

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 13th February 2013

Ellingham Village Hall

Present Gustav MacLeod, Heather Cairns, George Unwin, Christopher Watson, Ruth Machen

Apologies Robert Stuart

Presentation from Natural Regeneration Due to road closure caused by snow the consultants were unable to attend the meeting. Noted that this was the second cancellation – first due to illness. These consultants live a considerable distance away – their quotation for project was costed at £8k plus travelling expenses – may prove expensive. Also proposal involved a lot of public engagement sessions which may not be popular with community. **Decision: Natural Regeneration would not be considered for the green energy initiative currently under discussion.**

Green Energy Initiative – outcome of discussions with Consultants Trustees held lengthy discussion regarding presentations and proposals from North Energy and Ethical Partnerships. Although date for final submission of proposals was 15.2.13 it was agreed that Ethical Partnerships much stronger contenders than North Energy – strong team, had spent time in/looking at parish and looked to the long term. Staged payments outlined in proposal allowed for withdrawal from any further commitment - £500 to be paid after kick-off meeting and if at that meeting Trustees not content with quality of deliveries then reserve right to cancel contract without proceeding further. **Decision: CW to draft letter to Ethical Partnerships stating that the Trust intends to review progress at given times and that it is entirely at Trust's discretion if it decides to pull out.**

GM asked Trustees to check Ethical Partnership work programme and confirm okay/amend as appropriate.

Action: CW draft letter to EP
GM advise unsuccessful consultants
ALL check work programme

Approval of minutes Minutes of the January meeting (previously circulated) were approved and signed.

Matters Arising Ridgewind has been sold to Blue Energy. GM has emailed Teresa Hall to clarify position re contacts in the company etc. GM will also contact Guy Sampson (Messrs George White) to ascertain what are implications for Community Trust, if any. **Action: GM**
 Noted that request made to Parish Council to have 'Community Trust' as standing item on agenda was agreed at last PC meeting.

Treasurer's Report Bank balances: current account £16,556.78; deposit account: £20,000. CW to make payment of £200.00 to Ellingham PCC in respect of Parish Magazine costs (as approved at January meeting).

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Website	<p>Documents for making applications to Trust are now downloadable. Logo – decision that the banner image should be used as logo on correspondence etc. Further information to be added under ‘governance’ (Articles of Association) and ‘who we are’ – a short description of the Trust and what it is doing, and list of Trustees.</p> <p>‘Draft’ needs to be removed from report of Main Findings on the website since this has now been passed by the committee.</p> <p>Action: GM email Articles to CW RM prepare info for ‘who we are’ CW to remove ‘Draft’ from report on website.</p>
Guidance Notes for Trustees	<p>Noted that information regarding Trust Fund applications have been distributed to almost all houses in parish – final few to be delivered by end of week.</p> <p>Short article for Parish Magazine stating that the Fund is up and running and applications are invited. Action: GM send to mag editor</p> <p>RM queried support for services provided by County Council, in particular for 460 bus service. HC noted that this service was now guaranteed safe for the next 12 months and should not be considered for support from Community Fund during that period.</p>
Broadband update – Community Forum	<p>Discussed at Community Forum held in Ellingham Village Hall, 31st January. Ellingham showing highest percentage of sign-ups to campaign for superfast Broadband but still only showing at 7% - it is thought that NCC using all addresses in parish even if vacant properties (ie holiday houses).</p> <p>Decision: GM to put information in Parish Magazine urging parishioners to sign up.</p>
Dates of Next Meetings	<p>Friday 8th March, Ellingham Village Hall) Wednesday 10th April, Ellingham Village Hall</p>
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