

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 3rd December 2019

Ellingham Village Hall

Present: David Milne (in the Chair), Robert Stuart, George Unwin, James Mayers.

Apologies for Absence: Louis Fell

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 14th November 2019 were approved, proposed by James Mayers and seconded by George Unwin.

2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda.

Louis Fell noted that he had been unable to respond to Northumberland Rivers Trust.

ACTION : Clerk to respond to Northumberland Rivers Trust

David Milne noted that he had been in touch with Gustav MacLeod and Neil Munday on the initial strategy to aid the strategy review.

ACTION : David to email information to Trustees when this is received.

James Mayers noted desire to read the minutes after the meeting, rather than just before the next meeting.

ACTION : Clerk to email the minutes once these have been checked, not later than the second week after the meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Reports

Owing to the absence of Louis Fell there was no treasurer's report.

4. Applications

a. Update : St Maurice's Church Repairs

Email requesting the additional funds had been received.

ACTION : George Unwin to check how much has been paid to date and arrange for extra payment.

b. Update : St Maurice's Church Application

No update received.

ACTION : David Milne to catch up with Neil Mundy regarding progress.

c. Update : Village Hall Application

Meeting with Louis Fell, James Mayers and Gustav MacLeod not arranged held owing to Gustav MacLeod being away on holiday.

ACTION : Louis Fell and James Mayers to arrange a meeting with Gustav MacLeod in the New Year.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Domestic Appliance Scheme (DAS)

Three applications since the last meeting. The scheme continues to be popular.

b. Solid Fuel Scheme

Some missing deliveries of hard wood were reported.

ACTION : George Unwin to try to find out in what has happened with these missing hard wood.

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Note that an applicant only received one pallet despite the offer of two. The applicant has since been offered and received £200 in lieu of this.

George Unwin received queries about coal vouchers. Noted that Wiliamsons are the merchants and they have a list of applicants.

ACTION : Clerk to email those who had requested coal.

Trustees noted that despite the earlier start the scheme still appears to be dragging on. The Trustees expressed their thanks for the help and support of the local community.

c. Personal Development application

None in this period. Clerk noted advert regarding the Personal Development Scheme placed on the Ellingham Community Trust website. The Trustees noted the poor uptake of the Personal Development Scheme. David Milne suggested additional accessible advertising might be beneficial.

ACTION : Clerk to put together an advertisement for the Parish Magazine and posters for the noticeboards and email to Trustees.

Clerk noted she had not provided the Trustees with figures for website visits.

ACTION : Clerk to email website visit figs to the Trustees.

6. Any of Competent Business

George Unwin requested funding for a new battery for the Ellingham Village Hall defib. This was unanimously approved. The Trustees noted that the Community Trust would continue to support the defibs in the community.

7. Dates of the Next Meetings

Next meeting on 9th Jan 2020. Alteration of 10th December for 3rd December 2020.

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