

**ESKDALEMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7 pm 16 January 2020 Community Hub**

**Present:** Nick Jennings (Chairman), John Furlonger (Vice-Chairman), Bernard Provost (Treasurer), Jenny Mills, Beatrice Furlonger, Archie Dryburgh (D.G Council).

**Apologies:** Susan Aitken

**Minutes:** Minutes of January Meeting were read and passed. Jenny Mills(prop), Beatrice Furlonger (Sec).

**Matters Arising:** These had all been included on the Agenda as items for discussion.

**Ducks and Shooting in Parish:** There continue to be complaints about duck and pheasant shooting near homes. The Police have been fully informed of the situation. The ducks now seem to have established themselves within the village in the area of the hub and feeding them must be discouraged if the shooting is to be kept away from areas of habitation.

The other concern is about the range at the far end of the valley. There are no signs indicating the presence of the range, so there would appear to be safety issues. We would like to know more about the planning issues involved in the range and the environment around it. We have written to Mr George Birrell regarding this matter.

**Defibrillators Update:** The matter has been given considerable attention. Community Heart Beat Trust offer a managed solution providing supply and maintenance for the equipment. Rowanburn has been added to the scheme.

**Wind Farm Update:** Westerkirk Wind Farm is adjacent to the Fawside project. Oakridge Energy plans to erect 20 turbines with a height of 220m. The Crossdykes route is now under development; the route will pass through Boreland, not Eskdalemuir as was earlier intended.

**Correspondence:**

A) Membership of Eskdale Foundation: set up in 1996 to promote Community Development in this region. We should consider representation from Eskdalemuir, but need to bear in mind the relevance of the projects undertaken (Gym, Sports Centre, use of Old Police Station). Membership would involve 6/7 meetings annually.  
B) We should consider membership of the Annandale and Eskdale Federation of Community Councils as there are benefits for our community to be derived. There will be a meeting of Federation members at Ecclefechan on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Cooptions to ECC:** Neither of the potential candidates has appeared, so for the time being this matter is in abeyance.

**Treasurer's Report:** The application for the Council Admin Allowance was required within 2 weeks. This has been attended to.

**Planning Notices:** There has been an application for the development of farm outbuildings at Twiglees.

**Wind Farm Community Benefits:** There was some discussion as to the best way of distributing the money available. Normally the money has been distributed to projects either within the Hub or the Village Hall. It was suggested that smaller slices, eg £500, should be available for ideas promoted by members of the Community that might not be focussed on either of these centres. £2000 has already been made available by ANBC, and it was felt that it might be advisable to wait until the money from Minsca becomes available before taking this matter further.

**There was no further business,** so the meeting was closed with the date of the next meeting fixed for Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020.