

## Ellingham Community Trust

**Minutes: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 7pm, Ellingham Village Hall**

**Present:** Judy Glover (in the Chair), Robert Stuart, George Unwin, Graham Edmondson, Louis Fell.

**Apologies for Absence:** David Metcalfe, John Thompson, Brenda Frier.

### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

Draft minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were approved, proposed by Judy and seconded by Graham .

### **2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda.**

All Bios received by Clerk on website.

Discussion of use of laptop by the community. The Clerk noted that she was using another organisation's laptop.

**ACTION : Graham Edmondson to recommend the purchase of a laptop for the Trust.**

### **3. Economic Situation.**

Judy Glover noted the suggested wording regarding a paragraph for the Parish Magazine.

Ellingham Community Trust are concerned that the ongoing situation in the whole UK could result in some people having difficulty heating their homes adequately this winter. The Trust wishes to offer targeted financial support in order to alleviate this problem to households that include at least one resident over 80 years old.

If you live within Ellingham civil parish and your home falls into this category please phone Revd Judy Glover on 01665 589628 (Trustee for Ellingham Community Trust) or email [ellinghamcommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:ellinghamcommunitytrust@gmail.com).

Wording agreed by all Trustees.

**ACTION : Clerk to put into the December Parish Magazine, and on the website.**

Discussion of £500, and agreement. Noted the existence of additional money owing to the increase in the funds from the Windfarm. Note first applications be decided at the Jan meeting.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

#### **a. Treasurer's Report.** Louis Fell provided the Trustees with the Treasurer's report

Expenditure for the period includes £315.08 for Insurance, and £3,370.50 for the Hardwood Logs. There was no income for the period.

#### **b. Financial Legacy for the Trust**

No update. The Trustees requested that this item was left on the agenda.

### **5. Applications**

No new updates on the existing applications.

### **6. Update on Active Schemes**

#### **a. Solid Fuel Scheme**

Louis Fell noted agreement on the coal voucher increase to the level of the Hard Wood/Heat Logs and that cash payments would be made shortly. Heat logs are an issue, with concerns that the supplier may not be able to deliver or provide the additional orders. Louis Fell noted the aim to get all of the heat logs delivered

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at once with an aim to deliver by mid Dec. The total required are 83 pallets, 30 pallets have been promised by mid-Nov.

The Trustees discussed changing the Heat Log order to Hardwood, but Louis noted that he was currently unable to get these at the same price.

The Clerk noted that parishioners had been enquiring regarding delivery timescales. Louis Fell noted that the deliveries will occur when the Heat Logs were ready.

Trustees noted that a group of parishioners had reported not receiving hard copy forms. The Trustees agreed to pick this up as part of a wash up meeting once the scheme had been put to bed. Louis Fell noted that he had been able to add late applicants on this year. The Trustee discussed and agreed posting hard copy forms in future noting that people open stamped post.

Louis Fell requested that all forms were sent to him for the 2023 scheme.

## **b. The Green Scheme**

George Unwin noted that no application has been received since the last meeting.

## **c. TESS.**

The Clerk reported that no applications have been received since the last meeting.

## **7. Any of Competent Business.**

The Clerk reminded Trustees that she was unavailable for the December meeting. The Trustees were reminded of the agreement to continue the meeting without the Clerk, but with notes taken by one of the Trustees. Louis Fell offered to provide notes for the meeting.

## **8. Dates of the Next Meetings.**

### **Dates of next meetings:**

8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

12<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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