

ELCV Board Meeting Minutes

18th July 2025

Venue: Saltire Room, John Muir House, Haddington. Time: 14:00

Those Present:

Trustees: John Hardy (Chair), Terry Page (Secretary) Dave Quarendon (Treasurer), Paul Ince.

ELC: Dave Wild

Visitor: Ron Tuck

Apologies for Absence: Zoe Goldstone, Paul Bevan, Harry Blackley, Valerie Brown.

- 1. Welcome:** The Chair welcomed the attendees and explained that although we were not quorate and any major decisions will need to be made by email to all trustees.

He introduced Ron Tuck who is a newly recruited volunteer who had expressed an interest in becoming a trustee.

- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** Dave Wild pointed out that paragraph 5.3 which stated that “All the council beaches have been given a Beach Award...” should say that “8 of the council beaches have been given a Beach Award...”. With this correction the board approved the minutes.

- 3. Matters Arising and Actions from the Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

- 3.1 Action 24-3/2:** Zoe Goldstone to work with Nick Aitken to progress the Whitesands ramp project and approach Paths for All for funding.

A new fund called ‘Walking Scotland’ has been set up but we do not yet know how to apply for grants. [Secretary’s note; Walking Scotland is a rebranding of Paths for All].

It may also be possible to obtain money from the FCC fund. The closing date to apply for there is 19th November. It is possible that only the landowner can apply for funds but it is East Lothian Council land.

It may also be worth approaching EDF.

Zoe Goldstone has an application form for applying for grants from the community wind farm fund.

John Hardy will convene a meeting with Zoe Goldstone, Harry Blackley and Nick Aitken to progress the applications. **Action 25-4/1.** This will **supersede action 24-3/2.**

- 3.2 Action 24-3/3:** Dave Quarendon to progress the Penraig Information Boards

No progress.

- 3.3 Action 24-4/8:** Dave Wild to speak to Tara Sykes to see if she has any plans to replace the John Muir Country Park information boards.

No progress. The board noted that this is a particularly busy time of the year for the rangers. **Action continues.** When the quote is available John Hardy will approach Anne Pearson for help in applying for a grant from the local area partnership.

- 3.4 **Action 25-1/3** Terry Page will write to Jenny Hargreaves offering the container and Dave Quarendon will look out the historical documentation.

This action has been completed but we have not had a reply from Jenny Hargreaves. [Secretary's note; the letter has now been received and ELC have taken ownership of the container **Action closed**].

- 3.5 **Action 25-1/4:** Dave Wild to establish the council's view on installation of a memorial bench or alternative memorial at Levenhall links.

Action continues.

- 3.6 **Action 25-2/1:** Dave Wild to ask Tara Sykes to obtain a cost for the repair to the Cliff Top trail handrail and to ask Zoe Goldstone to contact Harry Blackley about funding.

Contractors have quoted ~£3.5k for this work. The price is more than expected because to wall is not strong enough to take the handrail. **Action complete.** John Hardy will invite Tara to the Whitesands funding meeting and include handrail funding in the discussions.

- 3.7 **Action 25-2/3:** Dave Wild to speak to Richard English about replacement information boards on the Pencaitland Railway Walk.

No progress. **Action continues.**

- 3.8 **Action 25-2/5.** Dave Quarendon to speak to Zoe Goldstone to find out how we get the money from the North Berwick Trust to pay for the North Berwick Law Path survey

We have still not received the invoice as the work has not yet been completed. An initial report has been submitted for comments. Comments have been sent to McGowan's and we are waiting for an updated report. **Action continues.**

- 3.9 **Action 25-2/6.** John Hardy to check with Tara Sykes and, if she is agreeable, to apply for a grant for trees for the Seafield area from Enhanced Parks and Green Spaces (Scotland) and chase up the extant application to the Tree International Foundation.

The **action is complete.** John will progress an application with the International Tree Foundation. **Action 25-4/2.**

ELC have funds for nature restoration that may be able to be used for this tree planting. Dave Wild will check if this is possible and discuss with Tara. **Action 25-4/3**

- 3.10 **Action 25-2/7.** Dave Quarendon to ask Anne Pearson to contact Ponda to see if they would be interested in Reed Mace (Typha) stems in the autumn.

Ponda do not need the reed mace stems as they have obtained some from another source. **Action complete.**

- 3.11 **Action 25/3-1.** Dave Wild to consider getting a new format for business cards that incorporates the features that Paul suggested. Dave displayed a card and the trustees provided comments. **Action continues**

- 3.12 **Action 25/3-2.** Dave Quarendon will send Dave Wild the artwork for the old logo. **Action Complete**

- 3.13 **Action 25-2/10** Paul Ince to contact the CO-OP to find out how to apply for funds.

