

**Lammermuir Community Council**  
**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7:00pm**  
**at Longformacus Village Hall**

**Minutes**

**Present: Councillors:** Bill Landale (BL), Tony Homer (TH), Alastair Gordon (AG),  
Cllr Mark Rowley (MR)

**Minute Administrator:** Dianne Repsch (DR)

<b>Agenda</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome and apologies:</b></p> <p>Cllr Donald Moffat, Morag Rodger (MoR), Adam Prokopowicz (AP), Anna Dabrowska (AD), Clive Warsop (CW), Cllr John Greenwell (JG)</p>
<p><b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th December 2022:</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. Proposed AG 2nd TH</p>
<p><b>3. Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>
<p><b>4. Chairman's Report 2023</b></p> <p><b>Ellemford Woodland Estate:</b></p> <p>It has been a fairly busy year for LCC and the early part of the year was taken up with the Ellemford Estate proposals. The LCC comments were put on record with representatives from TreeStory, the local Forestry Officer and the Planning Officer and responses were received from them. The Ellemford Estate has now changed ownership and is a family owned business. The Chair confirmed that he had met the new owners who are content to leave the forest proposals as they are. BL confirmed he had not seen the most up to date plan for the forestry but BL has been told that there are effectively no changes to the forest plan. What has changed in the scheme is the deer fence being positioned quite close to the main road down through Rigfoot. This was the big issue for LCC and this has been changed to accommodate our concerns and been removed. They have also accommodated our request to preserve the view and this is now not going to be obscured by trees. We as a council are very pleased to have been heard and our comments taken on board. The fencing can now be seen and is at a typical fence height with deer gates having been installed. TH confirmed that the planning application for the farmhouse had been withdrawn and was now let on a 5 year lease.</p> <p><b>Wind Farms:</b></p> <p>There are a number of wind farm proposals in the Lammermuir area which are at various stages of planning. The Lees Hill Wind Farm proposal is the development causing the most concern as it will have a huge impact on the views in the Lammermuir area. The Longcroft Wind Farm which borders the LCC area has an Section 36 application for consent with the Energy Consent Unit as does the Dunside Wind Farm. There is also the extension to Crystal Rig Wind Farm to add solar panels, transformers, a weather station and upgraded tracks.</p>

**Roads Repairs:** The Jim Clark Rally took place in May 2023 and was enjoyed by many in the local area. There was an added benefit to the local area as a number of road repairs were carried out.

**Drainage repairs at Cranshaws:**

Scottish Borders Council carried out drainage repairs in Cranshaws which has meant a real improvement to the surface water in the village.

**Connectivity:** The EE Mast has been installed at Rigfoot and is working well.

**Ellemford Show:** LCC have had a presence at this hugely successful local show the last 2 years. This year far more ideas were offered than previously. It was felt that LCC should keep this ongoing for future years.

**Community Social Weekend:** A community social weekend took place in November where there was a social evening on the Friday with a Pizza van serving freshly baked pizzas at Longformacus Village Hall and on the Saturday there was a community lunch at Cranshaws Village Hall. Both events were very successful and well attended by the community.

**Councillors Vacancies:** It was raised that there are vacancies on the community council committee and LCC would welcome some co-opted members to join the council.

Bill Landale, LCC Chair

**5. Treasurer's Report**

<b>Bank Balance 01/04/2022</b>	<b>£2,577.70</b>
CELCA	Grant
£2,000.00	
SBC Yearly Grant	£540.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£5,117.70</b>
Expenditure	£2,363.12
<b>Balance 31/03/23</b>	<b>£2,754.58</b>

The accounts were Proposed by TH 2nd by AG

**Action: DR to check why there is not a fee showing for BAVS for signing off the accounts.**

**6. Proposals for the amendment of the Council's Constitution:**

No amendments proposed

**7. Election of Office Bearers:**

Cllr Mark Rowley in his ex-officio capacity of the community council took over to oversee the election procedure.

The current office bearers stood down as officers as follows:

BL as Chair

TH as Vice-Chair

AD as Treasurer (not in attendance at the meeting)

The officers were thanked for their commitment and services rendered to the community council over the past year.

AG proposed BL to continue as Chair 2nd by TH. BL accepted on the proviso of standing for one more year only.

BL nominated TH for Vice-Chair 2nd by AG. TH accepted

There were no nominations for Treasurer. It was agreed to outsource this position.

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**8. Appointment of Auditors:**

BAVS (Berwickshire Association of Voluntary Services) were re-appointed as auditors for the coming year.

Proposed BL 2nd AG

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**9. Agreement to abide by the Scottish Borders Code of Conduct for Community Councils:**

BL asked if all Community Councillors present agreed to abide by the SBC Code of Conduct for Community Councils. The agreement was circulated prior to the meeting and was available as a handout at the meeting.

All the Community Councillors present agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct. Those absent from the meeting had confirmed their agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct.

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**10. Date of next AGM:**

Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7.30p.m. in Longformacus Village Hall.

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Meeting closed: 20.30