

CORNHILL COMMUNITY ACTION

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 18.00, Village Hall

1. **Trustees Present:** Chrissy Caley
William Carrington
Elizabeth Devon
Martin Devon
Anne Legge
Maggie Read

apologies: David Richmond
Oliver Wright
Steve Wright

2. **Minutes** of the meeting on 31st August were agreed and will be signed digitally.

3. There were no **matters arising** which were not on the agenda.

4. Finance / Funding

Anne reported that in total we have nearly £12,000 in the bank. That includes just over £2,000 in Community Fund, Festive Lights and Social History.

Steve sent a mail before the meeting - - he was disappointed that funding from the Community Foundation has been refused; he is investigating. He hopes to hear from Garfield Weston soon and will look for other funders of capital projects. However, he now has very little spare time and would like some help from Elizabeth and Martin who previously offered.

Martin and Elizabeth's application to the Sir James Knott Trust has resulted in £5,500 - awarded on 24th October.

Martin and Elizabeth have an appointment with Simon Hayward (BIPC) at Berwick Library on Friday 28th October. Maggie suggested we contact him as he has a database of all funding available in Northumberland.

We need about £41,500 to finish the project. This includes the £10,000 we may receive from Garfield Weston. William stated that he thinks CPC should make a regular contribution to the refurbishment costs. He will speak to the chair of CPC (Steve) about this.

5. Refurbishment progress - building / electricity / water

Martin reported that he now needs the plumber first, followed by the builder, followed by the electrician. The joinery should be ready soon and, once again, he is concerned that we will not be able to pay all the invoices.

6. Publicity

Social media - Oliver stated in the minutes on August 31st that social media accounts would be set up within two weeks. He did not have time to do this and Maggie, having liaised with him, set up both Facebook and Instagram accounts. Oliver was going to set up a Twitter account but this has not yet happened. Maggie will contact him about this.

Oliver agreed to write a **press release** for our 'Open Morning and Naming of the Sheep ceremony' on October 22nd but that has not happened. Elizabeth sent photos to Oliver and Angela Hallam-Baker wrote a report which was also sent. We quite understand that Oliver is busy with his new job but we all agreed that we would prefer him to say if he cannot do things rather than agreeing to do them and then not doing so.

Website - While we have the Sheep with us, Elizabeth has changed the home page on the website to list the activities associated with the Northumberland Illuminated Sheep Arts Trail. All this is in the hope of publicising and creating interest in the Centre.

Maggie is concerned about **publicity for the Craft Fair** to be held on 13th November. Many stall-holders have been organised and it will be disappointing if it is not well supported. All the usual publicity outlets will be used - posters, village shop, social media, fliers. William suggested that we ask BARK (Berwick Animal Rescue Kennels) to have a stall and maybe run a dog show? Maggie will consider this.

7. a.o.b.

Wasps' nest - Maggie reported the wasps' nest in Unit 5. William said he would ask Surekill from Maxton to come and deal with it. His offer was gratefully accepted.

Trees - Elizabeth reported that Paul Ashton was not able to remove the sycamore from behind the building as a large branch is overhanging the roof. With Stephanie's agreement, she has asked Richard Warner for a quotation for its removal. It is preventing further building work.

Grass - William agreed to mow a defined walkway path around the village green. This was much appreciated.

8. Date of next meeting - it will be arranged for January, just before the Parish Council meeting.