

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 18th August 2016

Ellingham Village Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Louis Fell; Heather Cairns

Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of 28th July (previously circulated) approved and signed.

Matters Arising: All matters included in agenda items.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balances as at 18.08.16: Current Account £55,496.82; Deposit Account £30,464.53; Total £85,961.35. Transactions in previous period; 460 Bus Grant £800.00. Receipts: Windfarm Annual Payment £39,865.64. Committed spend (estimated): Domestic Appliance Scheme (15/16) £2,750.00, DAS28 £100.00 – total £2,850.00. Trust assets not allocated £83,111.35.

Proposal to pay Cash Fuel Support Payment to Parishioners: CW stated that, as the Trust currently has a surfeit of cash and with an absence of ideas or applications for funding from the community it may be appropriate to make a one-off cash payment to households in the parish in respect of assistance with winter fuel costs. Draft document for circulation to parishioners was discussed. All present agreed that this one-off payment should be made. SC proposed that the payment should be £200 per household. GU seconded the proposal and all agreed. CW will contact LF and HC to ensure that they are comfortable with this payment being made. Providing that they agree then a letter will be distributed to parishioners along with notification about Solid Fuel Scheme.

Decision/Action: *One-off payment of £200 in respect of fuel costs to be made to all households in parish. CW to confirm agreement with LF/HC. Letter informing parishioners to be delivered to each household along with Solid Fuel Scheme application form.*

Rural Broadband Update (Wandylaw uptake): Item postponed until September meeting as HC not present to give update.

Trustee approval for the 2016 Solid Fuel Scheme: CW had re-drafted application form. This will be emailed to all Trustees for approval prior to it being delivered to parishioners. Those present voted in favour of proposal. Return date for forms is 30th September with delivery of solid fuel planned for October.

Decision/Action: *2016 Solid Fuel Scheme approved by those present. Revised application form to be emailed to all trustees for approval prior to distribution.*

Applications: Application received from Nayfon Mather who is taking English lessons to assist in application for UK residency and passport. She has applied for £60 course cost plus £180 transport costs. All present agreed that this should be funded.

Decision/Action: *Application granted. CW to inform applicant of decision.*

Neighbourhood Plan Update: Deferred to September meeting as HC not present.

Any Other Business: SC noted that in or around September 2014 he requested that Sintons Solicitors amended the Articles of Association to remove the phrase "...provided the majority of directors do not benefit in any way..." As yet he has received no response. CW proposed that SC contacts Sintons once

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more to ask (a) for their interpretation of the clause and (b) to remove the wording if agreed that this is necessary. SC to report back to next meeting.

SC to contact Sintons and report back to September meeting.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 15th September, 7pm in the village hall

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