already keen to hand over The Herald emails, as she has been for the last few years, so could not take this on.</p> <p>BL expressed appreciation to CM for The Herald.</p>	
<p>8. Police reports</p> <p>BL has an up-to-date police report of about 10 pages long. This mainly contains advice, e.g. on outdoor safety and water safety. Nothing in it of special importance for the meeting. CM asked whether it needs to go on the website. BL will circulate to trustees. All to look at it and suggest what may need to go on the website.</p>	BL
<p>9. Planning applications</p> <p>No new ones</p> <p>No news on LCC's objection to the demolition of Old Post Office.</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence received</p> <p>Road closure</p> <p>EW mentioned the upcoming road closure for BT work and the map of the suggested detour. She has attempted to contact the Traffic Management company to ask about accessibility from Stobswood as the detour is lengthy, so they need to know whether an ambulance would be allowed through the coned off section in the case of an emergency. She has so far had no response, so will speak to them when work starts. JF requested that EW asks whether they would be willing to postpone the roadworks if there is snow as the detour is over roads often closed in bad weather. EW will contact again to ask. TH mentioned another potential detour is the Longformacus to Ellemford road, so there is a need to clarify whether this detour will be accessible.</p>	EW

<p>11. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BL expressed the community’s shock and commiserations for the accident off Whitchester hill, this was a fatal accident of one of the powerline workers a few weeks ago. • CM mentioned that DM sent in complaint about state of the road to Rigfoot as agreed at the last meeting and that TH was going to do the same. TH did not send in a complaint to SBC, because he was concerned that the cause of the damage is the outflow from the field. DM then entered the meeting and replied that the outflow is a council drain. TH will submit a complaint. EW queried whether they could put in speed reduction measures, but got a reply saying it does not fulfil the requirements. 	<p>TH</p>
<p>12. Dates of next meetings Thursday 1st April at 7:30pm</p>	

Meeting closed at 20:53