

Tattenhall Community Land Trust inaugural meeting held at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall, Cheshire on Tuesday 3rd March 2015

Present: Tony Clare of Cheshire Community Action, Graham Spencer, Carol Weaver, Pat Black, Sheila Chapman and Iain Keeping all of Tattenhall & District Parish Council and Peter Weston a Tattenhall resident.

Graham Spencer welcomed all to the meeting which has been initiated by Tattenhall & District Parish Council to find out how to structure and set up a Community Land Trust.

Tony Clare spoke about the background to Community Land Trusts (CLT) , being a piece of land held in trust primarily to build affordable houses (although not exclusively) building a type of house the community wants: either rental or shared equity.

He also mentioned the role of the Homes & Communities Agency in assistance with finance of any scheme proposed. Graham said we wished to go ahead with a Land Trust, initiated by the Parish Council but separate from it.

We would need Terms of Reference. Tony said these were pretty standard and will circulate a template to us all. Liabilities would be 'joint & several' to protect individual member of the Land Trust and we would need proper terms of reference.

Next steps: We are further on than most groups at initiation as we are aware of a small parcel of land that could be available to us, there is funding available to cover planning costs, Sanctuary Housing want to see a CLT that they can transfer the land to rather than just a group such as ourselves. We, therefore, need to forge ahead with setting up a CLT in Tattenhall.

Who do we need to contact? Cheshire West & Chester Council officers for assistance

1. We need a Project Plan
2. A narrative Plan with Aims & Objectives including what we want to do with the land.
3. Highlight the finance available for the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA)

We need to create a vision – no more than one page of A4 is necessary. Tony Clare is happy to write the above proposing single occupancy blocks for rental. He will highlight the CWAC Community Empowerment Fund and the Technical Assistance Fund from HCA. Tony will also circulate a draft Terms of Reference.

Chairman: Graham Spencer

Secretary: Sheila Chapman

Treasurer: Needs to be appointed, accountant type and we need a volunteer from the community.

Tony Clare then invited us to a Community Land Trust in Youlgrave in Derbyshire. There is a trip from Cheshire on Tuesday 24th March. Councillors Black, Chapman, Keeping & Weaver offered to attend on behalf of Tattenhall Community Land Trust and report back to our next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th April 2015 in the Boys Room at the Barbour Institute.