

Kennett Community Land Trust

Trustee Board Meeting – 17.11.16 Minutes

Present:

Robin Swanson	(RS)
Frank Danks	(FD)
Paul Swanson	(PS)
Darren Watson	(DW)
Cheryl Jowett	(CJ)
Lynne McCallum	(LMc)
Sherine Awadallah	(SA)
Tim Foddy	(TF)

Prior to the formal start of this meeting the Secretary (FD) covered two administration items which were a requirement of the KCLT rules.

- Trustee statement – a written statement from each Trustee in accordance with Rule D4.2. All Trustees completed a statement.
- Trustees were also advised of Rule D 21 which requires Trustees to provide a list of their interest or involvement, if any, in bodies defined by the rule. The secretary agreed to provide more information and if necessary a pro forma document to allow compliance.

The meeting was opened at 1930 by the chair (RS) who welcomed all present and covered an overview of activity within the CLT in the previous two weeks since the Community Planning Weekend and feedback from JTP the Master Planners.

Feedback from a small number of members has expressed a degree of uncertainty and confidence in the Trustee Board. This initiated the need for a Vote of Confidence by the Trustee Board in the officers of the Trust (the Chair of the Board and the Trust Secretary). The resulting vote of confidence was carried by a majority of 5 for and 1 against.

The Trustee Board Member who voted against the vote of confidence cited a lack of communication from the chair and a lack of support at the closing stages of the CPW. These points were discussed in detail and the perceived areas of concern clarified to the satisfaction of the Trustee concerned.

The order of the planned agenda for this meeting was changed to allow efficient use of the time available.

1. A resolution that non-trustee attendance at future board meetings should be subject to advance notice to and the agreement of the board. The non-trustee should be invited to attend when they can provide a specific contribution to the meeting and should only remain for the period of the Agenda item where their contribution is sought. This was voted on and carried unanimously.
2. The Secretary identified the possibility of future electronic voting on resolutions by the membership. This would both reduce the need for formal Special General Meetings and provide greater credibility with a potential increase in voting returns. He committed to investigate the legality of such a resolution and report back in due course.
3. The Secretary advised that the member who had been identified as a candidate to provide financial knowledge support to the board was no longer available. Another possible source has been identified and the Secretary has committed to investigate and report back.
4. A logo for KCLT was circulated. SA committed to provide an improved alternative.
5. A recent communication from Mr Fahmey (currently a non-member) resulted in time being devoted to cover each point that he had raised. This response discussed at the meeting was verbally communicated to his wife who was present in her Trustee capacity and who shared his concerns. A formal written reply from the chair to address the concerns will follow after the meeting.
6. There is a requirement to formulate the Trusts future stance following the feedback from the Community Planning Weekend. Individual views were invited from those present. Time constraints resulted in only the views of two trustees being minuted as follows :
 - An urgent need for a membership special general meeting. (FD)
 - Resolutions on the way forward to be identified prior to the meeting for membership approval.(FD)
 - The membership to be informed of the current situation in detail, possibly in a written format prior to the meeting.(DW)

Time constraints prevented further input and another special Trustee Board meeting to complete this requirement is agreed for Tuesday 6th December. This meeting will also identify the format for the special general meeting for the full membership.

7. Due to time constraints the following Agenda items were not covered and will be added to the next agenda after the special meeting planned for Tuesday 6th December.

- Visit to PGH development at Ely
- Snag List for market and CLT homes following Stretham (and Ely) visit
- 40% CLT homes and the implications
- Development stages linked to infrastructure improvement

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