

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

**Tuesday 5th November 2019
Longformacus Village Hall 7.00pm (after AGM)**

**Minutes
General Meeting**

Trustees in attendance: Alison Landale, Bill Landale, Corinne Mycock, David Mycock, Melvin Landale, Wendy Dawson-Young, Alistair Dawson, Clive Warsop, Alison Rodger, Stuart Blaikie, Robin Smith and Ian Davidson; Bill Landale arrived late

Also present: Beth Landon (minutes), Kim Drysdale (finance), Heather Bewick, John McEwen, Lorna Pate, Gay Rodger, Sharon Baker, Laura Baker, Jonathan Wood, Rachel Sutherland and Pauline Stewart.

Welcome/Apologies

Al welcomed everyone

Apologies: Ettie Spencer, Rachael Roberts, Dianne Murray, Tony Homer

1. Minutes/Matters Arising

- **Woodland walkway** (under matters arising): amend to “standard agricultural rates”
- **Community asset list** –
 - the strimmer from the allotments has been added, but CW still has it as he is concerned about people using it without instructions. The allotments are still in the process of being decommissioned, so this is to stay on the agenda for next time.
 - Shed – CW expected it to have gone, but it is still there.
 - **CM suggested setting aside funds for maintenance of community assets and all agreed to allocate £500 for this. ML prop, AL 2nd**
 - If anyone has community assets please inform CM
- **Art installations** – A report was circulated about a meeting with Rachael Long (artist who has produced a proposal). Although WDY advertised for other artists to submit proposals for the area, none responded. Rachael’s design is of a net blowing in the wind, reminiscent of the Herring Road, with names of locations along the route on it and is made out of mild steel mesh. Two potential sites have been identified above Longformacus on the moor.
AL asked whether we accept this proposal tonight or carry this onto next meeting.

Although there was some who wished to go ahead as this has been ongoing for a long time, there were concerns raised (it will become rusty very quickly, even the names which are not to be in brass as originally proposed, and the site is not agreed).

AL explained that if costs would turn out to be prohibitive, Rachael would be able to approach other funding sources too.

It was decided to ask Rachael for more information to be presented at the meeting in March.

- **Lily's café** is being taken over by Heather Bewick and a couple of helpers from January 2020 and will be called "Windmill Coffee Shop". Fiona Macpherson still supplies cake and craft, and may do so up until the end of this year, although it is run by volunteers from the community. AL proposed that if Fiona stops supplying the cake between now and Jan, she would ask the Abbey Bakehouse to supply them. There are enough volunteers to keep it running in the meantime. **It was decided to use the remaining funding in Lily's Café to fund this (~ £3,200) ML proposed, RS 2nd.**

2. Treasurer's Report

£10,000 is available to allocate from CELCA 1, with £41,000 coming in soon. The next income is expected in August.

The following list can be reabsorbed (ML proposed, SB 2nd):

PROJECT	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT	APPLICANT	APPL WHEN
33(1)	MEDITATION	62.50		
33(17A)	YOGA	924.75	ETTIE SPENCER	2018
30(30)	WILLOW WEAVING	235.00		2016
33(33A)	EXPL PAINTING	1,212.15		
33(31)	KILT MAKING	2,876.69	ALISON LANDALE	
33(36)	SPANISH LESSONS	2,290.48	GILLIAN WALKINSHAW	06/06/18
118	TIME-LAPSE CAMERA EQUIP.	499.01	MELVIN LANDALE	2014
144	COMMUNITY SURVEY	3,054.52	LCC	
159	LCC SECRETARY	720.00	LCC	
167	CURRY AND CHAAT	153.99	DIANNE MURRAY	
172	WELLNESS WEEKEND	87.63	LORNA BROWN	
		£12,116.72		

3. Applications:

1. Longformacus Old Kirk improvements (£2,060)

Ian Davidson presented this application for repair to one of the 14 stained glass windows in the church, which has gaps between the glass and the lead. He has been trying to contact double glazing companies for 18 months, but has not received any quotes. Therefore, he has approached a local joiner as the repairs are urgent. The quote is for a hardwood frame and heavy-duty Perspex to go on the outside, creating a seal. The joiner will also draft proof a door at the same time and the quote covers both jobs. The committee have some reserves, but they would like to keep these for emergencies.

Approved in full (DM proposed, ML 2nd)

2. Swimming lessons (£1,052)

Sharon Baker presented this application. It is for extra funding for swimming memberships and children's lessons for two more families. She is applying for 8 months to take the funding up to July at which point she will apply for funding for all for the full year.

Approved in full (ID proposed, AR 2nd)

3. Lammermuir Ladies Group (£1,364.52)

Lorna Pate presented this application, which is an idea from a group of mums at the Longformacus Mums and Toddlers group. They would like to get together without the children to learn new skills. Ideas for session are listed on application, but these will be decided upon by group. The group could become an official part of Women's' Institute eventually, however not yet.

Clay pigeon shooting is a separate application as men may like to take part with that, but this is a ladies' group for now as the men are needed for childcare. Any ladies may join in.

