



Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd (ECLT)

149th Meeting of Board Members

7.00pm, Thursday 16th January 2025

MINUTES

- 1. Attending:** Muriel Bullock (MB, Vice Chair), Tom Low (TL, Treasurer), Nicola Rowlings (NR, Secretary), Martin Elliott (ME), Anthea McCann (AM), Tim Crane (TC).

Apologies: Tom Morrison (TM Chair), Lynne Farnden (LF), Cllr Richard Maisey (RM), Sarah Underdown (SU).

Chair: In the absence of TM, MB chaired this meeting

- 2. Financial and Administration Reports**

- 2.1 General Financial Report**

The balances at bank are £1,443.57 in Current Account and £7846.22 in Savings Account. TL and TM paid a village hall invoice for £16 between meetings.

- 2.2 Approval of Minutes**

Trustees agreed the minutes of Meeting 148, to be signed by TM later.

- 2.3 There were no invoices requiring approval.**

- 2.4 Approval of Annual Internal Audit**

TC, NR and AM conducted the Audit, which was signed by MB as Chair of the meeting.

- 2.5 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.

ACTION: NR

- 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

AM confirmed that the grass seed continues to grow well.

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4. Project 2

4.1 Update on Builder's starting plans

The builder had scraped an area in mid-site for the positioning of portacabins and cleared trees from the lower south-west corner but no major work had started.

At the request of the Editor of the Eastington News, TL had submitted a brief article explaining the presence of the large site signage.

ME asked if any further publicity was planned and TL said the Golden Spade ceremony would happen when some basic site layout had been completed, perhaps in March. Drop-ins would also occur at the Village Hall to advertise methods of applying for Shared Ownership and rented properties. NR asked for a 1-page explainer of both processes, to help Trustees answer questions from members of the public. TL will compose and circulate as well as posting on ECLT website.

ACTION: TL

5. Housing Strategy

5.1 Housing Needs Survey (HNS)

MB reported that Parish Council had agreed a budget of up to £3,000 to ensure an early start on the HNS. TL has been asked to discuss an abbreviated HNS directly with GRCC and/or Stroud DC, on behalf of Parish Council.

ACTION: TL

5.2 Meeting with Stroud DC Planning Strategy Manager

TL had circulated a briefing note on this meeting but RM has yet to establish a date.

ACTION: RM

6. Any other Business

TM has been in consultation with National CLT and Stroud MP Dr Opher to place three Parliamentary Questions to the Minister for Housing. TL noted this was an elevation of ECLT to a new level of national involvement and commended TM's initiative.

7. Date of next meeting

The AGM will be on 6th February 2025 at 7.00 pm for 7.15pm in the Village Hall, followed by Board Meeting 150 if necessary. TL has already circulated the Agenda to all members by email.

TC and AM volunteered to provide light refreshments for the gathering period.

Tom Low, Treasurer

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Signed by MB, Chair of this meeting Date.....

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