

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 13th January 2022, 7pm

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

Apologies for Absence: David Metcalfe, 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 9th December 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 was unable to attend to provide the Treasurer's Report.

ACTION : Louis to provide the latest Treasurer's Report via email.

4. Applications

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

David Milne noted that there was no update from St Maurice's Church. David Milne thanked the Clerk for sharing the photos of the skeleton of the new Village Hall. It was noted that power might be restored to the old Village Hall for a period of time. The Trustees agreed that if possible, the Trustees will meet in the old Village Hall.

b. Update : St Maurice's Church Support Grant

David Milne noted an email from Neil Mundy related to the Church Support Grant. David Milne reported that £500 has been transferred to St Maurice's Church to support the costs of fuel for the heating. The Trustees noted the need to review the heating costs needs in March.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Solid Fuel Scheme

The Trustees noted that some payers are still outstanding. The Trustees suggested that over late payment may put future applications in jeopardy.

ACTION : Clerk to chase non payers.

ACTION : Clerk to inform Trustees of outstanding payers.

b. The Green Scheme

George Unwin noted one application was not approved owing to the low energy rating of the appliance.

c. TESS.

The Clerk reported that no applications received since the last meeting. The Trustees discussed the scheme's lack of popularity. The Trustees suggested that once the new Village Hall is built, a presentation should be made to the community to remind the community what the Trust provides, related to the Village Hall funding. The Trustees suggested an open evening with a table with application forms for parishioners to take away. The Trustees suggested of inviting someone from the Windfarm Company as a speaker to appreciate the work they do.

ACTION : Louis Fell to investigate a possible speaker.

6. Chathill Interactive Lights

George Unwin reported that he had contacted Northumberland County Councillor Wendy Pattison and Northumberland County Council in regard to the installation. George Unwin reported that the new light has been ordered, and delivery is to be arranged.

7. Any of Competent Business. None.

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: 10th February 2022, 7pm location to be arranged.

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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