

ELLINGHAM COMMUNITY TRUST MINUTES FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 7th November 2024 Ellingham Village Hall

ATTENDEES	
NAME	ROLE
David Metcalfe (DM)	Chair
John Thompson (JT)	Vice Chair
George Unwin (GU)	Trustee
Graham Edmonson (GE)	Trustee
Brenda Frier (BF)	Trustee
Virginia Mayes-Wright (VMW)	Clerk
Members of the public	

APOLOGIES	
NAME	ROLE
Louis Fell	Treasurer
Judy Glover (JG)	Trustee

ITEM 1	<u>WELCOME AND INTORDUCTIONS</u>	
	DM welcomed the members of the public to the AGM and introduced the Trustees.	
ITEM 2	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
	Louis Fell. Judy Glover.	
ITEM 3	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>	
	DM reviewed the minutes of the last meeting dated 16 th November 2023. The minutes of the previous AGM were approved by BF and seconded by GU.	
ITEM 4	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	
	Applications / Review of Active Schemes DM delivered the Chairman's remarks. As Chairman of the Ellingham Community Trust, I am pleased to present this year's achievements, which reflect our ongoing commitment to supporting the parish and strengthening our community. A key highlight of this year has been the Trust's comprehensive review of all governance policies and a full review of the Trust's objectives to ensure we are fit for the future, we look forward to implementing these in the next year. This work ensures that we remain forward-thinking and well-positioned to serve the parish effectively in the years ahead.	

Activities and achievements

The Green Scheme has successfully approved 8 applications, helping parishioners purchase or replace energy-efficient items for their homes. This initiative continues to promote sustainability and reduce energy costs across the parish.

The Training and Education Support Scheme saw a positive response, with 10 applications approved. Following last year's adjustments to better serve younger parishioners, the scheme has continued to support both professional development and club activities, empowering individuals to grow their skills and pursue new opportunities.

The Solid Fuel Scheme remains a critical lifeline for our community, with over 130 households benefiting from financial support for winter fuel. The early launch of the scheme once again provided stability and comfort to those concerned about heating their homes during the colder months.

This year, the Trust also supported the creation of a parish photographic archive, a significant project aimed at preserving the visual history of our community. We eagerly anticipate the completion of this important historical record. In addition, the Trust remains steadfast in its support for the local church and the school, ensuring they continue to thrive as essential pillars of our community.

Finally, the Trustees bid a fond farewell to Mr. Bob Stuart, a long-standing member and original Trustee of the Ellingham Community Trust, who retired from the Trust this year. Bob's dedication and service since the creation of the Trust have been invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for his contributions. We wish him well in his retirement and express our immense gratitude for his many years of commitment to the parish.

As always, none of this would be possible without the continued and generous support from Wandylaw Wind Farm, whose backing allows us to provide these vital services and initiatives for the benefit of all parishioners.

Following the Chairman's report, questions were invited from the audience.

A parishioner noted issues with a wood supplier. The Trustees responded that they were working on this.

A parishioner noted the wetness of the wood. The Trustees responded that they were aware of the issue.

The Trustees noted a need to provide a feedback option on the Solid Fuel Scheme form for next year.

ACTION : Clerk to add feedback option to 2025 draft application.

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ITEM 5	<u>PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS</u>													
	<p>David Metcalf presented the Annual Report and Accounts on behalf of the Treasurer Louis Fell. The report below is a summary of movements for the year end.</p> <p><u>Income</u></p> <table><tr><td>Donations and legacies</td><td>£57.083</td></tr><tr><td>Charitable activities</td><td>£2,200</td></tr><tr><td>Investment Income</td><td>£1,031</td></tr><tr><td>Other Income</td><td>£5,475</td></tr></table> <p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <table><tr><td>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</td><td>£103,363</td></tr><tr><td>Other Expenditure</td><td>£315</td></tr></table> <p>The Treasurer's Report was proposed by GU and seconded by BF. Trustees thanked LF for his work for the year. DM thanked Louis Fell for the report.</p>	Donations and legacies	£57.083	Charitable activities	£2,200	Investment Income	£1,031	Other Income	£5,475	Expenditure on Charitable Activities	£103,363	Other Expenditure	£315	
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ITEM 6	<u>RETIREMENT AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS</u>													
	<p>The Clerk asked for nominations for Chair. David Metcalf was proposed by BF and seconded by GU.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for nominations for Vice Chair. John Thompson was proposed by BF and seconded by GE.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for nominations for Treasurer. Louis Fell was proposed by BF and seconded by JT .</p> <p>ACTION : Clerk to inform Louis Fell</p> <p>The Clerk asked for nominations for Trustees. George Unwin was proposed by BF and seconded by JT.</p> <p>DM thanked all those who have stood for positions, and all the existing Trustees.</p>													
ITEM 7	<u>APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANTS</u>													
	<p>David Metcalf proposed Michael Reed of Northumberland Accountants, seconded by JT.</p>													
ITEM 8	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS</u>													
	<p>Parishioner noted the benefit of several of the early grants and the long term benefits.</p>													
ITEM 9	<u>DATE FOR NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>													
	<p>6th November 2025</p>													