

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 12th March 2020

Ellingham Village Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Robert Stuart

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 6th February 2020 were approved, proposed by Louis Fell and seconded by James Mayers.

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

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Reports

Louis Fell presented the Treasurer's Report. Total accounts at £53,434.40. Payments out were £900 comprising of £600 for outstanding Solid Fuel Scheme payments, and £300 for three Domestic Appliance Scheme applications. There was no Income received for the period.

4. Review of ECT Strategy

David Milne thanked the Clerk for the work on a spreadsheet detailing all of the applications granted since 2012. Louis Fell noted that he could share the figures for the period during which he was Treasurer.

As per the previous meeting, the Strategy Review was postponed until costed information has been received from St Maurice's Church and Ellingham Village Hall representatives.

ACTION : Clerk to email figures to all Trustees

ACTION : Louis to email yearly figures to all Trustees

5. Applications

a. Update : St Maurice's Church Application

David Milne shared an email regarding St Maurice's Church feasibility. The details were discussed by the Trustees. The Trustees noted that further costed information was required.

b. Update : Village Hall Application

Louis Fell reported on an email received from Gustav McLeod with one quotation. The Trustees are awaiting other quotations.

c. Update : Forestry School Application

This was originally submitted as a Personal Development Scheme application and after enquiries, it was agreed to treat this as a Main Application from Ellingham School owing to the wider benefit to the community. This approach and the application was approved by email subsequent to the last meeting.

d. New Application : Personal Development

Application for Cricket Coaching received for £150. The Trustees discussed the application and approved it. It was noted that this application was retrospective, and approving it did not set a precedent for future applications.

6. Update on Active Schemes

a. Domestic Appliance Scheme (DAS)

George Unwin noted that one application was received in early March. The scheme continues to be popular.

b. Solid Fuel Scheme

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It was noted that since the last meeting, successful applications had been drawn out of a hat. Clerk noted that she had emailed all who were successful being drawn out of a hat. Clerk to make sure payments are received.

ACTION : Clerk to give sort code and account number to successful applicants.

Louis Fell noted the need to order the solid fuel early to ensure the better prices.

ACTION : Louis Fell to get a quote for the next meeting based on 72 pallets.

6. Any of Competent Business

None.

7. Dates of the Next Meetings

Next meeting 9th April 2020 at 7pm at David Milne's house owing to a double booking with the Leek Club show within Ellingham Village Hall.

Minutes prepared by: Virginia Mayes-Wright

Appendix : Meeting during the Coronavirus

AS YOU WILL BE AWARE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A RANGE OF ADVICE RELATING TO THE CURRENT OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS AND THIS ADVICE IS BEING CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED.

AS PART OF AN ONGOING COMMUNITY INITIATIVE, THE TRUST IS DEVELOPING A RANGE OF SUPPORT ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HELP MEMBERS OF THE PARISH MINIMISE THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE VIRUS. THESE INCLUDE:

- ENSURING THAT THOSE OVER 70 OR THOSE WHO FEEL PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE, AND WITHOUT SUPPORT WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A RANGE OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS, INCLUDING FOOD AND HYGENE PRODUCTS, FUNDED AND DELIVERED BY THE TRUST.
- ENSURING THAT THOSE WHO ARE SELF-ISOLATING AND WITHOUT ANY SUPPORT HAVE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL ITEMS, POSSIBLY BY A BULK PURCHASE/ORDER MECHANISM AND DELIVERED BY THE TRUST.
- PROVISION OF A PACK OF HYGENE PRODUCTS FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD, FUNDED BY THE TRUST.
- PROVISION OF POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING DEMONSTRABLE HARDSHIP THROUGH LOSS OF INCOME FROM THE VIRUS. THIS WILL BE DEALT WITH CONFIDENTIALLY AND ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.
- IF ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL ITEMS BECOMES DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE VIA SUPERMARKETS OR THROUGH TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A BULK PURCHASE/ORDERING PROCESS USING LOCAL SUPPLIERS.
- PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY, WHERE APPROPRIATE.

AS YOU WILL APPRECIATE, THE SITUATION IS CONTINUOUSLY EVOLVING AND THE TRUST IS REVIEWING ITS STRATEGY ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU NEED SUPPORT FROM THE TRUST OR YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE ABOVE TRUST INITIATIVES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH. PLEASE CONTACT:

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