

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 13th August 2020, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: David Metcalfe, Louis Fell

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 9th July 2020 were approved, proposed by Judy Glover and seconded by Robert Stuart.

2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Reports

No Treasurer's Report available owing to absence of Treasurer.

ACTION : Louis Fell to present the draft accounts at the next meeting.

4. Applications

a. New Applications : Financial Assistance Scheme

One new application was received and considered carefully. The Trustees agreed that it did not warrant a further donation from the fund application but recommended that the applicant apply to the Domestic Appliance Scheme.

ACTION : Clerk to inform applicant.

The Trustees noted that the Financial Assistance Scheme was now closed. The Clerk noted that advertising of the end date for the Financial Assistance Scheme had not been possible owing to the publication timings for the Parish Magazine but will be publicised on the noticeboards, via the community database and on the Trust website.

ACTION : Clerk to note the closure of the Financial Assistance Scheme on the website.

b. Update : Public Consultation for the funding of St Maurice's Church & Village Hall

The Trustees noted communication from Gustav McLeod regarding Ellingham Village Hall's loan application failure. The Trustees noted that this leaves Ellingham Village Hall application in an uncertain position. The Trustees noted their plan to still proceed with the Community Consultation, providing the Trust with a mandate to support Ellingham Village Hall in the future.

The Trustees noted the difficulty in getting one side of A4 from both St Maurice's Church and Ellingham Village Hall. Having received these documents, the Trustees discussed the mechanics of the consultation. The Trustees noted that the vote will be for parishioners over 18 years old. The Trustees noted that hard copy consultation papers will be made available, if required to community co-ordinators, with a downloadable version available on the website and also distributed on the community database. The Trustees re-iterated that agreement would be on a majority of a minimum of 30% of the parish (approx. 75 people). The Trustees agreed the consultation would go live on 20th August and the deadline for returns would be 1st September.

ACTION : Clerk to launch the consultation online on 20th August, and develop the Survey Monkey survey.

ACTION : Louis Fell to print the hard copy consultation papers.

ACTION : Clerk to put the notice on the noticeboards.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Domestic Appliance Scheme (DAS)

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

b. Solid Fuel Scheme

Louis Fell noted that the preferred supplier for the heat logs was unable to manage the order.

ACTION : Louis Fell to contact an alternative supplier.

The Clerk shared the draft application form and poster for the 2020 Solid Fuel Scheme. This was approved by the Trustees for launch on 2nd September with a deadline of 30th Sept.

ACTION : Clerk to insert poster into the Parish Magazine.

ACTION : Clerk to post forms on website on 2nd Sept.

ACTION : Louis Fell to print hard copy forms.

The Trustees noted that there was still one payment outstanding from the extra Solid Fuel supplied.

c. Personal Development Scheme

No applications received since the last meeting.

7. Any of Competent Business

The Trustees discussed the Free Trees scheme.

ACTION : Clerk to investigate the scheme and report to the Trustees.

8. Dates of the Next Meetings

The next meeting date was previously set as 10th September 2020. Date changed to 17th September 2020, in Ellingham Village Hall.

ACTION : David to book Ellingham Village Hall for 17th Sept.

ACTION : Clerk to publicise the new date.

Dates of next meetings: 17th September 2020, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall; 8th October 2020, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall; 12th November 2020, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall; 10th December 2020, 7pm in Ellingham Village Hall.

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