Paul is waiting for a reply from the CO-OP. **Action continues.**

3.14 Action-3/3. Dave Quarendon will contact Laura Douglas to get a set of photos for displays.

Laura can supply any of the photos on the photos on the ELC Rangers Facebook page in high quality. Dave will choose a suitable set. **Action continues.**

3.15 Action 25-3/4. To discuss what PPE would be beneficial for members removing giant hogweed with James Wyllie.

No additional PPE is required. **Action complete.**

3.16 Action 25-3/5. John Hardy to speak to Tesco about their community fund raising.

The blue token boxes are specifically for youth projects but there are funds available for us to apply for. Tesco has suggested that it would help if the application were for a specific project. **Action complete.**

4. Financial Report

4.1 Current Balance: We have a balance of £3,623.39 of which £3,071.39 is uncommitted.

4.2 Transactions Since Last Meeting:

Expenditure:	None
Income:	None
Balance	£3,623.39
Commitments:	£552.00 for spending on Musselburgh Links
Uncommitted balance:	£3,071.39

5. Management of Membership Lists; Dave Wild is developing a survey to ask registered volunteers if they want to remain volunteers and want to be ELCV members.

6. Annual Report for OSCR: Dave Quarendon will put the Trustee Induction Document on the web site and mention it in the annual report.

6 AOB:

6.1 Public Awareness. John Hardy will investigate the possibility of having a stall at Haddington Farmers Market and Terry Page will do the same for North Berwick Harbour Market. **Action 25-4/4**

Dave Wild has located two Path Warden Feather Flags but no ELCV flag. He will get a quote for two ELCV Feather Flags. **Action 25-4/5.**

6.2 Volly Jolly & AGM. The date for the Volly Jolly and ELCV AGM has been confirmed as the 25th October in Port Seaton.

6.3 New Projects. Paul Ince will circulate members to see if they have any suggestions for new projects. **Action 25-4/6**

7. Constitution. Some of our current practices do not line up with our constitution. Terry Page will circulate suggested amendments for consideration. **Action 25-4/7**

8. Trustees. Ron Tuck was invited to join us as a trustee. Ron accepted.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting: Fri 19 Sep 2025 14:00 to 16:00 John Muir House (Saltire Room 1)

Meetings booked for the rest of 2025 are:

- Fri 21 Nov 2025 14:00 to 16:00 John Muir House (Saltire Room 1)

List of outstanding actions:

Actionee	Action	Number
Dave Quarendon	to progress the Pencraig Information Boards	24-3/3
Dave Wild	Dave Wild will ask Tara Sykes to specify what work is needed on the John Muir Country Park information boards with the objective of ELCV taking it on as a project. Dave will ask Tara to get quotes for replacing 1, 2 or 3 boards.	24-4/8
Dave Wild	to establish the council's view on installation of a memorial bench at Levenhall links.	25-1/4
Dave Wild	to Richard English about replacement information boards on the Pencaitland Railway Walk.	25-2/3
Dave Quarendon	to speak to Zoe Goldstone to find out how we get the money from the North Berwick Trust to pay for the North Berwick Law Path survey	25-2/5
Paul Ince	to contact the CO-OP to find out how to apply for funds.	25-2/10
Dave Wild	to consider getting a new format for business cards that incorporates the features that Paul suggested.	25-3/1
Dave Quanderon	to contact Laura Douglas to get a set of photos for displays.	25-3/3
John Hardy	to convene a meeting with Zoe Goldstone, Harry Blackley, Nick Aitken and Tara Sykes to progress funding applications for the Whitesands ramp and Cliff Top Rail projects	25-4/1
John Hardy	to progress a grant application with the International Tree Foundation for trees at Seafield.	25-4/2
Dave Wild	To check if the nature restoration money can be used for tree planting at Seafield and discuss with Tara Sykes.	25-4/3
John Hardy & Terry Page	John Hardy will investigate the possibility of having a stall at Haddington Farmers Market and Terry Page will do the same for North Berwick Harbour Market.	25-4/4
Dave Wild	To get a quote for two ELCV Feather Flags.	25-4/5
Paul Ince	To circulate members to see if they have any suggestions for new projects.	25-4/6

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Terry Page	To circulate suggested amendments to the constitution.	25-4/7