

Meeting of the Trustees of Casterton Community Trust

at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at Casterton Village Hall

Present: Chris Dodd, Gill Sykes, Peter Makinson, Gavin Hazlett, Chris Benson and Marjorie Murray

Apologies: Sandy Talbot

Minutes of the Meeting on 16th November 2023: These were accepted and signed

Matters Arising:

- MM reported that she had posted the agreed text on Casterton Community Facebook page
- CB reported on the progress made with improving the ballot procedure and presented an updated version of the form. Forms will be folded so the coloured header attracts attention and forms will not be placed in envelopes. The return envelope will be stapled to the forms. Procedure was discussed to make the system as straightforward and secure as possible.
- It was agreed that GS would amend the nomination form to include the coloured header and this would also be folded rather than placed in an envelope
- The trustees considered the continuing correspondence regarding the widening of the remit of the trust. Following further discussion, it was agreed that nothing further could be added to our previous reply as we are restricted by the trust deed.
- CB will ask the Parish Council if they will fund the buying and planting of bulbs in recognition of Eve Beresford's vision which led to Casterton being part of the Green Streets project and the formation of the Community Trust

Financial Report:

- The balance stands at £14,440.20 following an addition of £2165.98 on 27 November from Sedbergh School
- Sandy Talbot has explored deposit accounts. The instant access account earns 1.45%. There are two savings accounts available. One pays 3.2% with notice of 35 days, the other 4.17% with notice of 95 days. The trustees agreed to the treasurer opening a 95-day notice account with £10,000 from the instant access account.

Consideration of Grant Applications: No grant applications had been received.

Arrangements for AGM:

- This will be held on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm. GS will book the Village Hall
- GS will provide an annual report from the trustees and ST will provide a financial report for the year
- Nominations forms will be distributed for return by 5th March
- If there are more nominations than vacancies and an election is required, voting forms will be sent out for return by 5th April with a vote count on Tuesday 9th or Thursday 11th April. CB will approach the local Westmorland and Furness councillors to see if one of them can fulfil the role of scrutineer.

AOB: There was no further business

Date of next meeting: AGM on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall followed by a meeting of trustees