

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 9th December 2021, 7pm

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

Apologies for Absence: Louis Fell

It was noted that the meeting was hosted in David Milne's house owing to the lack of availability of Ellingham Village Hall after Storm Arwen.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 10th November 2021 were approved, proposed by Judy Glover and seconded by George Unwin.

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

3. Treasurer's Report

Louis Fell provided the Treasurer's Report by email.

Income is £1754.92 from the Windfarm and £1200 from sale of additional heat logs. Expenditure is £100 for one Green Scheme application for, £200 for Solid Fuel Scheme application, £10,290 for the purchase of heat logs, £305.33 for insurance.

David Milne noted that the current financial position will put the Trust in a good position to fund both the applications for Ellingham Village Hall and St Maurice's Church.

4. Applications

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

David Milne noted no that there was new information from either organisation. The Trustees noted the start of the Village Hall build.

b. Update : St Maurice's Church Support Grant

The Clerk noted receipt of an email of thanks from Neil Mundy. *"Thank you so much for your kind comments and very swift response. The AGM last night was a most interesting and enjoyable opportunity to meet the Trustees and yourself and to thank you all for your many kindness and good work on behalf of the Community.*

I am delighted to learn that the Trustees approved our submission and agree that the award in two instalments, the second after a period to review the pattern of use is very sensible .

We will liaise with Gustav and the Village Hall Committee regarding the programme and users of the Hall as well as the latest position regarding the impact of building works starting later this month.

Please convey my sincere thanks on behalf of the PCC to Chair and the Board of Trustees. "

c. Update : Defib Pads Replacement

The Clerk reported that the replacement pads had been installed in the Ellingham defib. The Clerk noted that owing to the lack of Ellingham Parish Council meeting, there had been no further information about the grant.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Solid Fuel Scheme

Louis Fell provided an updated list of non payers who had ordered additional heat logs.

ACTION : Clerk to chase non payers.

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Trustees suggested the need to ask for payment in advance in future for the scheme.

ACTION : Clerk amend the scheme for next year.

Payees all updated after some update of bank details and all payments have been made. Amend form to reinforce legibility of bank details.

ACTION : Clerk to make amendments to the form for bank details.

The Trustees discussed the Scheme for 2021.

b. The Green Scheme

George Unwin noted that one application had been received. It was noted that there would usually be more applications at this time.

c. TESS.

The Clerk reported that no applications received since the last meeting.

6. Chathill Interactive Lights

George Unwin reported that no further progress, still awaiting the arrival of the new sign from the County Council.

7. Any of Competent Business.

The Clerk asked the Trustees about the development of the website, querying whether the website should include a community events section, including coffee mornings and other community events currently emailed to the community using the distribution lists.

ACTION : Clerk to create a local notices and info page

David Milne noted that once the Covid situation had stabilised there was a need to merge the covid and general email distribution lists, ensuring that community members were happy to continue to receive community information.

8. Dates of the Next Meetings.

David Milne noted that it was still not possible to meet in Ellingham Village Hall owing to the damage caused by Storm Arwen.

ACTION : Clerk to identify meeting space for the next meeting.

Dates of next meetings: 13th January 2022, 7pm tbc.

10th February 2022, 10th March 2022, 14th April 2022, 12th May 2022, 9th June 2022, 14th July 2022, 11th August 2022, 8th September 2022, 13th October 2022, 10th November 2022, 8th December 2022.

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