



## Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd (ECLT)

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

7.00pm, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

At the Village Hall

## MINUTES

1. 1: Attending: Tom Morrison (TM Chair), Tom Low (TL Treasurer), Martin Elliot (ME), Lynn Farnden (LF) Anthea McCann (AM Minutes Secretary) Nicola Rowlings (NR Company Secretary), Tim Crane (TC)  
  
1.2: Apologies: Sarah Underdown (SU), Muriel Bullock (MB)
2. Project 1  
  
2.1: SVP attended for the day on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Tamsin (group leader) was very disappointed with what they had been able to achieve. The ground was very hard and though they worked for 4 hours the amount of ground they cleared was well short of their expectations. They cleared a lot of couch grass, and planted wildflower plugs, including foxgloves, provided by themselves, and donated from various sources in the village – coordinated by TL. They also scattered hardy flower seed across approximately half of the site, this was brushed into the cracks in the ground  
  
AL has stepped back from managing the orchard & wildflower meadow due to pressure of work. TL/ME have sourced some industrial strength weedkiller. TL will arrange for this to be sprayed the orchard, and half of the wildflower meadow when the wind has dropped and it is not raining. He has masks and protective clothing. He suggests offering SVP another day after the weeds have been killed off, there can be a rotovator available if required. It costs £250 per day for SVP to work on land clearance.  
  
At the last meeting there was a request for the inside of the roadside hedge to be trimmed, TL will cut the hedge. He has had an email from Lucinda – a tenant in Fullers Close, who has offered help in looking after the meadow.  
  
Aster have been approached about tarmacing the path to the gate, Sam Hale thinks this is a good plan, but no decision has been made yet. The cost is approx £2,800.00.
3. Finance Update  
  
3.1 TL reported that since the transfer of banking to Coop banking there had been a good return on the interest that has accrued on the money deposited with the bank. The balance currently stands at £55,398.35 in the savings, with the current account balance at £90,16.61.  
  
3.2 The Payment schedule circulated was approved and the payment of the Corporation Tax interest by e-mail approval between meetings, was acknowledged.

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- 4 4.1: Pumping Station – TM advised no progress from Aster in relation to the transfer of the pumping station from ECLT to Severn Trent. TM had communicated the board’s prior approval on the insertion of an indemnity by ECLT to Severn Trent on the basis that a corresponding indemnity was to be provided by Aster to ECLT. TM will contact ECLT’s solicitor for an update.  
  
TM and TL discussed updating the financial regulations to cover internal approvals required for indemnities and TM confirmed that he would provide some suggested wording.
- 5: Project 2
  - 5.1: 2R have issued a press release which appeared in the Stroud News & Journal, however 2R are not ready for national coverage until all details are in place
  - 5.2: Tendering: 2R have not yet been asked for progress on Tendering offers, TM will contact Terri Hibberd. Homes Englands’ preference will usually be at the lower end of any tenders received.
- 6. AOB – Local Plan  
Suspended for 6 months as the Inspectors not satisfied that infrastructure pressures had been fully considered – particularly the impact of traffic pressure on Motorway access.
- 7. Date of next meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (local elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May make the hall unavailable)

**Anthea McCann, Minutes Secretary**

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Minutes signed by Tom Morrison (Chair).....

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