

**Minutes of the Eskdalemuir Community Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 7pm, Eskdalemuir Hub, Eskdalemuir**

<b>Agenda item number</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Action taken by</b>	<b>Action to be completed by</b>
<b>1. Welcome</b>	Nick Jennings (NJ, Chair) welcomed everyone to the Eskdalemuir Community Council (ECC) meeting. Those present were John Furlonger (JF, Vice-Chair), Jennie Mills (JM), Paula Gilfillan (PG of Berry Proofreading and Copyediting, Minute Secretary) and May Reid (MR).		
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Lorna Curtis, Beatrice Furlonger and Bernard Provost. The ECC were disappointed that no apologies were received from councillors.		
<b>3. Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes of the previous ECC meeting on 17.1.19 were approved (proposed by MR and seconded by JM).		
<b>4. Matters arising</b>	<p>BP (Treasurer) had informed NJ that he was no further forward in setting up online banking for the ECC. NJ and JM agreed to visit BP to provide further assistance.</p> <p>JF noted an error in the minutes of 17.1.19 in that action taken concerning the repair of the Twiglees access road was omitted. JF has reported the necessity for repairs to Councillor Karen Carruthers, but had not yet received a response. This access road has now been sold by the Forestry Commission to a private landowner who will now be responsible for the upkeep of the road. JF and NJ said that they were now waiting to see how the road would be maintained in the future.</p>	<b>NJ and JM to visit BP</b>	<b>Not stated</b>
<b>5. Crossdykes wind farm update</b>	NJ reported that the amended wind farm planning application has still not been submitted to DG Council. Chris Miles, Chair of the Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group, has taken the lead to commission a study to assess the impact of the share ownership scheme offered by this wind farm.		
<b>6. Correspondence</b>	<p>NJ has received notification from PG that she wished to terminate her contract with the ECC. This is because she is closing her business and moving onto another part-time job and study. The ECC thanked PG for her services. PG thanked ECC for the enjoyable time she has had working with the ECC and wished them all the best for the future.</p> <p>NJ said that they would be looking for replacement minute secretary service. MR requested that this continue to be a paid position. PG offered to look for other service providers.</p>	<b>ECC and PG to look for alternative minute secretary services</b>	<b>16.5.19</b>

	<p>NJ said that a community liaison meeting for Little Hart Fell is planned for 28.3.19 at Corrie Village Hall. NJ has been invited and will attend on behalf of the ECC.</p> <p>NJ reported that the A&amp;E Federation met on 20.3.19.</p> <p>MR requested that alternative representation from the ECC be provided to the Eskdale Foundation. The work of this group seems solely focused on Langholm and therefore has little impact on Eskdalemuir. JF questioned whether the ECC could justify attendance any longer. NJ added that if MR wished to resign, then information could be emailed to the ECC instead. MR said that as she is a director of the Eskdale Foundation it is not a simple matter to resign. She agreed to continue attending in the short term and will review in due course.</p> <p>NJ informed the ECC that the Esk Valley Reference Group will meet on 3.4.19. This meeting will be in connection with the Loreburn 'Extra Care Village' in Langholm.</p> <p>NJ has received correspondence from the Gretna Community Conversation Clean DG/Streetscene and a meeting will be held on 26.3.19. JF questioned the value in attending these meetings in the future.</p>	<b>NJ to attend Little Hart Fell community liaison meeting</b>	<b>28.3.19</b>
<b>7. Treasurer's report</b>	<p>In BP's absence, NJ informed the ECC that £2,222.78 was due from Minsca as well as a further £2,000 from ANCBC. With regards to the latter funding, ANCBC had initially refused to provide further funding because they were under the impression that the ECC had not spent the previous year's funding. NJ argued successfully that this was not the case and that the funding had been reallocated to other projects. NJ is to write to Foundation Scotland (Martin Brown, Chair) to confirm that ANCBC funding will be provided this year.</p> <p>MR said that she had been approached by members of the community asking as to when wind farm funding applications could be submitted. There followed a short discussion of some of the ideas that had been suggested. NJ agreed to set up a simplified application form and issue a notice asking for funding applications from the community at the beginning of April, with returns requested by end of April. MR suggested that applications could be considered at the next ECC meeting in May. NJ</p>	<p><b>NJ to write to Chair of ANCBC to confirm funding will be provided this year</b></p> <p><b>NJ to publicise that funding was available</b></p>	<p><b>Not stated</b></p> <p><b>Not stated</b></p>

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<b>8. Planning notices</b>	None reported.		
<b>9. Wind farm community benefits</b>	This was discussed at 7.		
<b>10. AOCB</b>	<p>JF informed the ECC that Eskdalemuir Church was facing closure. A number of factors were contributing to this including rising insurance costs. Their next meetings will be held on 14.4.19 and 28.4.19.</p> <p>The ECC also agreed that it was disappointing that no councillors had attended this evening's meeting nor tendered their apologies. They also expressed concern at the recent decline in attendance of councillors at ECC meetings. PJ and NJ confirmed that all minutes are sent to the councillors, DG Council and placed on the ECC website. PG also confirmed that delivery and read receipts were received from the councillors' emails.</p> <p>The ECC expressed that councillor attendance and been very beneficial for many years and would like to continue this relationship. The ECC is meant to be an administrative and important line of communication for the community. PG offered to send out a reminder of ECC meeting dates to all the ECC (third Thursday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November).</p>	<b>PG to email the ECC a reminder of their meeting dates</b>	<b>22.3.19</b>
<b>11. Date of next meeting</b>	The ECC agreed to meet on 16.5.19.		
<b>12. Close</b>	NJ thanked attendees. The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.		