

## **ELCV Trustees Meeting**

**20 April 2022**

**By Zoom**

**Present:** Dick Gill (Chairman), Anne Pearson (Secretary), Terry Page, Peter Wells, Dave Quarendon, Katty Baird, Jenny Hargreaves

**Apologies:** Colin Ballantyne, Abbie Marland, Mike Sharp

### **1. Welcome**

Dick Gill opened the meeting stating that with 7 members the meeting was quorate. He informed us that Kate Odling had resigned so we now have 10 trustees.

### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 October 2021**

The minutes were approved as written

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

3.1 No progress has been made yet on contacting other groups that make up the volunteers with regard to recruiting of trustees, but Jenny H will check with Dave Wild to see if he has contacted the Rangers. **Action Jenny H.**

3.2 Jenny H reported there are 370 volunteers of which 179 are ELCV members. Numbers have been increasing. She will email the volunteers encouraging them to sign up to ELCV. **Action: Jenny H**

3.3.1 Terry P has finalised the path warden recruitment poster and ELC will print and laminate these for distribution. **Action Jenny H, Terry P.**

3.3.2 The Trustees present offered to help put the recruitment posters on paths currently with no wardens. Terry P will send an updated list of paths without wardens to the trustees. **Action Terry P and Trustees**

3.4. Online banking is not yet set up and Dick G will contact Kate Odling to see if she will carry on countersigning cheques when needed, but he will circulate details of any expenditure to the Trustees beforehand, so all is transparent. **Action Dick G.**

### 3.5. Progress on projects

3.5.1. Paint is available to paint the N Berwick Glen Boards Anne P will contact Meryl Norris. **Action Anne P**

3.5.2. North Berwick Law Boardwalk. Peter W agreed to follow up this with Meryl Norris to see what was needed. **Action Peter W.**

3.5.3. Pencraig viewpoint Jenny H has found the original artwork and will get an estimate from ELC for design and replacement of the boards. The area partnership was suggested as a potential source of funds **Action Jenny H and Dave Q.**

### 4. Future of ELCV and potential projects

After some discussion it was agreed that ELCV should continue with an emphasis on supporting projects identified by ELC rangers, the individual countryside volunteer groups or “friends of” groups, and others where relevant, and encourage recruitment of some new younger trustees. There will be three face-to-face Trustee meetings a year, but this does not include any site visits by Trustees when needed. **Action Anne P to schedule Trustee meetings dates in May and September 2022 and January 2023 in consultation with current Trustees (likely to be provisional dates as Trustees are likely to change at the AGM)**

Jenny H identified four smaller projects that could benefit from input from ELCV over the next year – The Linksfield ‘drypath’ to the beach across the salt marsh at John Muir Country Park Dunbar, Levenhall Links - a floating island for the swans, a water improvement project at Seafield lake at Dunbar, the typha seedhead collection project at North Berwick Law pond.

4.1. It was thought someone from Dunbar conservation volunteers could help progress the Linksfield project which aims to make the path across the salt marsh suitable for wheelchairs. It was hoped local groups and potentially the beach wheelchair group at North Berwick could be approached. **Action Jenny H to discuss with Colin Ballantyne.**

4.2. Levenhall Links - Nick Aitkin is looking for help in constructing a floating Island to encourage the resident swans to nest there rather than on the lake edge and therefore avoiding disturbance by dogs. Jenny H can supply plans.

4.3. Seafield Pond suffers from poor water quality and rafts of reeds/straw help clean up the pond.

4.4. A company -SaltyCo -collected seedheads from typha plants (reed mace) last year over a period of two weeks September/October at North Berwick Law. They are willing to pay people to collect the same this year. The Trustees to decide whether this would be feasible for ELCV and report views back to Anne P who will contact the company with our decision. **Action :Trustees**

## **5. AGM**

Dick G suggested this be held in Aberlady Village Hall and will approach John Harrison to ask if he would give a talk at the meeting to encourage attendance. The date will be Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Katty B will put together some questions about ELCV to send to the volunteers for feedback before the AGM. She will send them round the Trustees to get their input beforehand. **Action Dick G and Katty B.**

## **6. AOB**

### 6.1 Finances

Dick G reported that the charities financial situation remains largely unchanged. The current balance is £4,072. This is £338 lower than the balance at 1/1/21. This financial year to date there has been a £500 donation for tools at Yellowcraig (expenditure £497) and current commitments are £1,710 for moth traps and related equipment including £290 previously approved by Trustees from reserves.

### 6.2 Craig Hoy MSP

It was decided that the Trustees should invite him to a site visit or failing that the AGM  
**Action Dave Q**

### 6.3 Volly Jolly 2022

Jenny H is going to organise a Volly Jolly at the beginning of October 2022. It was agreed by all that this would be a good idea and Jenny H was thanked.

### 6.4 YPI interview

On Thursday afternoon Dave Q, Jenny H and Katty B are meeting three pupils and will be interviewed by them about ELVC.

## **7. The chairman closed the meeting at 15.45.**