



Stow-on-the-Wold Community Land Trust

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2021 VIA ZOOM

Meeting opened at 7.04 pm

Present:

Board: Moyra McGhie (MM) Acting Chairman, Ben Eddolls (BE), Nigel Surman (NS), Liam Radcliffe (LM), David Germaney (DG) Secretary & Treasurer

Public: Jenni Turner (JT), Tom Blythe (TB).

MM opened the meeting with an apology for the cancellation of the previous date for the AGM; this was due to the accounts for the year 2020/21 being unavailable.

1 **Apologies** Peter Minty Chairman (no internet), Gavin Ridding, John Holmes, Merryl Phillips (no Zoom facility), Helen Middleton-Price, Jan Ridding, Cllr Alun White

2 **New Board Members** Three new members were co-opted during the course of the year – Liam Ratcliffe, Merryl Phillips and John Holmes

3 **Re-election of the Board for the year 2022/23** All the board members offer themselves up for re-election subject to the caveat by PM that he will stay in the Chair until such time as a new Chairman can be found, as he is moving to France. There were no other nominees. Proposed by MM and seconded by BE that the Board be re-elected. Carried unanimously

4 **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 22 September 2020 to be approved** Proposed by MM and seconded by NS. Carried unanimously

5 **Matters Arising** Dealt with under Chairman's Report

6 **Chairman's Report** PM had prepared an extensive report which he intended to read out in the evening. Due to his internet supplier in France having cut off his line, his report was read out at the meeting and is attached as an Appendix to these minutes

7 **Treasurer's Report, including approval of accounts** Full accounts have been emailed to all members who have an internet address, while those who are on ordinary post have received a copy of the P&L sheet with the offer of a full set if they want.

Stow Town Council gave a grant of £500 which will cover the annual subscription to CLT Network but we also incurred some substantial expenditure developing the website and producing the brochure. The net result was that we ran at a loss of £327 so that our assets, which is the money in the account, reduced from £2,344 to £2,017. This sum would probably have been enough for our anticipated needs for the year 2021/22.

Following a highly detailed request to Glos Hub by **PM**, they have reimbursed our costs to the tune of £838. **DG** is owed a modest amount for expenses – just under £20 and a membership sub of £1 has yet to be paid in – in effect, the available funds now stand at £2,853. In response to a query by **NS**, **DG** stated that the large increase in the subscription to the CLT Network was due to a concessionary rate being applied the previous year. **DG** recommended the accounts for approval. Proposed **NS** and seconded by **MM**. Carried unanimously.

- 8 **Secretary's Report** **DG** has had 2 enquiries from students asking about 'Community' for their theses – one related to what is meant by 'community' and the other about how the shops in Stow serve the community compared to Bourton on the Water – or are they more tourist-orientated. Long Zoom meeting but Simon Clarke was probably better placed to speak to him, after our chat.

Had two phone calls via the article in Stow Times, one from Merryl Phillips who **PM** has already mentioned and one from a retired planner in Moreton who would like to help. When **DG** spoke to her, her husband was just coming out of hospital, but will contact her in a short while.

The website is periodically updated, and historical information has been added.

A free report from a US SEO company has been obtained which pointed out defects in our SEO which they were prepared to rectify for some £150 – this has been declined as not really necessary for us

One lady sought to resign as she has neither internet nor email; **DG** said there was no need as he would make sure she received hard copies of correspondence etc. She is one of about 14 addressees for whom we have no email address.

With the help of the Stow & District Civic Society, we are leafleting the whole of Stow putting our application form through the letterboxes along with the SDCS annual trifold.

DG attended a full Council meeting at the end of September, and, in response to a question from one of the Councillors present, the Chairman said there had been no meetings with any developers. The Clerk confirmed this.

- 9 **Update on land acquisition** **BE** gave an update on discussions with owners of the various sites featured in the draft Neighbourhood Plan

- 10 **Update on meetings with other relevant bodies** **PM's** report largely covers this. **MM** continues to liaise with Central Government.

- 11 **AOB** Cllr Alun White apologised for not attending the meeting due to family circumstances but sent the following statement 'I'm sorry that my caring responsibilities mean I won't be able to join you this evening. That said I wish you and your colleagues all the best in seeking to provide genuinely affordable housing in Stow. As you know the provision of such housing is a major driver in our work on the Neighbourhood Plan for Stow and the Swells. The Steering Group is currently putting the finishing touches to the key policies of our Plan. On the advice of our consultant we are commissioning further work on local housing needs to provide the latest possible evidence of the very strong case for

building genuinely affordable housing for local people, those with local links and the key workers needed to help sustain our wonderful town.'

PM continues to be in contact with a senior journalist on the Sunday Times property section and has sent him a copy of the article which appeared in the Stow Times. **JT** offered to assist in any way she can with the Stow Times, for which she was thanked.

12 **Date of next Formal Board Meeting:** provisionally fixed for 7 December 2021 at 7 pm, probably to be held at the stow Social Club and the next AGM for 20 Sept 2022 at 7 pm.

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

B Eddolls

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