



Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd (ECLT)

151st Meeting of Board Members

7.00pm, Thursday 20th March 2025

MINUTES

- 1. Attending:** Tom Morrison (TM Chair), Lynne Farnden (LF), Muriel Bullock (MB, Vice Chair), Tom Low (TL, Treasurer), Martin Elliott (ME), Anthea McCann (AM),

Apologies: Nicola Rowlings (NR, Secretary), Cllr Richard Maisey (RM), Tim Crane (TC) Sarah Underdown (SU).

- 2. Financial and Administration Reports**

2.1 Approval of Invoices

No invoices were presented but two had been passed between meetings, leaving the balances at bank at £1,229.67 in Current Account and £7846.22 in Savings Account.

2.2 Approval of Minutes

Trustees agreed the minutes of Meeting 150 and the AGM, both signed by TM.

2.3 Update on Rules and Regulations

There was no update on the Rules amendment. TM noted that the AR30 was also due by the end of April.

ACTION: NR

- 3. Housing Strategy**

3.1 Update on Stroud DC Planning Policy

TL reported that Stroud DC no longer had a 5-year supply of housing and so the parish would be vulnerable to speculative developments. Stroud MP Dr Simon Opher will be meeting the Housing Minister to discuss this and other matters including CLTs.

3.2 Public engagements

TM reported that he had declined an approach from a TV film company (Manna Project) on the advice of National CLT. There has been an approach from BBC Panorama for background on affordable housing. TL had responded to a researcher in a telephone interview, which may result in filming in a couple of months' time.

TL had presented at the Stroud Co-operative Party "conversation on Co-operative Housing" in the Sub Rooms. Several active Stroud DC Cllrs were present which was good exposure for ECLT.

- 4. Project One**

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4.1 Hedge trimming

TL reported that Aster had agreed to pay for the cutting of the hedge by the orchard area, which was overdue. Robin Coates had done this on 16th March, including clearing the highway verge and so exposing the stile to the public footpath.

MB confirmed that the Parish Council had agreed to replace the stile with a kissing gate. With that in mind, Trustees agreed to engage Robin Coates to strim the length of the public footpath, for which budget exists.

ACTION: TL

4.2 Update on Aster actions on orchard path and side letter

TM reported that Aster had changed solicitors in order to expedite these matters but had not yet heard from them.

ACTION: TM to prompt

5. Project Two

5.1 Progress on site

TL reported that foundation work on site had progressed well in the benign weather conditions. An unexpected water pipe had been encountered, revealing a water supply to a horse trough, not reported by Severn Trent in Enquiries. *(TL Note: Previous owner to be contacted to transfer and then terminate this supply)*

ACTION: TL

5.2 Legal Agreements

There will be a series of Section Agreements for Highways and Utilities, which TM would supervise as he had done for Project One.

ACTION: TM to notify 2RH

There had also been some correspondence with 2RH regarding access to the exterior of the Southwest corner. TM noted that this was a matter between 2RH and Parish Council.

5.3 Golden Spade ceremony

AM confirmed her ability to attend and TL would have to check with the Parish Clerk about possible attendance by Cllrs.

ACTION: TL, MB

6. Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. Apologies in advance from TL.

Signed by TM, Chair Date.....