

Meeting of the Trustees of Casterton Community Trust

7.30pm on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at Casterton Village Hall

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

Apologies: Gavin Hazlett

Minutes of the Meeting on 23rd September 2021: These were approved and signed

Matters Arising: There were none that would not be covered later

Financial Report:

- Sandy T has investigated other bank accounts. Unity Trust already makes charges. NatWest does not charge at the moment but could give no guarantee as to what may happen in the future. They said that it was not a straightforward process to set up an account where two signatories were required. Barclays is closing the Kirkby Lonsdale branch. It was agreed that, if a change was made, there needed to be some gain. The trustees asked Sandy T to consider NatWest more fully and then to decide what was best for her.
- Sandy T is now a bank signatory. HSBC had made the changes in November but they do not inform anyone. A change of address form has now been completed. The bank account is in the name of 'Trustees for the Casterton Community Trust' but statements include names of individual trustees and this matter will be addressed if we remain with HSBC.
- The HSBC bank account balance remains at £10189.03 and a letter has been received stating that the bank charges which started in November would now be deducted.
- Gill Sykes has not heard from Sedbergh School but a payment is expected at the end of April 2022 to cover the period since the last payment in August 2021

Consideration of Grant Applications:

- There were no grant applications to consider. Notices are posted around the village to remind residents.
- Chris B reported that the Parish Council would be considering the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at their next meeting and that might result in a grant application

Arrangements for AGM:

- GS reported that there is sufficient stationery remaining for the election but the nomination sheets (and voting papers, if needed) would have to be photocopied
- A date of 5th April was agreed for the AGM which will allow sufficient time for the full process of seeking nominations and then having a ballot and a vote count if there are more nominations than vacancies. If a larger venue was needed because of Covid concerns, the possibility of using church could be considered.
- Gill S will prepare an agenda and an annual report for the AGM and Sandy T will present the accounts
- The 3 years' term of office of 2 of the elected trustees (Sandy Talbot and Gavin Hazlett) ends in April and they are eligible for re-election. There is also one vacancy.

AOB:

- It was agreed that, in future, trustees' meetings could be held by Zoom if there were no grant applications to consider. However, a face-to-face meeting would be preferable when an application needed discussing.
- Chris B asked for a guide to the election process to be available so that another trustee could easily take over

Next Meeting: Trustees' Meeting at 6.45pm on Tuesday 5th April 2022 immediately followed by AGM on Tuesday 5th April 2022 in Casterton Village Hall at 7.30pm.