

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 24th November 2016

Ellingham Village Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Louis Fell

Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of 13th October (previously circulated) approved and signed.

Matters Arising: All matters covered under agenda items.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balances as at 24.11.16: Current Account £28,650.65; Deposit Account £30,472.13; Total £59,122.78. Transactions in previous period: DAS £1,870.00; Fuel Support Payments £23,800.00; IWD Solutions (website domain name) £20.00; contribution to Church Magazine print costs £50.00; Village Hall water boiler £86.37 (total spend £25,826.37). Receipts: Nil. Committed spend (estimated): DAS (15/16) £530.00; Winter Fuel Support Payment £800.00; SFS 2016 £16,000. Trust assets not allocated £41,792.78.

CW noted that a new website host needs to be found.

Domestic Appliance Scheme/Solid Fuel Scheme/Winter Fuel Support Payment: *DAS scheme* will be reviewed/funds allocated for this in January 2017. £530 of allocated budget for 2015/16 remains unspent. *Solid fuel scheme* – price per palette £220.00. CW proposed purchase of 54 pallettes; Trustees voted unanimously in favour. Delivery anticipated within 2 weeks. Supplies for Chathill to be delivered to P Robson; remainder to be delivered to Tynely. *Winter Fuel Support Payment* – very good uptake; most payments now issued.

Action/Decision: *CW to order solid fuel from Verdo, for delivery to Chathill and Tynely.*

Rural Broadband: Email received from businesses at Wandylaw asking for support with improving broadband at the hamlet. HC to reply advising that the Trust will support any viable proposal which has been properly considered and costed if put forward however it is unable to supply technical solutions. It should be noted that in previous years any suggested technical solution has either been overtaken by events or by broken promises from BT.

Action: *HC to reply to Wandylaw email as outlined above.*

Neighbourhood Plan Update: Professional consultant Jenny Ludman has been invited to draft a plan. She has submitted her proposed fee which has been accepted by the Committee. A grant application to cover costs of the fee is to be submitted. A survey of parishioners will be sent out early in the new year.

Applications: None.

Any Other Business: There was no further business.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 15th December, 7pm at Pinewood

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