

## **Tattenhall & District Community Land Trust**

### **Minutes of Board Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 held @ The Old Manse**

**Attendees:** Lesley Grainger (Chair) Graham Spencer (Vice Chair) Carol Weaver. Sheila Chapman, David Tanswell, Michelle Steaton. Mike Jones, CWaC Councillor,

**Apologies:** Cindy Parry & John Heselwood, Cheshire Community Action

**Minutes of Board Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December** were approved for publication on PC website.

**Accounts:** Carol confirmed the Bank Balance to be £2273.98 as at today's date. Aware there is still a bill outstanding to NWD.

**Planning Application:** Lesley had spoken with David Tilley, application is ready to submit. Had been circulated to Parish Councillors before Christmas. He will 'push the button' tomorrow. Parish Clerk is 'in the loop'

**Application to 'Homes England':** Lesley showed us the signed contract, we have a grant of up to £26626. We can now collate the paperwork to be signed off by our accountants for the refunding process to begin. It was felt we needed to now do a Press Release to go onto Tattenhall online, share with membership and also the Chester Chronicle

**Bramwell Morris (our Accountants)** Graham had spoken with Andy Morris but didn't get far. As he is now retired we feel we are now pursuing the wrong person. His colleague Nicky, he has mentioned before, is taking on our 'file'. Do we want to meet up with her at their offices in Widnes? Several said they would be happy to attend. Bring her up to speed, as we feel she may not have been fully briefed by Andy. Issues regarding signing off applications to Homes England, etc. to be discussed.

**Sanctuary – Acquisition of land:** Graham had spoken with Llyr. Promised information by 'Tuesday' – not received! Graham & Carol happen to be attending a function with a director of Swayne Johnson. Happy for them to use whatever leverage they can. David Bennett was a name mentioned within Sanctuary that Mike has contact with. Provide Mike with a timeline and he will draft a letter. We also need to speak with Craig Bradley of Homes England to see if we can extend the deadline for application. Also our new MP – Edward Timpson – shown he is interested in our project. LG will put together a 'timeline' Also Carol & Lesley to meet to put together first application to Homes England for grant 'drawdown'

**Registered Provider:** John Heselwood had sent a paper about setting up an R P to Lesley today. She will circulate tomorrow. From CLT's based mostly in the West of England, using as their template.

**Proposed meet with J H & Rachel Rens:** Propose a meet up with John first to explain what we need out of any meeting. Need to be aware of any 'T & C's' in advance of any proposed grant (£25K per unit ? ) by CWaC. Had our fingers burnt in the past and wish to avoid for the future.

**Proposed meet with Edward Timpson:** Feel this is a good idea, after he has been briefed by Lesley. We also need to emphasize the young people angle. Sheila to provide Lesley with the

notes from our brief to Farndon Parish Council. Correspondence sent to House of Commons, rather than local Constituency office.

**Proposed membership drive:** We have much to shout about and use as a lever to increase membership. If we need a drop off point for application forms, Michelle is happy for it to be her house. Leaflet drop? Table at the Friday market? Parish Council are there most Fridays too – could we share? Mentioned minimum age. We said had wanted 16 but been advised by National it had to be 18. Associate membership suggested – Graham will look at this.

**Review Easington C L T Article:** Graham & Carol had seen the item on Midlands local news. 7 years to get bulldozers on site! We are not the only ones! Michelle will contact developers on social media – see if they have any input on working with CLT's. We will also contact Easington C L T – GS will do.

**Parish Council Precept?** Advised that precept had been set at the January '20 PC meet. Other potential source of funding could be C I L (Community Infrastructure Levy). Parish Council has £15K at its disposal, with further potential amounts in near future. 'Time restricted'? – not felt to be so. We would like to approach for funding for say 'carbon neutral' items. Lesley will contact Clerk.

**AOB:** Members Budget: Mike had confirmed this had been spent for 2019/20. Set the date for AGM – proposed – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March upstairs at the BI. Sheila will approach B I Clerk.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 26th February 2020 @ 7.30pm, **Venue:** 'Hillside'  
**Burwardsley CH3 9PF**