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MOTION TO EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

25TH JUNE 2013

REVIEW OF ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS MADE DURING THE 1984/85
MINER'S STRIKE

- 1) Council notes the widespread concerns expressed about the safety of arrests and convictions made during the 1984/85 miners' strike, including those of several East Lothian residents and the strong suspicion that miscarriages of justice took place at that time.
- 2) Council believes that a significant amount of evidence has now emerged to support the campaign for a review of arrests and convictions made in Scotland.
- 3) Council notes the disappointment of many former miners in East Lothian's coalfield communities at the Scottish Government's refusal to order such a review and express its concern about the Justice Secretary's failure to act on this issue.
- 4) Council agrees:
 - (a) To continue to support the campaign for a full and independent review of all cases of miners arrested and convicted in Scotland during the strike.
 - (b) To write again to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to reiterate the Council's support for the campaign and urge him to rethink his position on the issue.

Proposer.....

Donald Grant

Date

13/6/13

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John McChie

Date.....

13/6 June 2013