

ESKDALEMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

7 pm 26TH Sept 2024 Community Hub.

PRESENT: Nick Jennings, John Furlonger, Barry Young, Liz McQueen, Stuart Green, Bernard Provost, Ian Warden, DenisMale (D/G).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: These were read and approved unanimously

MATTERS ARISING: The work on the bus shelters had not yet started, partly because of illness on the part of Mr Warbeck, partly because of the many other tasks he is working on in the village. Should he not have started by our next meeting it may be necessary to look elsewhere for the work to be done.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence from the D/G Council is automatically passed on to all members by the Secretary. The Chairman had received nothing of local interest. He had communicated with George Birrell and understood from him that the projected rifle range at Clerkhill has been cancelled. The D/G Council has not yet received official notification. Dennis Male will follow this up. The Chairman also asked Mr Birrell to ensure that the community is informed of impending game shoots which are organised by Jenkinsons.

POLICE REPORT: The Police were informed of this council meeting, but have received no notification of any incidents relating to this area.

PLANNING MATTERS: Barry Young told the meeting that those responsible for the development works at the Black Esk are prepared to do a presentation in our community to explain the progress and any implications that may affect the local community. He also reported that a group from Edinburgh University had requested that we could share details with them regarding our local water supply.

PROMOTION OF WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK: It is recognised that at present there is insufficient use of these methods of communication by the local Community. It is important that we do what we can to create a greater impact if what is on the platforms is not to be ignored. The UEDG newsletter could be helpful in generating greater interest in the CC Website.

LOCALITY PLANNING UPDATE: It seems likely that Amy, who was to have involved herself in promoting awareness of what is involved in this Government initiative will not be able to devote the time that she had intended. It will be necessary to find a replacement if the scheme is to have an impact. The circular sent round locally received a modest response, and it is clear that effort has to be devoted to generating interest and involvement.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION: This was uncontested although there were 10 nominations. The Chairman has stood down after nearly thirty years involvement. The vice chairman allowed his name to go forward, but will only remain until it is clear that there will be sufficient regular attendance to ensure the continuance of the Council. Both the Chairman and the vice-chairman are prepared to be co-opted if required. The next meeting will be arranged by the D/G Council whose representative will chair the meeting until officers are elected when the meeting will continue as normal. Denis Male agreed to ensure that new members are kept informed.

WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFITS: About £20,000 is available for resilience. £5,500 is earmarked for the continuation of the warm Hub project. £2880 is set aside for a switchover to a generator should power fail. (The generator would be hired). Starlink could be installed to counteract the possibility of loss of Broadband This is £300 + £75 month. The Crossdykes Community Benefit Fund could be an additional source of funding.

Nick Jennings said that he would like to be endorsed and continue as a Committee member on Crossdykes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This would be decided by the D/G Council

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