

## Eskdalemuir Community Council Meeting - 7pm 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### WELCOME:

Those present were: Nick Jennings (Chairman), John Furlonger (vice-chairman), Bernard Provost (Treasurer), Clare Carr-Saunders, Beatrice Furlonger, Lisa McQueen, Barry Young, Archie Dryburgh and Ronnie Tait (DG Council).

### APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies for absence.

### MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved (Barry Young proposing, John Furlonger seconding)

### MATTERS ARISING:

Regarding the feeding of pheasants along the footpath in Eskdalemuir and the subsequent slaughter on the adjoining road, the birds are counted as wild once they have been released and thus little can be done about the matter. On the same issue regarding the ducks on the road and shooting near homes; the Police have been contacted with photographic evidence. The feeding facilities have not been moved from the proximity of the road and Gardner's Guns shoot appears to be legitimate. However, local residents are advised to be prompt in reporting incidents of shooting that give cause for concern to improve the possibility of action being taken.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

PC Glendinning of Lockerbie Police had sent us a report of incidents in the area. There were three in all: a Dangerous Dog at the Black Esk Reservoir, a Domestic Incident and a Housebreaking. None of these were seen by the Police as a cause for concern in the local area.

The Borthwick Water and Upper Teviotdale Community Council had contacted us regarding the dialogue we were trying to establish with Gardner's Guns because of their concern of the proximity of the ranges to the Craik Outdoor Activity Centre.

One of the local papers, E and L had contained an article relating to the activities of Mr Gardner and Kronospan pointing out an inaccuracy regarding the distance of one of the ranges from Samye Ling. This was not 3 miles as had been claimed, but one and a half miles.

A notification had been received of a presentation by Muir Hall of Loganhead to be held in the Hub.

We have also been notified of a Zoom consultation on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> relating to the Projected Callisterhall Wind Farm project.

### PLANNING MATTERS

Mr Gardner's appeal over his rifle ranges had been rejected, and he must now return to the D/G Council and issue a planning notice followed by a 12 week consultation period which will enable the local Community to explore the matter in greater detail. People locally know very little about the operation of the ranges, but are very concerned that the Right to Roam seems to be at odds with what little information has so far been provided.

Some concern was expressed at the meeting that despite the very numerous objections that had been lodged, Mr Gardner appeared to have been granted considerable latitude, amounting almost to a fait accompli. Bernard Provost suggested that the best course is for us to wait for the outcome of the Consultation before judging the situation.

A local resident, Mrs Helga Jackson, attended the meeting to register a complaint about Planning permission having been granted at Twiglees for a large farm building which was causing her considerable inconvenience, despite the objection that she had lodged. Mr Archie Dryburgh said that he would refer the matter to the Planning Enforcement Officer and ask her to get in touch with Mrs Jackson to see if she could offer any assistance.

ANCBC

£2000 was now available with £4000 more to follow to be distributed for approved projects in the local community. We should commence the process of distribution through the usual channels; ie through applications from properly constituted groups (eg the Hub, Village Hall).

CROSSDYKES AND OTHER WIND FARMS UPDATE

We are represented on the Crossdykes Community Benefit Company Board along with representatives from 4 other Community Councils. The first tranche of Community Benefit will be due within the first quarter. Local organisations across the 5 Community Council areas will be able to apply for funding.

AOCB

No further points were raised for discussion.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of March (17<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED