



## Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd (ECLT)

### 136<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board Members

7.00pm, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

## MINUTES

1.1: Attending: Tom Morrison (TM Chair), Tom Low (TL Treasurer), Martin Elliot (ME), Lynn Farnden (LF) Anthea McCann (AM)

1.2: Apologies from John Jones (JJ), Muriel Bullock (MB), Nicola Rowlings (NR), Tim Crane (TC), Sarah Underdown (SU)

### 2: Project 1

2.1: TL & ME visited Fullers Close, weeds are regrowing despite the application on weedkiller which cost £200. They measured the area of the orchard and it was agreed that the options were either to seed the area or lay turf. Either would require a covering of topsoil, the contractor (AL) had not done anything about this yet. The drain cover will require two sleeves to bring it up to the same height as the rest of the ground (chargeable to Aster).

The path to the gate accessing the public footpath also requires attention. TL believes this was not laid properly in the first place, and that laying tarmac may be the long-term solution. We may need to approach Aster for help with this.

ME recommended that the inside of the roadside hedge to be trimmed.

It was also agreed that there would need to be a water supply available when this work is done, as there would be a considerable amount of irrigation until either seed or turf was established in the ground. AM lives in the bungalow next to this area, and it was agreed that subject to Aster approval, ECLT would pay for the installation of an outside tap, and to reimburse any additional water costs as a result of this facility being available.

2.2: LF reported complaints from tenants about noise from Smiths tankers filling their water tanks early in the mornings – more to do with the vehicles turning than the actual filling. It was suggested that tenants raise the issue with Aster who should take it up with Smiths.

2.3: TL reported still waiting for prices for planting from SVP as Clare is on annual leave.

### 3. Financial Report

There have been no changes in the bank account. HSBC Account closure now completed transferred to Co-op Bank. Balances £9400 Current Account, £55000 Deposit. £2,600 is committed for work at Project 1 ongoing maintenance and £2,100 for Tax.

#### 4. Project 2

4.1: Planning permission has now been granted.

4.2: The landowners have been assured that their names will not be mentioned in any publicity

4.3 2RH have until January 2025 to take up the lease, Terri Hibberd (TH) has been invited to AGM

4.4: LF asked about developers representation at site meetings, TM believes there will be more input similar, to Project 1 when the lease has been granted. Email communication indicates a good working relationship. ME asked if ECLT would also be involved in decision making at meetings.

4.5 ECLT need to get Insurance re the land between OHMG & PC boundaries. A statutory declaration which confirms that no third party interests in the boundary have been claimed as part of the Insurers requirements

4.6 LF recommended that OHMG be reminded that traffic signs warning drivers to be aware of children from both directions should be erected.

#### 5. Publicity & Press

5.1: 2RH have not made any press announcement yet but TM has seen a draft. TL suggests a 'press release' to all 187 members prior to a public announcement. He will draft this and send to TM for confirmation.

5.2: TL will keep in touch with TH and keep TM updated.

#### 6. Amendments to Rules

Postponed as NR not at meeting TL advised we need report before AGM.

#### 7. AOB – None

8). Date of next meeting - 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – following AGM

**Anthea McCann, Minutes Secretary**

**February 2024**

Minutes signed by

Tom Morrison(Chair).....

Date.....