

ELCV Trustees Meeting

2 pm, Wednesday April 25th, 2018
Fletcher Room, Town House, Haddington

Present; Dave Oldham (Chair), Kate Odling, Dave Quarenden, Dick Gill , Anne Pearson, Jane Campbell, John Laws, Mike Sharp, Katty Baird, Abbie Marland,
In Attendance; Duncan Priddle, Thomas Bower, John Harrison

Agenda		Action
1	Apologies; Colin Ballantyne, Peter Wells	
2	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate.	
3	OSCR; safety of vulnerable members Document from OSCR circulated on Feb 14 th . ELCV has established rules for the protection of vulnerable people which are similar to those required by OSCR. The Scottish Government allows Charities to have free PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) checks. ELVC must register as a Qualifying Voluntary Organisation before the free checks can be accessed. It is envisaged that ELCV members will usually be working with ELC staff, where personal PVG certification is not required. Registration will allow free checks if they become necessary	KO PVG
4	Invasive Species Project A survey of Giant Hogweed (GH) Japanese Knotweed (JK), Himalayan Balsam (HB) Piri-Piri (PP) in East Lothian to be carried out by members. The information will be added to the existing Council spreadsheet which covers Council land. Once completed the map will enable a strategic plan for removal to be decided. If you are interested in helping with the survey please contact Dave O. All existing projects for removal of invasive species will not be affected by the survey. James Wylie (Chair of Access Forum) has a project on the Bield Burn that has been running for 4 years. This stretch of water has 41 land owners – showing the importance of getting local land owners involved in any scheme. He has good photographic evidence of the effects of the project & amount of work required for this small target area.	DO
5	ELCV awareness	
5.1	Volunteers week It was decided that we have enough volunteers for the ongoing groups. Volunteers Week may be something to consider in future. It may be necessary to recruit new members for the Invasive Species Survey. If ELC have a stand at the Haddington Show (30 th June) we could have some space to promote the charity.	KO DP
5.2	Summer at Yellowcraig This could be considered in the future. This year ELCV awareness could be raised by posters & articles that point people to the ELCV Web-site; A4 posters on Council notice boards; East Lothian Living & East Lothian Courier	DO, KB

5.3	<p>Social Event; Bar-b-Que at Yellowcraig To be advertised on the ELCV web-site & BBF. BYO food & drink. Activities will include Beach Art, swimming, sandcastles etc. Please e-mail Katty to say you can attend Duncan to confirm the bar-b-ques are booked</p>	DQ KB DP
6	<p>STRIVE Getting the Volunteer Friendly Award would be useful for grant applications. To be re-considered at the next meeting.</p>	KO
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 28th August at 2pm. Room to be confirmed.</p>	DP
8	<p>AOB</p>	
	<p>Data Protection; New regulations come in to force at the end of May. The wording on our Application Form specifies ELCV protocols & asks for consent where applicable. A statement will be added to the ELCV web-site. Both texts will be checked to confirm they conform to the new standards</p>	DQ
	<p>Bank Signatories; Ongoing.</p>	DG, DO, DP, KO
	<p>Bee Volunteers; There is a new initiative at Spott Parish Church to increase the local bee population. Bee friendly plants are being put into the graveyard around the graves.</p>	
celebrate	<p>Path Wardens Successes; The Haddington Area Partnership awarded the Path Warden £9,000 to establish a new path along the West side of the A6137 between Vert Court & Blackmains Toll. It is a very busy, narrow road used by pedestrians to get to work at the farm so this new path is ideal. The Path Wardens have been awarded the Best Community Path Scheme Award. They enjoyed a fine lunch with the Provost & other local dignitaries to their hard work & achievements.</p>	
	<p>Aberlady Hub; The Gullane Area Community Council may be willing to offer a grant of £1500, from their Local Priority Scheme Fund, to support monies from other local stake holders. This to be confirmed.</p>	DG