

Chelveston Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Trust

Minutes of the Meeting of the Chelveston Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Trust, held on Monday 22nd March 2021 on the Zoom Platform.

Attending: Trustees - Jean-Luc Janet (Chair) Chris Pentland (Vice-Chair)
Neil Chambers Duncan Farrington
Kim How Robin Mackonochie
John Reynolds

Mark Hunter – Clerk

1. To agree the meeting can be held virtually in accordance with the Charity Commission advice.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that, before the meeting could proceed, the Trustees needed to agree the meeting could be held virtually.

The Trust Deed clause 13 requires “*All meetings of the Trustees shall take place in a public building within the boundaries of one of the Parish Councils*”. However, the Covid-19 Lockdown measures prevent face to face meetings.

The advice from the Charity Commission regarding holding virtual meetings where this is not covered in the governing documents is “*Generally, if there is no such clause in the governing document and you decide to hold meetings over the phone or using digital solutions, we will understand, but you should record this decision and that you have done this to demonstrate good governance of your charity*”.

The Trustees agreed their unanimous approval that it was necessary to hold a virtual meeting for the good governance of the Trust.

2. To receive apologies for absence.

Craig Young.

3. To receive declarations of interest.

Robin Mackonochie declared an interest in application CBF-GA-20-007, a member of the Parish Council making the application.

Neil Chambers declared an interest in application CBF-GA-20-008, being a member of the Parish Council making the application.

4. To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2021.

The Chair advised the minutes (CBF/MIN/021) of the Meeting on the 11th February 2021 had been circulated before the meeting.

The meeting resolved to approve the minutes with no amendments and authorised the Chair to sign the minutes after the meeting.

Proposed: Chris Pentland

Seconded: Kim How

Decision: Unanimous

5. To receive a report from the Clerk to the Trustees.

Five grant enquiries had been received since the last meeting, of which four had been submitted and would be considered later in the meeting.

The St Mary Magdalene PCC (Melchbourne) had sent benefit reports for grants CBF-GA-19-005 (£7.5k) and CBF-GA-19-011 (£6.2k) and these had been circulated before the meeting.

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council had thanked the Trust for grant CBF-GA-20-006 (£650) in their Parish Newsletter and on their Twitter feed.

The Trust’s own on-line presence has been increased with a Twitter feed, to advertise grants made, etc. and this can be accessed via the website.

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The three longest serving Trustees have been granted on-line access to UTB, but had not yet managed to activate their accounts. The two remaining Trustees serving to 2023 will be next.

6. To determine the received grant applications.

CBF-GA-20-007: *Melchbourne & Yelden Parish Council – application for funding for LED Street lighting (application for £9,139, self-funding £9,139 [50%]).* The supporting information had been circulated. Robin Mackonochie did not take part in this item.

The meeting resolved to grant the application and instructed the Clerk to act accordingly.

Proposed: Duncan Farrington Seconded: Kim How Decision: Unanimous

The meeting agreed to add a recommendation that M&YPC consider dimming the lamps from midnight to dawn to further save energy (as a zero cost option from the supplier).

CBF-GA-20-008: *Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council - application for funding for LED Street lighting (application for £16,650, self-funding £5,550 [75%] + £2,200).* The supporting information had been circulated. Neil Chambers did not take part in this item.

The meeting resolved to grant the application and instructed the Clerk to act accordingly.

Proposed: Chris Pentland Seconded: Robin Mackonochie Decision: Unanimous

CBF-GA-20-009: *Dalton Trust (D&S) – application for funding for a security gate at the Dalton Hall (application for £966 [100%]).* The supporting information had been circulated. The meeting felt that there were insufficient details to understand where the gates would be positioned to deter a reoccurrence of the fly tipping.

The meeting resolved to decline the application and instructed the Clerk to act accordingly.

Proposed: Duncan Farrington Seconded: Chris Pentland Decision: Unanimous

CBF-GA-20-010: *St Mary Magdalene PCC (Melchbourne) – application for the creation of a restricted reserve for £10k, against future major repair works (stated at £100k).* The supporting information had been circulated.

The meeting resolved to grant the application and instructed the Clerk to act accordingly.

Proposed: Duncan Farrington Seconded: Neil Chambers Decision: Unanimous

The meeting agreed to respond to an objector to explain that the churches in the four parishes were not the largest beneficiaries of the grants awarded by the Trust, life to date.

7. To approve payment of administrative expenses.

None.

8. Any other matter the Trustees may wish to raise.

None.

9. To agree the date of next meeting.

The meeting agreed to hold the next meeting in June 2021, after the Trustees for 2021-2025 had been elected / appointed by the parishes, with an application deadline of 1st June 2021. The Minor Awards Committee meeting as required. The Clerk was authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

Issued on 25th March 2021.

Jean-Luc Janet
Chair of the Trustees

Mark Hunter
Clerk to the Trustees

