

## Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Ellingham Village Hall

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

### **Apologies for Absence:**

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

Draft minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were approved. Proposed by Louis Fell and seconded by David Milne.

#### **2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda.**

None.

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

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

Louis Fell presented the Treasurers Report to the Trustees.

Total accounts at £53,507. Payments out were £18.00 for Bank Charges. Income received for the period is, £43,987.57 from the Windfarm and £37.06 Bank Interest. Payments pending include funds for the Church Application, Solid Fuel Scheme and School Application.

Louis Fell reported that there was no further update has been received from the Windfarm Company in relation to the discussion of funding for the Village Hall and Church Application.

##### **b. Banking Mandate**

Banking mandate completed and David Milne is now an authoriser of payments on the bank account.

#### **4. Applications**

##### **a. New Application from Village Hall**

The Trustees discussed the application. It was noted that this amount of money requested was within the grant requested within the Village Hall & Church Application. It was also noted that any planning application will last three years. The Trustees had a round table discussion including a dynamic risk assessment of the potential failure of the windfarm to provide with the funds. After the discussion, it was not deemed appropriate to advance this money at this stage. As soon as there is clarity from the windfarm, and the Parish has been re-consulted with information the terms of the arrangement with the Windfarm, the Trustees will reconsider the application.

**ACTION : Louis Fell to ask the Windfarm Company for a timescale on the decision.**

##### **b. Update : Church Repair Application Update**

Church repairs have been completed. The payment will be made from Ellingham Community Trust this month.

##### **c. Update : Village Hall & Church Application Update**

No further update at this stage.

##### **d. Update : School Application**

No update at this stage.

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

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

One application in the last period, discussed and approved by the Trustee.

## **b. Solid Fuel Scheme**

Clerk noted that the Parish Magazine will not come out on time for this deadline. Trustees noted that the solid fuel scheme Application Form would be distributed separately to the Parish Magazine and the Trustees volunteered to distribute to parishioners. Louis Fell will arrange the printing of the application forms.

**ACTION : Clerk to email Louis Fell the Solid Fuel Scheme application form and launch this online.**

## **c. Personal Development Grant application**

None in this period.

## **6. Any of Competent Business.**

An email has been received from Mr Roberto Howcroft in relation to the decision of Ellingham Community Trust relating to Community Broadband. The Trustees noted that there was still patchy internet across the parish and that Ellingham Community Trust desired to support broadband across the parish. The Trustees noted, however, that despite regular requests no information had been provided from iNorthumberland regarding the progress of the scheme. The Trustees reaffirmed that if iNorthumberland returned with a proposal Ellingham Community Trust would reconsider the funding.

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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019, AGM 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall with ordinary meeting following.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

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