

Meeting of the Trustees of Casterton Community Trust

7.30pm on Thursday 23rd September 2021 at Casterton Village Hall

Present: Chris Dodd, Gill Sykes, Gavin Hazlett, Sandy Talbot, Peter Makinson and Chris Benson

Apologies: None

Minutes of the Meeting on 21st July 2021: These were approved and signed

Matters Arising:

Co-option of trustee: Following discussion, it was agreed that we did not need to co-opt anyone at the moment. The vacancy will, hopefully, be filled at the next election.

Village Website: Chris Benson explained about the new village website which will aim to catch the attention of residents. The Community Trust will continue to use the website to publish minutes and information. Once the website goes live, the trustees will decide how best to promote the trust and how to engender interest in applying for grants. Posting on social media was also considered.

Financial Report:

- The bank account stood at £3447.32 at the last meeting. A payment of £6765.71 was received from Sedbergh School on 10th August 2021 bringing the balance to £10,213.03. £16 has since been paid out for hire of the Village Hall.
- Gill Sykes has thanked the school for the payment and suggested to them that the regular payments from the solar panel payback should recommence in April 2022. A reply is awaited.
- A resolution was unanimously agreed that the Treasurer, Sandy Talbot (Mrs Alexandra M Talbot), should be added as a bank signatory. Chairman, Chris Dodd, and Secretary, Gill Sykes, to remain as signatories. Any two of these listed persons together may sign.
- A resolution was unanimously passed that the Treasurer may set up phone and internet access to see the account
- Sandy Talbot explained that HSBC is changing all charity accounts on 1st November. Charges of £5 a month, 0.4% on cash deposits and 40p per cheque will be charged. The trustees agreed that the account may need to be moved to another bank. A resolution was passed that Sandy Talbot should investigate other available bank accounts and email a recommendation as to how we should proceed. Trustees will respond by email so that, if they are in agreement, the process of changing banks can start immediately.

Consideration of Grant Applications:

There were no grant applications to consider. Any application must satisfy the criteria for beneficiaries of the trust and will be appraised by the trustees.

AOB: There was no further business.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th January 2022 in Casterton Village Hall at 7.30pm.