

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 3rd May 2018

Ellingham Village Hall

Present: Heather Cairns (in the Chair), David Milne, Robert Stuart, George Unwin, Louis Fell.

Apologies for Absence: none

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 5th April 2018 (not previously circulated) approved. Proposed by David Milne and seconded by George Unwin.

2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda

ACTION : Louis to provide the Clerk with the Accounts to put these on to website

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Report

Louis Fell detailed the Treasurers Report

Treasury Account at £34,479.41; Current Account £10,298.58; giving a total of £44,777.99. Payments out included £200.00 for two Domestic Appliance Scheme applications, and £808.00 Accountant's bill. There was no income for this period.

b. School RHI

Louis Fell provided the Trust with further details from the school about the outstanding RHI payments. The school have made a renewed calculation which requires verifying.

ACTION: Louis Fell to check the school calculations and will circulate.

The school have been re-assessed for their Eco 'green school' award and continuously been awarded top 'Gold award' for about ten years for their 'Woodland Workshop' forest school. The school have invited the Trustees to a celebration event.

4. Applications

a. Broadband – Update on Application

Heather gave an update on Broadband. Heather read a note from iNorthumberland detailing a scheme being offered to community members for wireless broadband. Heather noted that this was being listed as an interim solution. The Trustees expressed concerns that this may mean that the main broadband project will be delayed. The Trustees noted that without a signed agreement they could not influence the outcome. Louis Fell suggested that the Trust should get an update on the project. David Milne expressed a need to have a Trust representative on the project team.

ACTION : Louis and Heather to chase the formal agreement.

b. School – Update on Application

Louis Fell The school have not yet received the specification required for the road to take school buses from the Local Authority. Owing to the delay the school has lost match funding from the Diocese. The

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Trustees discussed a way forward and identified that accurate costs were needed before any further decisions could be made.

ACTION : Heather Cairns to arrange for the school to host a site meeting with the Local Authority onsite to identify the specification required.

ACTION : Louis Fell to get three quotes for the road once the specification has been received.

c. Defibrillator – Update on Application

George Unwin confirmed that there had been no update owing to the lambing season.

ACTION : George Unwin to progress the application.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Domestic Appliance Scheme

There have been two applications in this period.

b. Solid Fuel Scheme

The Clerk suggested that the Trustees considered putting the Solid Fuel Scheme form in to the Parish Magazine rather than print and distribute a separate form. The Trustees agreed to look into this possibility with the Parish Magazine editor.

ACTION : David Milne to discuss this with the editor of the Parish Magazine.

ACTOIN : Louis Fell noted that he would get quotes for the Solid Fuel Scheme for a meeting in the summer.

c. Personal Development Grant application

There were no applications during this period.

6. Any of Competent Business

None.

7. Dates of the Next Meetings

Dates of next meetings:

- Thursday 14th June 2018, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall;
- Thursday 12th July 2018, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall;
- Thursday 9th August 2018, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall;
- Thursday 13th September 2018, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall;
- Thursday 11th October 2018, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall;
- Thursday 8th November 2018, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall;
- Thursday 13th December 2018, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

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