



Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd (ECLT)

148th Meeting of Board Members

7.00pm, Thursday 19th December 2024

MINUTES

- 1. Attending:** Tom Morrison (TM Chair), Muriel Bullock (MB, Vice Chair), Tom Low (TL, Treasurer), Nicola Rowlings (NR, Secretary), Sarah Underdown (SU).

Apologies: Martin Elliott (ME), Lynne Farnden (LF), Cllr Richard Maisey (RM) Anthea McCann (AM), Tim Crane (TC).

- 2. Financial and Administration Reports**

- 2.1 General Financial Report**

The balances at bank are £2,522.43 in Current Account and £7846.22 in Savings Account.

- 2.2 Approval of Minutes**

Trustees agreed the minutes of Meeting 147, signed by TM.

- 2.3 There were no invoices requiring approval.**

- 2.4 Approval of External Examination of Accounts**

Trustees unanimously agreed the Accounts and the passing of the Fee, expected to be around £500.

ACTION: TL

- 2.5 Approval of Budgets for 2024/25**

The Budgets were approved. TM's reminded Trustees that the General Fund was tighter than previous years and that any significant project expenditure would have to be funded from new grants.

- 2.6 Update to Rules**

NR reported that she had obtained all necessary signatures for the submission, which she would upload to the FCA website by next meeting.

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3. Project 1

3.1 Path for Orchard Area at Fullers Close and Adoption of the Pumping Station

Aster have made no progress on any of the above, despite reminders from TM and TL.

Monitoring: TL, TM

TL shared a photo of grass germinating in the Orchard area, despite the inclement weather.

4. Project 2

4.1 Update on Builder's starting plans

The erection of the main site signage was welcomed and TL reported that the builder would do no further work until the New Year.

5. Any other Business

5.1 Housing Needs Survey (HNS)

MB and TL reported on a presentation to Parish Council by GRCC, the independent body which performs the research and produces the HNS Report.

Both agreed the survey described was un-necessarily complex for our Parish, considering the depth of evidence already captured in previous HNS's. TL proposed to write a report to Parish Council to illustrate a simplified HNS, which could be done more quickly. MB agreed to consider Parish Council paying directly for the HNS, again to hasten the process.

ACTION: MB, TL

5.2 Meeting with Stroud DC Planning Strategy Manager

An extensive discussion took place around the strategic issues of the Local Plan, NDP and HNS.

This was a useful sharing of views and laid the foundation for the Agenda and questions for the proposed meeting.

ACTION: MB, TL, TM, RM

6. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall (Board Meeting 149).

It was also agreed to hold the AGM on 6th February 2025 at 7.00 pm for 7.15pm in the Village Hall, followed by Board Meeting 150 if necessary.

Tom Low, Treasurer, December 2024

Signed by TM, Chair Date.....

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