

**Cranshaws, Ellemford and Longformacus Community Association
Lammermuir Community Fund**

**Tuesday 10th November 2020
7.00pm via Zoom**

**Minutes
Annual General Meeting**

Trustees in attendance: Alison Landale, Corinne Mycock, David Mycock, Melvin Landale, Morag Rodger, Elizabeth Willis, Bill Landale, Ettie Spencer, Clive Warsop, Alison Rodger, Stuart Blaikie, Ian Davidson

Also present: Beth Landon (minutes), Kim Drysdale (finance), Robert Landon (Zoom host), Karen Kirkness, Selma Moncrieff Gordon, Alistair Gordon, Anna Dabrowka, Jonathan Wood, Christine Gilchrist, Pauline Stewart, Dave Lochhead, Rachel Sutherland, Jonathan Black, Johnny Fisher, Mark Rowley (present as ordinary community member, not in any other capacity), Bruce Gilchrist (briefly for comments on Owl boxes)

1. Welcome/Apologies

AL welcomed everybody
No apologies

2. Minutes of AGM 2019

No changes
Approved DM proposed, ML 2nd

3. Matters Arising

AL highlighted the following points:

- The **community survey** showed that the top priorities for the community (91%) are transport and connectivity, but it is notable that a much lower proportion of funding has been allocated to these. This is worth remembering when applying for funding. 35% of money spent was given to hall funding and 22% to educational skills.
- The **Woodland walkway** has made significant progress, and a supplementary funding application for this will be looked at in the general meeting.
- 10% of funds from CELCA 1 are set aside for to account for a possible future larger application.
- Applications over £10,000 have to be looked at in the AGM
- Both windfarms want the LCF to spend funds keeping both halls up to date and the survey showed this was of importance to the community too.

Jonathan Wood and ES are using local builders for the improvements on Longformacus Village Hall. There is a 5% allowance for overspend, but the aim is to stay within budget. All legal requirements have been met, and they are currently waiting for the builders to start work. CW mentioned that there are still concerns within the village.

4. Chair's Report

Appendix A

5. Treasurer's Report

Appendix B

CM thanked AL for all the work she puts in, especially behind the scenes, and presented the draft annual accounts for the year ended 30th September 2020.

Bank balances 30.9.20

CELCA 1 = £158,453

CELCA 2 = £104,896

Total = £263,349

Income

CELCA 1 = £78,769 (£75,000 from Fred Olsen, the extra is from Public Art project funding paid back from CC, refunds from school trips and participants contributions)

CELCA 2 = £ 75,000 (from Aikengall, Community Windpower)

Total = £153,769

Payments

CELCA 1 = £ 45,412

CELCA 2 = £ 38,832

Total = £ 84,244

Surplus

CELCA 1 = £ 33,357

CELCA 2 = £ 36,168

Total = £ 69,525

£ 81,121 was paid out to projects in total this year

£ 3,123 was paid out in running costs

At the end of year grants have been approved for community projects that total £237,182 more than has been paid to date.

This along with accrued expenses give total liabilities due at 30th September 2020 as £237,854

£40,282 remained unallocated to funding

AL asked what amount LCF will normally get for CELCA 2 each year. Kim explained that more than £50,000 was received this year as they were behind on payments, but normally it will be £50,000 each year.

CM thanked Kim Drysdale for his work on the accounts.

ES proposed and ML 2nd approved the annual accounts, which had already been audited by the accountant. AL signed the annual accounts.

6. Election of New Members/Committee Members (Trustees)

AL, CM and AR stood down and Chair, Treasurer and Vice Chair BL, as Vice Chair of LCC, asked everyone on the Community Council to declare if they are unwilling to continue as trustees, and all remained silent, indicating their willingness to continue.

AL was re-elected as Chair (ES proposed, DM 2nd) and AL accepted
CM was re-elected as Treasurer (ES proposed, EW 2nd) and CM accepted
AR was re-elected as Vice Chair (CM proposed, EW 2nd) and AR accepted

7. Lammermuir Live funding application (£17,100)

Lammermuir Live was formally known as Watch Promotions. Jonathan Wood (JW) presented this application for a year's programme of community events including music events, lectures, theatre performances, art projects etc. Wendy Dawson-Young and Alistair Dawson used to head this up, but have now moved out of the area which has left Dave Lochhead and JW holding the reigns. They think it is important to start a programme of events now, to give a focus to the community when it is difficult to get together due to restrictions. They have researched the Covid restrictions and are aware there could be no singing or strong voices and there will be limits to the numbers of attendees. Events would previously have paid for themselves, but with restrictions in numbers, this will not be the case. If restrictions tighten and most events aren't possible, then funds would be reabsorbed.

Ideas for events from the community would be encouraged, and different groups would be invited to deliver them, as required, including Two Destination Language (an original application was submitted in which the whole programme was to be delivered by this Duns based group, but it was decided to open up delivery to multiple groups, giving the community more choice). Community members are

encouraged to join the committee, which would act as commissionaires for the events.

BL raised concern over the Covid restrictions on numbers. JW said priority would be given to community members, and he expects a maximum of 27 people will be able to be in each audience (9 tables, with 2 or 3 around each in household groups) BL also pointed out that the Northumberland Theatre Company costs were around half of what is being budgeted for each event in this application. JW explained that this is to allow flexibility and to enable them to commission work from those in the industry who are struggling in the current situation, and that any unused funds could be reabsorbed.

ML asked whether events could be streamed to larger audience. JW thought this a good idea and BL said it would be doable.

CW expressed concern over the timing of this with the current Covid restrictions, and pointed out that it is not just a question of what is possible, but that people may not feel comfortable attend. AL pointed out that any event at all is good for community, but that in her opinion a year's funding is too much and suggested half to begin with. JW explained that they don't know what the response will be, but would like the fund to be available for this opportunity. CM and BL agreed that granting around half the funding would enable the waters to be tested.

Mark Rowley said that although it is a great project, almost none of these events would be able to go ahead in any safe way for at least 3 or 4 months, including in terms of their governance as a charity. Guidelines are likely to become even firmer in next few weeks. Online lectures would work, but in-person events would not be tenable at present. He suggested allocating half of funding, but not limiting spending to within 6 months.

ES explained that the Bavs Health & Safety Officer, David Green, had visited and worked through how the government guidelines applied to events in Longformacus village hall. This would enable the community café to restart, yoga to take place and a film club to run. David Green agreed to update them as guidelines change.

Dave Lochhead mentioned that they have couple of ideas which are not in person events including children's' postcards where a story develops and history walks. Dave agrees the amount requested is too much and said there are ways of still having a programme, with fewer events costing less. This project would be good to build up community associations and underpin the community.

Much discussion followed over the difference in opinion on interpretation of the government guidelines, and this was picked up again and action agreed on at the General Meeting which followed (see AOB).

It was decided to offer £8000 for this project, for as and when events can happen safely. Events would need to be well-advertised.

Funding of £8,000.00. BL proposed, AR 2nd

8. Any Other Business

- None at the meeting
- Cllr Mark Rowley emailed AL following the meeting to say “I thought I should put on record, in case there was any doubt, that tonight I joined the meeting in a personal capacity as an ordinary resident member as all residents of our wider community are”.

9. Date of Next AGM

Tuesday 9th November 2021 in Longformacus