

## Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7pm, Ellingham Village Hall

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Louis Fell.

### 1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 7th April 2022 were approved, proposed by Judy Glover and seconded by Robert Stuart.

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

### 3. Treasurer's Report

No report available owing to the absence of the Treasurer. The Trustees discussed the position of the Trust's finances.

**ACTION : Louis Fell to provide update.**

### 4. Applications

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

David Milne reported that conversations have been held with St Maurice's Church. The tree works have been described as imminent but they have not yet happened.

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

David Milne provided information to the Trustees.

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

David Milne referenced the previously circulated information on the non-powergrid costs for St Maurice's Church. The Trustees discussed the increase in costs for the electricity works. David Milne suggested that so long as the Church costs remain within the grant approved, the Trustees should continue to support the works. David Metcalfe agreed, and noted that another application would be needed for any additional costs. Judy Glover concurred. The Trustees suggested to agree in principal to advance £11,000 to the Church, contingent on the investigations undertaken by Louis Fell. Robert Stuart noted that if the increased costs were too far above the original estimates, another Trustees discussion would be needed.

David Milne noted that the Village Hall build was still on course for an August completion with an October opening.

#### d. Parish of Ellingham Photographic Archive

The Trustees discussed the project and noted that David Griggs has transferred images from slides to digital images to be initially available on the Jubilee weekend in the Village Hall. It was noted that the cost of £145.18 was a good use of Community Trust funds. The Trustees agreed unanimously to fund this project.

**ACTION : Clerk to inform the applicant.**

### 5. Update on Active Schemes

#### a. Solid Fuel Scheme

The Trustees looked at the draft forms provided by the Clerk and suggested some changes. It was suggested that in future if parishioners don't pay for additional logs requested, they should not be allowed to apply for more additional logs in future.

**ACTION : Louis Fell to update the Trustees on the Solid Fuel Scheme for 2022.**

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George Unwin noted that increase in costs of Solid Fuel Scheme might also hit the budget.

**ACTION : Louis Fell to update the model with indication costs for the Solid Fuel Scheme for the next few years.**

## **b. The Green Scheme**

George Unwin noted one application has been received since the last meeting.

## **c. TESS.**

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

## **6. Any of Competent Business.**

David Metcalf noted that he is away for work for six months. David Metcalf offered to step down for the period. He noted that he would have access to emails and remained a desire to keep involved in the Trust.

David Milne noted that he will be putting his house on the market at the end of the month and will keep the Trust updated on his plans.

The Trustees suggested that David Metcalfe as the Vice Chair could take the position of Chair on his return after David Milne leaves. The Trustees noted that additional trustees may be needed and discussed options.

**ACTION : Clerk to write a small notice for the Parish Magazine.**

The Trustees discussed the Community Trust's contribution to the Jubilee. After receiving indication costs for benches and noticeboards the Trustees commented that these were a higher cost than the Trustees wished to spend. The Trustees discussed other options and agreed that planting trees in each hamlet with a small plaque would be a better option.

**ACTION : Clerk to look at options on trees and locations.**

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

**Dates of next meetings:**

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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