

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 13th May 2021, 7pm

Present: David Milne (in the Chair), George Unwin, Robert Stuart, Judy Glover, David Metcalfe, Louis Fell.

Apologies for Absence: None.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 8th April 2021 were approved, proposed by Judy Glover and seconded by Robert Stuart.

2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda. None.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Reports

Louis Fell delivered the Treasurer's report.

Total in the bank is £59,662. Louis Fell noted that there has been very little activity, specifically three Domestic Appliance Scheme applications (£300), since the last meeting. The Trustees noted that this is a quiet time of year for applications. The Treasurer noted that the Windfarm money will come in after the interest rate is set. Louis Fell noted the potential increase in logs for the solid fuel scheme.

4. Applications

a. Update : Ellingham Village Hall & St Maurice's Church.

David Milne noted information received from Ellingham Village Hall regarding an increase in costs for the full build, and a possible need for additional funding or phasing of the project. Louis Fell noted an increase in the costs of steel and timber owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Trustees discussed the issue of the increase in costs. David Milne noted that there had been no response from Northumberland County Council regarding a loan.

ACTION : Louis Fell to discuss costs with Gustav McLeod.

No further update from St Maurice's Church. The Trustees noted St Maurice's Church were not in a position to do anything until November 2021 owing to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Domestic Appliance Scheme (DAS)

George Unwin noted that three applications were received since the last meeting. The scheme continues to be popular.

b. Solid Fuel Scheme

The Trustees re-iterated the desire to review all the schemes at the next physical meeting.

ACTION : Clerk to put letters to new owners in Ellingham who have not applied to the schemes.

c. Personal Development Scheme.

No applications received since the last meeting.

6. Chathill Interactive Lights

George Unwin updated the Trustees with the current status of the repair of the Interactive Lights. Mr Unwin noted that one light has been fixed, but the other still needs attention. Mr Unwin was awaiting good weather to assess the issue.

ACTION : George Unwin to report back at the next meeting.

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7. Any of Competent Business. None.

8. Dates of the Next Meetings

Note that future meetings will be in person in Ellingham Village Hall.

ACTION : Clerk to book Ellingham Village Hall for the following dates.

Dates of next meetings: 10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

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