



Eastington Community Land Trust (ECLT)

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 1st December 2016

at 7.00 pm in Village Hall

1. Attendance

Muriel Bullock (acting chair)(MB), Lynne Farnden (LF), Tom Morrison (TM), Paul Mannings (PM), Alison Loverage (AL), Sharon Wells (SW), Cllr John Jones (JJ), Alan Brasier (AB), Tom Low (TL), Ed Davies, Mark Jones, Martin Elliot, Jo Pegler, Beccy Pegler, Sally Antell, Susan Davies, (guest) Jill Simmonds

2. Treasurer's Report

The Lay Audited Accounts to 30th September had been circulated. These were approved by the meeting. LF reported that the closing balance upon winding up the Voluntary Group on 2nd November was £5,160. This was to be enhanced by the receipt of a further Grant of £9,750 arriving by BACS on December 2nd.

3. Secretary's Report

TL reported a year of considerable progress:

- A grant of £4,000 from National CLT Network had paid for our Incorporation
- As a result, we became a Community Benefit Society on November 3rd 2016
- A first stage grant of £2,000 from the parish Solar Fund has now been matched by a £9,750 grant from Locality (a government agency)
- The latter two grants will pay for a Feasibility Study into building 23 houses for affordable rent in Claypits, on land being provided by a local farmer at a modest price
- A series of reports have been commissioned to examine the site (Ground Survey, Highways access Noise and Pollution surveys) and an architect appointed.
- Both our Parish Council and Stroud DC planners agree the site complies with policies

Within ECLT, the Steering Group has been strengthened by two more Parish Cllrs from within Alkerton (AL & SW), a Chartered Quantity Surveyor (PM), a Lawyer (TM) and an accountant (LF). TL also thanked Andrew Niblett who retired as the original ECLT Chair, Kathryn Gribble who set up our accounts, through to Audit, Ed Davies for creating and maintaining the website and Ken Stephens who retired as our district Cllr, now replaced by JJ.

We look forward to a positive Feasibility Study around Easter 2017 and a subsequent full planning application in the Spring. Our aim for 2016/2017 will be to achieve a start on site by our AGM.

4. Winding-up of the Voluntary Organisation ECLT

MB formally closed the AGM at 7.40 and Steering Group members stood down prior to the Special General Meeting to inaugurate the Community Benefit Society.

Tom Low, Acting Secretary

SignedActing Chair.....