Decided to fund 50% and for Lorna to keep track of uptake and come back in two meetings time (June) to reapply if needed.

(Proposed ID, 2nd AR)

There followed some discussion about the high cost of sending the postcards to the whole community for each event. It was decided that it is necessary to continue to post to all as not everyone is on email, and the postal list can't be traced to individuals, so a system where some receive emails and others receive postcards would be too complicated to organise.

It was decided that for all the applications from today's meetings which require postcards, these will be sent together in one envelope to save on postage. Beth will keep track of which projects this applies to and inform applicants not present. AL will contact Printspot.

4. Clay target shooting (£4,964.52)

Lorna Pate presented this application for clay target shooting lessons with trained tutor, Mark Ewart, at Horseupcleugh Estate. Four partially funded lessons per person, costing £360 per block. Participants would contribute £120 each per four-week block. Lessons are 2 hours each. Group lessons of 4-6 people, grouped according to ability / experience. Lorna will manage this and arrange postcards, with help from Laura Baker. The application is for 20 people, however WDY proposed reducing the number to 10 and ML suggested offering people option of just two lessons rather than four.

**Decided to fund 50% and for Lorna to keep track of uptake and come back in two meetings time (June) to reapply if needed.
(DM proposed, ML 2nd)**

5. Longformacus Parent and Toddler Group (£1,620)

Heather Bewick presented this application for a year's running costs on CM advice, as it is a running project which is going well.

Approved in full (CM proposed, WDY 2nd)

6. Stitch and Craft Social (£1,000)

Heather Bewick presented this application for a year of hall hire for this established group. Not applying for materials as funding is still available from a previous allocation for this.

Approved in full (ML proposed, AD 2nd)

7. Windmill Coffee Shop (£1,369.52)

Heather Bewick presented this application to replace Lily's café from January. ('Windmill Coffee Shop', named as our funding is from Windfarms). Applying for three months' funding initially. **It was decided that instead of granting funding, LCF will transfer the funding from Lily's café (ML proposed, SB 2nd)**. Fiona Macpherson can still draw down for funding for baking and crafts until the end of 2019.

No new funding granted.

8. Festive Lighting (£1,295)

Melvin Landale presented this application to finish the festive lighting - a few branches which had lighting installed have come down and some transformers have stopped working. He started one at Whitchester house, but it is a bit sparse, so needs more for these.

He is also looking for another tree in Longformacus as he had to take some out of a tree part belonging to Mark Charles.

Approved in full (ID prop, WDY 2nd)

9. Duns Play Fest (£2,500)

John McEwen presented this application for part funding for DunsPlayFest 2020. The funding requested is for the concert at the end, for the musicians. 900 people attended

last time, but there is no accurate record of numbers of people from Lammermuirs. Duns Players plan to hold a highlight show beforehand in Cranshaws. Also, people from the Lammermuirs who buy a ticket to an event will get a free ticket to the final concert. Transport from the area to the events was attempted for PlayFest 2019, but there was not enough uptake despite good publicity.

Tickets for concert at the end are £10, whole event is £30, day ticket £10.

Other funding has been applied for.

Approved in full (AD proposed, CM 2nd)

10. Riding lessons (£6,480)

Rachael Roberts sent her apologies. AL explained her application for fully funded riding lessons costing £20 per week each, up until March 2020.

Questions were raised, such as whether lessons could be part funded, and also about different prices for children (the breakdown Rachael had emailed was read out, but someone wanted to know how this would fit into the amount asked for in the application). There were also misgivings about starting in winter, even indoors, as one person felt it would still be cold enough to put some children off.

It was decided to invite Rachael to reapply in March and come to the meeting. Beth Landon will contact her.

No funding granted.

11. Singing Group (£912.92)

Dianne Murray sent her apologies. AL explained her application for monthly singing lessons, for six sessions of three hours each.

Concern was raised that three hours may be too long and put some people off (WDY and AR), although Jonathan Wood and Heather Bewick said Dianne had presented this to the Yoga group who would be were happy with two hours.

Beth to tell Dianne that some members of the committee think three hours is too long.

Approved in full (AL proposed and CW 2nd)

4. Reports from applicants:

The following annual reports were received:

- Film society report (appendix 1)
- Northumberland Theatre Company (appendix 2)

CW mentioned NTC had to cancel the most recent planned performance at the last minute and asked whether funding for this could be carried through to the spring as finding a mutually agreeable date proved difficult. All agreed.

- Art Installations – discussed under “matters arising”
- Community Survey – discussed under “matters arising”
- Lily’s Pop-up Café (appendix 3), also discussed under “matters arising” and during discussion on the Windmill Café application
- Swimming Memberships (appendix 4)

5. Any other business

- Films will start again soon – a postcard will be sent out

6. Date of next LCF meetings NB Some days changed to Wednesdays
to accommodate members who find Tuesdays difficult

Wednesday 4th March in Cranshaws

Tuesday 2nd June in Longformacus

Wednesday 2nd September in Cranshaws

All at 7:30pm