

## Ellingham Community Trust

**Minutes: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 7pm**

**Present:** David Milne (in the Chair), George Unwin, Robert Stuart, Judy Glover, David Metcalfe, Louis Fell.

**Apologies for Absence: None.**

### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

Draft minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved, proposed by Louis Fell and seconded by George Unwin.

### **2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda. None.**

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

#### **a. Treasurer's Reports**

Louis Fell delivered the Treasurer's report.

Expenditure for the period was £400 for four Domestic Appliance Scheme. There was no income in the last month.

### **4. Applications**

#### **a. Update : Ellingham Village Hall & St Maurice's Church.**

David Milne reported that Ellingham Village Hall Lottery application has been approved. The Trustees noted that Ellingham Village Hall are still trying to get a loan via Northumberland County Council. The Trustees noted their recognition of the ongoing fundraising.

The issues of risks raised at the previous meeting were addressed. Village Hall becoming a CIO to indemnify the Hall against these risks and in turn negating the risks to the Trust.

David Milne reported that St Maurice's Church were planning to appoint a central heating contractor by the end of February, but this has not occurred owing to an unknown setback. As a result of this, St Maurice's Church don't need the first grant payment until after March. The Trustees noted this and will receive a report at the next meeting.

### **5. Update on Active Schemes**

#### **a. Domestic Appliance Scheme (DAS)**

George Unwin noted that 3 applications were received since the last meeting. The scheme continues to be popular.

#### **b. Solid Fuel Scheme**

The Clerk noted her apology for not getting the letter out to Maxwell Drive and Carnaby Close.

**ACTION : Clerk to get the letter out as a matter of urgency.**

Louis Fell noted a missing payment for the extra fuel.

**ACTION: Clerk to chase.**

#### **c. Personal Development Scheme.** No applications received since the last meeting.

### **6. Chathill Interactive Lights**

George Unwin updated the Trustees with the current status of the repair of the Interactive Lights noting that no repairs had been possible since the last meeting owing to the poor weather

**ACTION : George Unwin to provide a report for the next meeting.**

## **7. Any of Competent Business**

Louis Fell noted processing application from Pip Robson from 2020. The Trust initially agreed to fund the installation of replacement trees to form an avenue at £400. Louis Fell noted that these costs had increased and suggested increasing the funding to £500. It was noted that Ellingham Community Trust had previously funded the installation of the initial trees. The Trustees agreed to increase the funding.

**ACTION : Louis Fell to make then grant payment to Pip Robson.**

## **8. Dates of the Next Meetings**

**Dates of next meetings:** 11<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

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