

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 16th June 2016 Ellingham Village Hall

Present: Christopher Watson (in the Chair), Robert Stuart, George Unwin, Heather Cairns, Louis Fell., Stanley Calvert.

Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of 4th May (previously circulated) approved and signed.

Matters Arising: Information about revised Domestic Appliance Scheme not included in June newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balances as at 16.0616: Current Account £16,731.18; Deposit Account £30,451.34; Total £47,182.52. Transactions in previous period: Domestic Appliance Scheme £50.00; Northumberland A/C £87.50. Committed spend (estimated): Domestic Appliance Scheme (15/16) £2,950.00; DAS application number 27 £100.00. Trust assets not allocated £44,082.52.

Unity Trust Bank has introduced current account charges of £6.00 per month. Correspondence regarding this not received. Discussion regarding change of banks. LF reported that Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) offers fee-free banking for not-for-profit and charitable organisations, as well as short-term deposit accounts and investment opportunities.

Action/Decision: All Trustees to look at website www.cafonline.org and inform CW if they consider that this is not a suitable organisation to bank with. If no issues CW and LF will transfer funds from Unity Trust and appoint LF as treasurer.

Change of Ownership – Wandylaw Windfarm: Wandylaw Windfarm Ltd is now under new ownership. LF to pass contact details on to CW, Eileen Duncan and Elspeth Gilliland.

Action: LF to pass on contact details for new windfarm owner.

Applications: Application from Mrs A Machen on behalf of 460 Bus Club was discussed. HC explained subsidies from NCC, Ellingham and Embleton Parish Councils and the Travel Club. Noted that to pay for taxis for parishioners on an 'as and when needed' basis would be more costly than the annual sum of £800 which has been applied for. HC noted that Embleton Parish Council may withdraw its contribution due to drop of numbers from the parish using the bus.

After considerable discussion all present voted in favour of supporting this application. HC to inform Mrs Machen. Parish Council Clerk to raise invoice.

Decision/Action: Support application – HC advise applicant. If Embleton Parish Council offers financial support the £200 to be paid back to Community Trust.

Neighbourhood Plan: No update – carry forward to July meeting.

Action: HC to update Trustees at next meeting.

Any Other Business: LF has contacted Alnwick Financial Management requesting information/advice on investment opportunities.

Domestic Appliance Scheme – CW has redrafted notification sheet. Trustees to check and advise CW of any errors or omissions. If nobody contact him then he will assume that the document can be circulated to the public. This will be uploaded to website and printed copies will be posted through letter box of every household in the parish.

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Dates of next meetings: Thursday 21st July

Minutes prepared by: Elspeth Gilliland