

## Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 7pm, Ellingham Village Hall

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

**Apologies for Absence:** David Metcalfe

### 1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were approved, proposed by Judy Glover and seconded by George Unwin. Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 were approved.

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

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Louis Fell provided the Treasurer's Report.

Income in the period is £400 from the additional heat logs. Expenditure £400 for Green Scheme applications and £888.74 for the printing of the Parish Magazine.

### 4. Applications

#### a. Update : St Maurice's Church Emergency Tree Works

No report at this stage. The Trustees noted that no report was expected.

#### b. Update : St Maurice's Church Support Grant

No report at this stage. The Trustees noted that no report was expected.

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

David Milne reported that St Maurice's Church have been informed that Northumberland Power Grid can make a shorter electricity connection which will save some money for the project. David Milne noted that this may extend the project timelines.

David Milne reported conversations with Gustav McLeod and informed the Trustees that the Ellingham Village Hall project is still on course for mid-August completion.

### 5. Update on Active Schemes

#### a. Solid Fuel Scheme

Louis Fell noted that three payers were still outstanding.

**ACTION : Clerk and Treasurer to chase the three outstanding non-payers.**

#### b. The Green Scheme

George Unwin noted three applications in March and four since the last meeting.

#### c. TESS.

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

### 6. Any of Competent Business.

The Clerk reported that Chathill Interactive Lights have been transferred over to Ellingham Parish Council who have agreed to take on the ownership.

A couple of Trustees expressed concerns about parishioners struggling owing to current political situation, and noted that the Trust had previously provided a hardship scheme during covid. The Trustees discussed the situation, and noted that the Trust's finances would make another hardship scheme difficult to extend to the community. The Treasurer noted that there would be no increase in funds from the windfarm owing

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to increased energy prices as the fund was linked to inflation. It was suggested that Ellingham Community Trust could be a signpost for information but that other organisations including Citizens Advice are better placed to provide this information. It was agreed that the Trustees should be an ear to provide support to the community. The Treasurer suggested that the cash element of the Solid Fuel Scheme could be offered more widely with £200 not being restricted to people who don't have a solid fuel burner. The Trustees agreed to review the situation at the next meeting.

## **7. Dates of the Next Meetings.**

### **Dates of next meetings:**

12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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