

Minutes of Arundel CLT Board of Directors Meeting held 18 February 2021 by video-conference (due to coronavirus)

Present: Tom Basham; Wendy Eve (Deputy Chair), Darrell Gale (Chair); Graham Lane (Deputy Treasurer); Martyn Pettifer; Marc Rankin; James Stewart (Treasurer); Paul Summers; Tom Warder (Action in rural Sussex).

1. Apologies – Cllr John Bradley
2. Minutes of meeting held 21 January 2021 APPROVED.
3. Matters arising
 - HMRC – JS has now made contact with someone who is prepared to recommend we do not need to do a Corporation Tax return but formal confirmation of this is awaited.
 - FAQs – JS to attend to issue of them not showing up well on Mobile phones; other feedback being followed up by JS and TB. HK and TW need to review the Q&As relating to applying for affordable homes.
 - Grant funding – TW confirmed we should go ahead and approach ADC as NCLT funding not available before April and we need funds for legal fees.
 - PS knows Fiona Maxwell at St Nicolas Parish Office and will speak to her to explain what the CLT is up to and provide leaflets/membership forms.
4. Ford Road project update
 - Planning – West Sussex Gazette printed letter from JS responding, as former Chair of Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, Mayor etc., to a letter opposing the development from an Arundel resident. DG's letter, responding as Chair of CLT and Torton Hill resident, was printed the following week. There was also a balanced piece in the Littlehampton Gazette following a placard demonstration near the site by some local residents.
 - Local Lettings – the sub group had met and were looking at 'Priority 1' definitions for local connection similar to Chagford. The board discussed whether residency connections should be specified as having priority over work connections or whether to follow the Chagford approach of giving them equal priority. TW advised importance of eliminating ambiguity as ADC/Aster will be implementing the Policy, not the CLT direct.

The sub- group had also had a long discussion about which neighbouring Parishes might have priority for local connection, before all-Arun connections.

It was AGREED to poll the CLT membership on these issues Action Local Lettings Sub Group.
 - Building with Nature standards – PS reported on the checks he had made. The website shows these standards have been developed by University of West of England and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust but attempts to make direct contact through the website to find out more have not met with any response. There is a list of potential Surveyors on the website but a number of board members spoke against

pursing this standard as it was felt this would not bring any additional benefit and the ~~existing~~ regulatory systems are adequate. TB reported that he had not had any success with his leads but there are alternative BRE standards.

It was AGREED that HK would approach Karl Hines to see if Aster have any advice to add.

5. New member applications APPROVED

John	Bradley	4 Penfolds Place	BN18 9SA	£1 cash – HK will BACS
Catherine	Bradley	4 Penfolds Place	BN18 9SA	£1 cash – HK will BACS
Emer	Osborne	51 Maltravers St	BN18 9BQ	Paid £1 BACS Sloyne & Osborne A/c

6. National funding announcement - government has announced that £4million funding has been allocated for a renewed Community Housing Fund for 2021/22.

7. Any other business

- MP will register for NCLT webinar on legal issues when buying land/property from charities.

- TB will make sure Data Protection Policy allows us to maintain Register of Expressions of Interest for affordable homes on Ford Road development.

8. Date of next meeting – Thursday 18 March 2021, 7pm



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