

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 10th April 2013

Ellingham Village Hall

Present	Gustav MacLeod, Heather Cairns, Robert Stuart, George Unwin, Christopher Watson
Apologies	Ruth Machen
Guy Samspon (Messrs Geo White)	<p>GM welcomed GS to the meeting, updating him on last meeting and explaining current situation with Consultants, who are working on a feasibility report after which consultation will take place with parishioners and then a strategic plan developed, if it is agreed to proceed with a community energy scheme. Timescale of 10-14 weeks for this - currently 5-6 weeks in.</p> <p>GS explained that his role is to represent the interests of Ellingham Estate at Wandylaw and ensure that all practical issues are dealt with appropriately. He added that within Messrs Geo White Louis Fell has the most practical experience of renewable energy projects. GS was not aware that a meeting between EP and Mrs A Todd had been arranged for 14.03.13 but will follow this up with her.</p> <p>GS stated that Messrs Geo White/Ellingham Estate would support a community energy project such as that proposed by the Community Trust and would be happy to offer independent advice.</p> <p>GS explained that Messrs Geo F White has spent considerable time looking at potential Renewable projects (small wind, photo-voltaics, solar panels, biomass, hydro – at site of old mill,) around the Estate and would be keen to discuss findings with Ethical Partnerships in order to avoid repetition of scoping work already carried out. GS advised that many of the options they had considered were not cost effective, ie cost of installation would often not be paid back.</p> <p>HC stated that there are constraints of confidentiality in that Ethical Partnerships does not want to share certain information with others such as Geo White who are seen as ‘competitors’. CW added that EP should not unreasonably withhold information. Decision/Action: All agreed that EP should meet with LF and GS (Geo White). GM will request that EP arrange this meeting ASAP.</p>
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the March meeting (previously circulated) were approved and signed.
Matters Arising	Ethical Partnerships met with Northumberland Estates on 8 th April and will meet with the Archdeacon 11 th April and Northern Power on 12 th April.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Next payment from Blue Energy due late May 2013. No invoice received from Ellingham PCC in relation to £200 to be paid in respect of Parish Magazine production costs.</p> <p>Decision/Action: GM will contact PCC Treasurer and request that invoice is raised.</p> <p>£600 paid to Ethical Partnerships, interest received £7.67. Bank balances: current a/c £15627.87; deposit a/c £20,007.67.</p> <p>Letter from Sinton's is a good summary of the EP contract, picking up the points which CW had discussed and agreed with AC of EP by telephone.</p>

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Unfortunately EP has yet to issue amended contract so currently working for the Trust without any formal agreement.

Decision/Action: CW will telephone AC to request that amended contract is issued asap in order that it can be signed by Trustees and formal working arrangement set up. CW will confirm conversation by email and copy in GM and Clerk.

Website

Final profile for GU drafted; photo required then ready to upload to site.

Applications received

No applications received as yet although it is understood that several parishioners are considering applications at present. **Decision/Action:** GM to put notice in Parish Magazine inviting applications for anything which may be eligible, including enhancement of village/hamlet entrances, roadsides etc.

Broadband update – PSMA list

Updated list circulated to Trustees prior to meeting. GM had been to a number of different locations/addresses encouraging residents to sign up. Good progress being made, with additional sign ups (as below) total should be between 50 and 60%.

Decision/Action: GU will contact addresses at Chathill still to sign up; RS will contact Brownieside addresses; GM will visit Henhill and Newham.

Dates of next meetings:

Friday 10th May

Minutes prepared by:

Wednesday 12th June 2013

Elsbeth Gilliland