

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 6th February 2020

Ellingham Village Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: none

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 9th Jan 2019 were approved, proposed by Robert Stuart and seconded by George Unwin.

2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda. None

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Reports

Louis Fell presented the Treasurer's Report covering the period from November owing to the lack of access to Unity Trust. Total accounts at £54,334.40. Payments out were £7,366.75 comprising of £884.75 for printing of the Parish Magazine, £151 to Stephen Carey Fund for replacement defib pads, £600 for three outstanding Solid Fuel payments, £1,000 for ten Domestic Appliance Scheme applications, £823 accountant's fees, £3890 for main applications and £18 for bank charges. Income received for the period is £1,238.93 comprising of £1,201.39 from the windfarm and £37.54 bank interest.

Louis Fell noted that the Accounts are ready to be signed.

ACTION : Louis Fell to arrange signature of the accounts signed by the previous Chair.

4. Applications

a. New Application : Forest School Scheme

The Trustees discussed this application and suggested that this would be a great addition to the parish.

b. Update : St Maurice's Church Application

David Milne had a meeting with David Griggs relating to St Maurice's Church application. David Milne reported that the Feasibility Study will be available by end of February, hopefully in time for the next meeting.

c. Update : Village Hall Application

Louis Fell and James Mayers reported that they had held a meeting held with Gustav McLeod. Louis Fell and James Mayers recommended to the Village Hall that a properly costed plan is put in place, getting quotes from local builders and enabling savings to be made if feasible. Louis Fell and James Mayers looked at the level of funding feasible, and make the project viable and made some suggestions. Louis Fell and James Mayers reported that they are awaiting further information from the Village Hall.

Louis Fell reported on the potential financial position of Ellingham Community Trust for supporting both schemes. James Mayers noted that the outcome of this would feed in to the Strategic Review. David Milne noted that if the information was not available in time for the March meeting, the Strategic Review would be postponed. Louis Fell noted that the provision of this information would enable Ellingham Community Trust to carry out a consultation with the parish as previously agreed.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Domestic Appliance Scheme (DAS)

George Unwin noted that two applications were received in February, and three applications received in January. The scheme continues to be popular.

b. Solid Fuel Scheme

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Louis Fell noted that the new houses have now received logs. The Trustees held a discussion about the remaining pallets. The Trustees agreed to split the remaining pallets in half and offer these to those who had applied for solid fuel in the 2019 scheme at £100.

ACTION : Clerk to email all who had applied for solid fuel and ask interested people to come back by 16th Feb.

c. Personal Development application

Clerk put posters up. One application recently received for Forestry School. This was discussed by the Trustees and approved pending further information being received from Ellingham School.

ACTION : Trustees to request further information from Ellingham School.

6. Any of Competent Business

None.

7. Dates of the Next Meetings

Next meeting 12th March at 6pm Ellingham Village Hall.

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