

**Cranshaws, Ellemford and Longformacus Community Association
Lammermuir Community Fund
Scottish charity number SC035892**

**Minute of General Meeting held Tuesday 6th November 2018
Longformacus Village Hall 7.00pm (after AGM)**

Trustees in attendance: Alison Landale (Chair), Alistair Dawson, David Mycock, Corinne Mycock, Ettie Spencer, Bill Landale, Clive Warsop, Melvin Landale, Tony Homer, Alison Rodger, Stuart Blaikie, Forbes Gamley

Also present: Beth Landon (minutes), Kim Drysdale (Financial Administrator), Heather Bewick, Linda Jepson, Keith Jepson, Fiona McPherson (Kilcheran)

1. Welcome/Apologies

AL welcomed everyone

Apologies: Mark Rowley, Wendy Dawson-Young, Keith Noddle

2. Minutes/Matters Arising

The minute of the GM on 4th September 2018 was approved.
(TH proposed and ML 2nd)

Safeguarding

AL has now spoken to OSCR about safeguarding. The section recently added to the application form (which requires that the applicant has the relevant safeguarding requirements in place if needed) is sufficient to meet requirements.

Project 129: Public Arts Strategy

ES reported that herself and WD-Y had the proposal ready to advertise, but both are extremely busy and she recommended that the money should be reabsorbed.

AL said that both she and Dave Lochhead think it should remain and be spent on permanent art installations in the community. AL suggested having three different shepherd sculptures in the community.

TH suggested he set up a competition to design them. CM asked if planning permission would be required. AL said they can be positioned where planning permission is not required; perhaps on land adjacent to the road belonging to local willing individuals. It was decided to keep the funding available and to pursue this idea.

Postcard survey

It was decided that the working group set up in the AGM (BL, TH, ES, ML and SB) would design a postcard to send out via the Herald for the community to suggest ideas for use

of the new funding available. This group would also explore the type of things which would benefit the community in a wider way...ie thinking 'out of the box'.

Project 162: Defibrillators

TH reported that there are now new defibrillators installed at Cranshaws Village Hall and Longformacus Village Hall, but that the Ellemford one could not go ahead as planned as no agreement was reached with BT. The plan is now to install the third defibrillator at Rigfoot Farm barn, and this is awaiting installation. There will be a £10 - £15 per year electricity charge, so TH suggested we make an annual payment to the tenants to cover this. It was agreed to make this £15. KD will set up this payment TH mentioned there are further plans for another defibrillator on Cranshaws farm and Ellemford farm, but these need to be discussed at the LCC first.

Project 152 - Community Broadband

Not to be reabsorbed yet, as waiting to see where is connected through R100, funding may be needed for more remote areas.

Walter Murray had suggested at the last meeting that the community could tap into his broadband. AD said this had been discussed at LCC and it was decided there is no point going down that route and it might make the community ineligible for R100.

Lilys pop up café

£1000 was allocated to this at the last meeting and since then Fiona McPherson, AL and ES agreed a couple of events in Cranshaws – 2 coffee mornings, coffee at Defibrillator Training session and ongoing fortnightly cafes in Longformacus with a workshop alongside. About half present at the meeting had been to one of these. Receipts have been submitted to Kim (£284 left which is earmarked for the next café) with one event still to come. No further funding was applied for because Fiona didn't realise she had to re-apply.

Fiona reported that the cafes exceeded her expectations and she has been delighted with how they have been going. There were 20 people attending the most recent café. TH said the issue of rolling over the previous application is that the extent of the proposal was huge and he still has reservations, so it would be helpful to see a new application.

CM raised the question of how sustainable the project would be without Fiona. Fiona explained that project aims to become self-sustaining by developing a community network and that she has already has people in the community willing to help but not wanting to take on responsibility of overseeing the project at present.

AL suggested once a month with a workshop, and in between just a café. ES agreed and CW suggested making it apparent that the workshop is not obligatory.

It was suggested to have one once a month which particularly encourages families with young children.

AL suggested that as Fiona has made such a big effort and is an incomer to the community and because it is 4 months until the next meeting, that £1,500 could be

allocated. TH asked for a schedule for this money. AL and ES will agree a plan of events with Fiona.

AL proposed £1,500, ES 2nd

Curry and Chaat

Events not happened yet. Fiona McPherson will be doing catering.

BL mentioned it is good to speak about mental health issues, as this affects everyone in some way or another.

