

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 12th June 2013

Ellingham Village Hall

Present	Gustav MacLeod, Heather Cairns, Robert Stuart, George Unwin, Christopher Watson
Apologies for Absence	Ruth Machen
Approval of Minutes	Minutes (previously circulated) were approved and signed.
Matters Arising	<p>CW and GU to investigate feasibility of Trust bulk buying timber from Ellingham Estate tree felling operations and providing voucher scheme to enable parishioners to receive free logs – to report back at next meeting.</p> <p>GM and Alan Creedy meeting with Louis Fell at Messrs Geo White on Monday 24th June to look at proposal for Ellingham Estates having shares with Community Trust.</p>
Applications Received	<p>(R Stuart declared an interest). The application received on behalf of residents at Brownieside, for access improvements, was discussed at length. Trustees agreed that the proposal was quite costly (£11,000 plus VAT) given the small number of people it would benefit. Care should be taken not to set a precedent for other costly applications benefiting only a small number of parishioners. That said, this would help 3 small businesses and would improve living conditions for 6 households. So far it is the only application that has been received by the Trust.</p> <p>Trustees agreed that residents should seek clarification on ownership/access rights on the land in question, as this information is not clear. Residents should also obtain a further 2 quotations. Subject to these matters being addressed, trustees agreed that the Community Trust should fund half the application costs, to a maximum of £8,000.00, with contributions of £1,000.00 per household to be made towards the project. In order to give all concerned peace of mind, the funds should be placed with a Commissioner of Oaths and the invoice for the work should be sent to the Community Trust.</p> <p>Decision: GM to write to Brownieside residents advising of Trust's decision.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Payments made as follows: £10.00 repayment to C Watson (money provided to open bank account); £301.00 Bill Grisdale – website fee; £1200.00 Ethical Partnership (2nd stage payment). Bank balance £33,9235.00; invoice sent to Blue Energy for £37,949.17 ie 2nd community fund payment.</p> <p>CW and GU to investigate feasibility of Trust bulk buying timber from Ellingham Estate tree felling operations and providing voucher scheme to enable parishioners to receive free logs – to report back at next meeting.</p>
Website profiles and photos	All now set up. Clerk to send zip file with Feb-May minutes for inclusion on site.
Broadband update	Nothing further to report.

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Dates of Next Meetings Wednesday 3rd July (subject to strategic plan being prepared by Alan Creedy) and Wednesday 7th August, both at 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

Minutes prepared by Elspeth Gilliland