

ELCV Trustees Meeting

2 pm, Tuesday 4th December, 2018
Fletcher Room, Town House, Haddington

Present; Dave Oldham (Chair), Kate Odling, Dave Quarenden, Mike Sharp, Dick Gill , Jane Campbell, , Katty Baird, Peter Wells, Anne Pearson, Abbie Marland, Duncan Priddle

Agenda		Action
1	<p>Apologies; John Laws, Colin Ballantyne, John Harrison, Dave Wild & Thomas Bower</p> <p>In Attendance; James Wyllie</p>	
2	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate.	
3	<p>Aberlady Hub Update; an e-mail was circulated prior to the meeting. Alan Wood was thanked for his drawings for the Planning Application. The Application has been submitted & the £202 fee paid by the Countryside Department (ELC). Initial feedback from the Planning Officer has indicated that it is a straightforward submission. Decision by 12th Jan, 2019 but possibly earlier.</p> <p>There is £47 outstanding for advertising costs. The Countryside Department may be able to cover this cost</p> <p>The Aberlady Hub sub-committee will re-convene. John Harrison, Abbie Marland, Peter Wells & Dick Gill are the members. They will review the HLF funding application and address their concerns including how to recruit from groups not represented in the Volunteers at the moment.</p>	DG DP
4	<p>Stimulating more project proposals from Volunteer groups</p> <p>It would be ideal to have a stock of ideas so that a few can be taken forward each year. Volunteers & Rangers to be asked for ideas. Volunteer groups may need to arrange a meeting or form a sub-group to think of ideas. The Business Plan can be updated to include the plans.</p>	DP
5	<p>Invasive Species Project Meeting</p> <p>James Wyllie gave a short summary of the meeting with SNH on Oct 11th.. The project will focus on the removal of GH from the banks of the R. Tyne from the A68 to the sea. Farmers and householders whose land adjoins the river will be responsible for its removal. Large areas of GH will be removed by glyphosate (Roundup) spray. Small numbers of plants can be removed by digging.</p> <p>Mike Thornton (SNH, East Lothian) has applied for a grant of £1000 which would be used to contribute to the cost of the herbicide. It is hoped that this funding will be ongoing.</p> <p>The project will be launched in February at a meeting of the farmers, householders & interested parties. Press releases will be made in local media; East Lothian Courier, East Lothian Living, Mud in your Eye & Best Boot Forward. This is in good time for the Invasives Week at the end of March.</p> <p>It is important to note that all the people involved in the project are volunteers who have agreed to pay for any expenses. This makes the project sustainable in the future.</p>	

6.	<p>Update on Raising Awareness of ELCV 17 people attended the talk at the Musselburgh Probus Club about the role of ELCV & who it will support. It is worth talking to small groups who may not have any experience of the Volunteers work. An article about ELCV was included in the Winter volume of East Lothian Living. Anne Pearson will ask Haddington Community Council for money through the Local Priorities scheme. Gullane area community council has offered to fund ELCV if there is funding from HLF. Dave Quarendon circulated an old postcard to show how effective they are at raising awareness. The Countryside Department may be able to pay for a print run when the postcard has been designed</p>	<p>AP DQ DP</p>
7.	<p>AGM Will be held at 9am on 20th Dec in the Council Chambers, Haddington Town House. E-mails have been sent to all members.</p>	DO
8.	<p>Business Plan Update 3 groups have joined the ELCV during the year Friends of the River Tyne Mountain Hare group Invasive species project Other groups can join at any time. The ELCV is not a closed group. A draft of the updates to the business plan will be circulated to members and Rangers. Comments and ideas to be discussed at the next trustees meeting in February.</p>	DO DP
9	<p>AOB Tabards are to be bought for volunteers to wear while they are working (if they want to). They will be blue, have the ELCV badge on the front and ELCV on the back. T-shirts etc can be bought by volunteers if they want them</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meeting; A Doodle Poll will be circulated for a meeting in the last 2 weeks of February.</p>	KB