

**ELCV Trustees meeting
12 February 2020, Fletcher Room, Town House**

Present: Dave Oldham (DO) (Chair), Kate Odling (KO), John Harrison (JA), Dave Quarendon (DQ), Abbie Marland (AM), Jenny Hargreaves (JenH), Colin Ballantyne (CB), Dick Gill(DG), Peter Wells(PW)

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1	1. Apologies; Mike Sharp (MS), John Laws (JL), Katty Baird (KB), Ann Pearson (AP)	
.	2. Minutes of the meeting of 13th November 2019: approved	
3.	3. Signatories on bank account : DG informed the trustees that with AP replacing KO as Secretary, the bank require a form to be completed and as part of this process, the Board of Trustees is required to give its approval.	DG,AP,KO
4.	4. East Lothian Countryside Ranger Advisory Groups : There are a number of these Groups advising on the activities at different locations in the county including Aberlady Bay for which the Group reviews the strategy of management of the reserve and reports of progress. JH proposed representation on the Aberlady Bay group to include a member from the ELCV Trustees Board and it was agreed that AB to would take this role. In addition JH will seek a possible representative from the Aberlady Bay volunteer group. This approach may be extended to other Advisory Groups in the East Lothian Countryside Ranger Service.	AB,JA, JenH
5.	5. Update on GH Invasives Eradication Initiative 2020: While the meeting arranged by James Wyllie for 27th February is primarily intended for land managers along the River Tyne catchment area, GH spotters are invited to attend. More spotters are being recruited for training and despite a very high level of interest on the website, after discussion about concerns on communication in this respect, further efforts will be made.	DO, JenH
6.	6.Fundraising Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberlady Bay - The SNH grant application is in its final stage and complimentary funding has already been received to a total of £4000 with other possible grants being pursued. After discussion it was agreed that ELCV support the application and contribute £1000 without prejudicing the intent to retain funds for path related projects. • GH Eradication Initiative - From the SNH grant of £1000 for the year 2019 31 cheques have been distributed to the land managers involved. It is possible that some will not cash the cheques so there may be residual funding. However, this is uncertain and application has been made 	

	<p>to SNH (Mike Thornton) for the 2020 programme. While £2000 was the target, the figure of £1000 is more likely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowcraig Microplastic Device - The proposal has evolved from the initial concept. A more economical and practical approach is possible using different equipment which will enable greater participation in the activity of observing microplastic contamination of the beaches at more than one site. This means that school children can also get involved. There is no intention to clean beaches with this project but to raise awareness by participation and advertising the activity with flags etc. In relation to finances, there is a move away from crowdfunding to targeting local businesses for the opportunity to contribute. Assistance requested in writing the funding appeal. • Funding from Scottish Seabird Centre - DO is following up on possible funding for GH removal at Tynninghame Estate 	<p>DO, DQ</p> <p>DWild, All</p> <p>DO</p>
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8.	<p>7.Business Plan: DO has made a start on the draft plan with the intention to start rolling it out from 1st April. Draft to be circulated for input from other Trustees.</p>	DO, All
9.	<p>8.AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELCV Membership: CB raised issues that he had found in taking over this role. There is a need to clarify the security conditions relating to storage of membership documents to avoid the requirement for a safe. There are some discrepancies between the application documents in use by ELCV for membership and ELC Rangers for volunteer registration. CB and JenH will meet to resolve. Membership of ELCV is estimated at 107 and the number of volunteers exceeds 360 -- so there is the opportunity to recruit more members. • AGM arrangements: In view of the slightly disappointing attendance at the last AGM there was discussion about future arrangements and the possibility to combine the AGM with a social event. 	<p>DQ</p> <p>CB, JenH</p> <p>Jen H, DO</p>
10.	<p>9. Next meeting: On 22nd April at 2pm at the Townhouse.</p>	<p>DO</p> <p>JenH</p>