

# ELCV Trustees Meeting

2 pm, Monday 30 September 2019  
 Countryside Service Office, Haddington

**Present:** Dave Oldham (Chair), Colin Ballantyne, Dick Gill, Jane Campbell, Katty Baird, Abbie Marland, Dave Wild

Agenda		Action
1	<b>Apologies;</b> Kate Odling, Dave Quarenden, Mike Sharp, Anne Pearson Peter Wells, John Laws, John Harrison	
2	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate.	
3	<b>Aberlady Hub Update;</b> No progress on finding possible funding. Now actively looking for a donation of a container, from a construction company.	JH/DG
4	<b>Stimulating more project proposals from Volunteer groups</b> No progress. DW to talk to other rangers to see if there are any ideas for projects.	DW
5	<b>Update on Invasive Initiative</b> Need to wait until spring to see what GH regrowth there is. The £1000 grant from SNH needs to be spent. James Wyllie has devised a system divide this amount among the relevant landowners based on the extent of their land. It was agreed this seemed fair. Some discussion of what the Invasives Project might tackle next. Could target Japanese Knotweed, though chemical control is not as straightforward as with GH. Possibility of getting corporate groups that contact the ranger service for a workday volunteering tasks to tackle Himalayan Balsam. Questions over where, and who would lead. Also on efficacy of only occasional effort. DW to mention it to other rangers as something to bear in mind when approached by corporate groups looking for a task.	DW
6	<b>Friends of River Tyne</b> Initial enthusiasm from the Friends of River Tyne to come under the ELCV Umbrella has gone quiet. DO to ask AP if she knows anything about the Situation.	DO/AP
7	<b>The ELC Countryside's team's support for ELCV after Duncan Priddle's Departure</b> Jenny Hargreaves has been appointed and is due to start her new role on Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October. DO will contact her once she has had time to settle in.	
9	<b>AOB</b>	

	AM mentioned that Friends of the Earth East Lothian has become more active following the recent climate rallies. They are joining forces with other local environmental/sustainability groups to do some practical voluntary work. We should make sure they are aware of ELCV and the ranger service to avoid duplication of effort. AM to chat to Roger Powell in first instance	AM
10	<b>Date of next meeting;</b> A Doodle Poll will be circulated for a meeting in the middle of November.	KB