

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 13th June 2019

Ellingham Village Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: none

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 9th May 2019 were approved. Proposed by George Unwin and seconded by Robert Stuart.

2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda.

David Milne requested an update on progress on his application to Unity Bank to become an account signatory. Louis Fell reported that despite the forms being sent in he had received no further information from Unity Bank.

ACTION : Update to be provided at the next meeting.

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 £100 for one Domestic Appliance Scheme application. Income received for the period is £4 bank interest.

A response has been received from the Windfarm Company in relation to the discussion of funding for the Village Hall and Church Application. They have reviewed the request internally and sent the request to their financiers for approval. At the point where a final response is received from the Windfarm Company, Ellingham Community Trust will go out to consult the community as to whether the funds should be used in this manner. The Trustees discussed the potential consultation.

The Clerk noted that she had not been paid in 2019 and that there were concerns that other payments had not been made directly from the Windfarm Company.

ACTION : Louis Fell to ensure that the Clerk is paid.

4. Applications

a. Update : Church Repair Application Update

No report at this stage.

b. Update : Village Hall & Church Application Update

No report at this stage

c. Update : School Application

The School have received three quotes for the surfacing work.

Noting a potential future conflict of interest, James Mayers reported that his wife has become a Governor of the School. This was noted by the Trustees in case of future discussions.

d. Update : Gentle Exercise Class

The Clerk noted an email has been received requesting funds for the Gentle Exercise Class. The Clerk confirmed that no invoice has been received and will request that one is sent.

ACTION : Clerk to ask for an invoice for the Gentle Exercise Class.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Domestic Appliance Scheme (DAS)

One in the last period.

b. Solid Fuel Scheme

The Clerk presented a draft for the 2019 scheme. The Trustees discussed the draft of the 2019 form and made amendments. A deadline for the 2019 scheme of 15th Sept was agreed in order to get delivery made in a more timely manner than in 2018. The Trustees discussed the ordering needs of the 2019 scheme and a new heat log supplier. The Trustees agreed to use this new supplier to avoid the issues which occurred in 2018.

ACTION : Louis Fell to forward exact costs to the Trustees.

Louis Fell noted that permanent residents in the new development in Ellingham will be eligible if they complete the application before the closing date.

c. Personal Development Grant application

One application received. The Trustees discussed the application and the amount applied for. The Trustees agreed to offer the maximum Personal Development Grant of £400.

The Trustees discussed the needs of the Personal Development Scheme. The Trustees noted that the Personal Development Grant has remained at the same level for a number of years. The Trustees approved raising the limit of the Personal Development Grant to £400.

ACTION : Clerk to update the Personal Development Scheme Form and website.

6. Any of Competent Business. None.

7. Dates of the Next Meetings

Thursday 11th July 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

Thursday 8th August 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

Thursday 12th September 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

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

Thursday 14th November 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

Thursday 5th December 2019, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

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