

# ELCV Trustees Meeting

2 pm, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2018  
Fletcher Room, Town House, Haddington

**Present;** Dave Oldham (Chair), Kate Odling, Dave Quarenden, Mike Sharp, Dick Gill , Jane Campbell, John Laws, Katty Baird

Agenda		Action
1	<b>Apologies;</b> Peter Wells, Anne Pearson, Colin Ballantyne, Abbie Marland, Duncan Priddle, David Wild, Thomas Bower, John Harrison	
2	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate.	
3	<b>2017 Accounts</b> The Accounts and Annual Report were circulated prior to the meeting. They have been checked by Wendy Garrod (independent auditor) and submitted to OSCR. The Accounts and the Annual Report will be posted on the website	DQ
4	<b>Aberlady Hub Update;</b> Accurate drawings are being made for the Planning Application by Alan Wood – without charge. ELCV are very grateful for his help.	DG
5	<b>Invasive Species Project</b> The meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct was rescheduled for 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Mike Thornton (SNH, East Lothian) will be asked about possibilities for funding the project. SNH have funded a Highland project for removal of Giant Hogweed (GH), Himalayan Balsam (HB) & Japanese Knotweed - £4.5 Million. James Wyllie has done a lot of work towards the project & has been asked to join the ELCV trustees. Trustees have been in touch with Community Councils (Dunpender & Haddington) and other groups such as the Friends of the River Tyne. More groups to be approached & their work included.	DO  DO  All
5.1	The survey will be along the River Tyne from Haddington to the sea. GPS phone apps to be used to pin-point the presence of GH. This information will be passed to landowners who will spray with herbicide. Herbicides need to be used by a licence holder who knows how to spray without polluting the waterways. The Tyne from Haddington upstream will be surveyed too but doesn't appear to have much of a problem with GH although HB is everywhere. There may be an opportunity to use kayaks to survey the river. The project will be launched officially during Invasives Week in March, 2019	
6.	<b>Raising Awareness of ELCV</b> Dave O is giving a talk to the Musselburgh Probus Club about the role of ELCV & who it will support. This will raise £20 for ELCV. There is an article about ELCV in the Winter volume of East Lothian Life. Perhaps there could be another article about the Invasives Project when it is launched.	
7.	<b>AGM</b>	

	An AGM should be held within 18 months of the group being formed. Various formats, that would attract members to the meeting, were discussed. The AGM will not be lengthy so it was decided to add it on to the Path Wardens Christmas walk and lunch on 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec. The exact Agenda and Location to be decided	DO
<b>8.</b>	<b>Social Events;</b> The otter event is full. A Quiz night is proposed for Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 at the Bowling Club, Haddington	TB
<b>9</b>	<b>AOB</b> Jen Newcombe, on behalf of the Junior Rangers, will be submitting a proposal for a small amount of funding. STRIVE is offering a wide range of training workshops. £10 per head. It was decided that at this point there was no need. This could be reviewed next year. A new design for T-shirts is in progress. Some volunteers like the idea of the group identity & shirt for volunteering jobs. Others not too bothered. Sizing must be sorted out before a large order. Would they be “free” to the volunteers? They would be good for advertising. Flags being flown around the work area would also work. Funding needed for both ideas. Trustees to ask around their volunteer groups	All
<b>10</b>	<b>Date of next meeting;</b> A Doodle Poll will be circulated for a meeting in the first week of Dec.	KB