



Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd. (ECLT)

Eighth Annual General Meeting

Thursday 6th February 2025

7.00pm for 7.15 pm at The Village Hall

Minutes

1. Welcome from Chairman

TM welcomed the assembled 29 Members (including 5 new Members joining at the meeting) and 3 public attendees, noting that it was the best turnout for an AGM.

2. Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Trustees: Tom Morrison (Chair) (TM), Muriel Bullock (Vice Chair) (MB), Anthea McCann (AM), Martin Elliot (ME), Tim Crane (TC), Lynne Farnden (LF), Sarah Underdown (SU), Nicola Rowlings (Company Secretary) (NR), Tom Low (Treasurer) (TL).

Members: John Morris, Alan Brasier, Sheila Dark, Ann Pitcher, Peter Bray, Oliver Jubb, Jourdan Elliot, Bethany Smith, Jade Brown, Edwin Davies, Shelagh MacDonald, Andrew MacDonald, Jacko Merrett, Diane Bray, Tony Bray, Frank Kiff, Eva Underdown, Tom Hawkins, Mitchell Evans, Jacob Archer

Apologies: Cllr Richard Maisey (RM)

3. Election of Trustees

TM welcomed Cllr Richard Maisey, who joined in May 2024 as ex-officio District Council liaison. Members re-elected TC, AM and NR for a further three years.

4. Financial and Administration Reports

4.1 Status of Audit

Members approved the dis-application of a full audit, under Rule F1.

4.2 Modification of Period Served by a Trustee under Rules D7 and D12

TC reported that NR had registered this with the Regulator but was having technical issues.

4.3 Presentation by Treasurer of Highlights of the Accounts

TL Explained how the year ended on 30th September 2024 with an misleading amount of money in the bank. That was because the purchase of Homeground took place in October and so the present situation was of around £9,000 in the bank.

That said, there will be very little outgoings for the rest of this financial year and there should be a surplus of over £2,000 at the end. Should there be any new project initiatives, they would have to be funded by new grants.

5. Chairman's Report

TM provided an overview of the year , including the more recent purchase of Homeground and subsequent start of building on site.

He noted that, apart from the 3 acres of Homeground leased to Two Rivers HA for the 31 homes, ECLT now owned the remaining 2 acres freehold. There were no plans for that land immediately and TM invited suggestions as to any new ideas, apart from further housing, which Members might feel were needed in the Parish.

Both presentations can be viewed at: https://eclt.eastington.website/?page_id=508

6 General Discussion

TM and TL then took questions from the floor.

TM concluded the discussion by urging Members with detailed questions to attend the Drop-ins which were planned for late Spring, at the Village Hall. Housing specialists from Two Rivers HA and Stroud DC would be in attendance and individual conversations could be arranged.

MB also reminded anyone hoping for a rented house at Homeground to register with the Gloucestershire HomeseekerPlus system.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Tom Low, Treasurer

February 2025

Signed by TM, Chair Dated.....