ParentSpace

A report had been submitted mentioning that there had been no uptake for the two drop-ins in Longformacus and Cranshaws, despite extensive publicity, but that this could be because parents would prefer to attend sessions outwith the immediate community. Due to not being able to assess the need for a series of sessions, the majority of the funding allocated for this at the last meeting remains unspent. A request was made in the report for the remaining funds to be ring-fenced for proportional funding for those who may wish to attend a course elsewhere.

SB mentioned that LCF had not received figures for the session in Gavinton which some parents from the Lammermuirs had attended.

TH pointed out that some costs will be fixed, so if not many turn up, then LCF could end up paying more per parent. AL pointed out that ParentSpace don't have a lot of funding behind them and suggested that anything helping bring up children in positive ways is a good thing, so perhaps this would not be an issue.

SB said that parents would still not be anonymous in Duns

ES pointed out that the need in the community cannot be assumed and suggested that ParentSpace use the money to come up with more creative way to find the need in the community.

ML proposed that the remaining funding allocated at the last meeting is ringfenced for proportional funding. CM suggested that an amount per head is agreed upon and pointed out that an address would be required, even if not a name; to be discussed and agreed with Karen Lerpiniere (taken over from Di Murray as Project Co-ordinator).

BL proposed and CM 2nd

Bank balance at 6th November 2018	£134,283.91
Payments out in transit	£370.30
Payments in in transit	£0.00
Current balance	£133,843.61
Set aside for running costs	£3,000.00
Allocated to projects	£105,050.94
Available for funding	£25,792.67

3. Treasurer's Report

Kim Drysdale has emailed Fred Olsen to ask when the next funds would be released but has not heard back yet.

4. Applications

Longformacus Village Hall Heating System

Funding of £5,098 was agreed for the installation of a new boiler.

ML proposed, SB 2nd

Messy Church

Funding of £800 was agreed for the continuation of Messy Church (2/3 further events)

TH proposed, ML 2nd

Stitch and Sew

CM put forward a verbal Application for £360 for Heather Bewick for 18 further stitching groups and this was agreed.

TH proposed, DM 2nd

Lily's Pop-up Café

£1,500 allocated. Details under point 2 above (matters arising)

AL proposed, ES 2nd

5. Update on Defibrillator application

Covered above. Details under point 2 above (matters arising)

6. Reports from applicants:

Longformacus Film Society

Jan McArthur submitted the following report:

Over 2017-18 we showed 6 films over the autumn and winter months. Attendance peaked at 22 people for one film. It was really pleasing to see people attend from different locations within the CELCA area. We experimented with different days and times for the films, including Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. By far the most popular night to attend was Friday evenings and so this year that is when we are holding all films - last Friday of the month, beginning in October.

Our aim remains to try to have films that are suitable for a broad spectrum of the community.

CELCA's continuing support covers our membership of the film society association - Cinema for All - licence payments to show films and hire of the village hall. This is important because the showing of films is strictly licensed and you cannot simply show a film in this type of venue.

CW passed on thanks for the sound system.

Northumberland Theatre Company

Jan McArthur submitted the following report:

In 2017 we had two performances for which there was a door charge - spring and autumn. These are advertised widely and attract audiences from within and beyond the CELCA area. Attendance was good at the spring event but a little lower for the autumn one. We don't have any reason for this and those who did attend enjoyed it immensely. This only serves to reinforce how important the CELCA support is for these plays, rather than having to rely solely on door takings. The Christmas play is free to everyone in the CELCA area (which means booking is essential) and this had a large turnout, as it has in previous years. We also use a small amount of CELCA funding to provide snacks to the children to make it more of a party atmosphere (this year we'll include clementines (to have a healthy option!).

ParentSpace

Covered above under point 2 above (matters arising)

Swimming pool membership

Sharon Baker runs this very successful scheme. She applied for funding for membership on behalf of the community for those who want it. 70% of the membership fee is paid by LCF and the participant pays the rest. During 2018 six families have taken this up, including 17 juniors. Nine of these were new participants, including lessons for five children who have recently moved into the area.

7. Any other business

To be reabsorbed (CM)

155 Little free library

157 Jute bags

158 Rudsambee

160 Village markers

Elementary food hygiene

AL reported that six people from the community attended the BAVS training. BAVS partially paid for four people, two from each village hall. The remaining funds can be reabsorbed.

8. Date of next LCF meeting

Cranshaws Village Hall on Tues 5th March 2019 at 7:30pm