

Kennett Community Land Trust

Trustee Board Meeting – 06.12.16 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)

Minutes

The chair (RS) opened the meeting at 1930 by welcoming all present. He advised the board that there had been two resignations from the membership in recent weeks. The members who had resigned expressed the opinion that they believed that the CLT did not represent the views of the village.

He also advised that a petition objecting to the Dane Hill Road proposed development was circulating in the village but knowledge of the content or the destination of the petition was unknown. No other board members were able to add any further information.

1. The Secretary (FD) circulated a spreadsheet which listed Trustee's interests in accordance with Rule D-21 for input from those present. There was a query from (DW) about whether membership of the Parish Council should be declared as a Trustee interest. The Secretary (FD) committed to confirm whether this was necessary and if so to add to the list of necessary.
2. A recent report from the Newmarket Journal about the proposed Dane Hill Road development was circulated. Palace Green Homes are reported to have stated within the article that they were working "in partnership" with the Kennett Community Land Trust. As this is not the case, KCLT adopting a neutral position until a mandate from the membership directs our future position, and that Palace Green Homes have been requested to refrain from such statements following similar quotes in the recent past, the advisability of a press release on from KCLT was discussed.

It was decided unanimously that a letter to the Newmarket Journal be composed which would clearly state the KCLT's current position. The Chair (RS) and the Secretary (FD)

committed to work on the content of the communication and circulate to the board prior to publication.

3. A CV from a prospective co-optee candidate, with a financial background to provide support in this field, was circulated and co-option discussed. It was proposed by (FD) and seconded by (TF) that the candidate Hugo Runciman be invited formally to join the KCLT board on a co-opted basis pending election as a Trustee at the next AGM. The vote was carried unanimously.
4. Individual Trustee views and positions on the Dane Hill Road proposed development were discussed as this topic had not been fully covered during the previous meeting.
5. The various options on the way forward were discussed and recommendation to the membership on the Trust's future stance following the Community Planning Weekend presentation was agreed. The following resolution which will be subject to membership vote at the special general meeting planned for 12.01.17 was approved unanimously :-

"To currently withhold the support of KCLT for the proposed development opposite the school until the following four issues are negotiated:

- The total number of houses
- The relief road with traffic calming and associated downgrading of the B1085
- The future development of the remainder of the site post 2036 (i.e. the 56 HAs)
- Infrastructure staging in principle"

The date of the special general meeting, 12.01.17, was agreed. Notice to the membership of the meeting and the resolution will be actioned initially electronically. This will include a voting form for each member and advice on electronic and physical voting. The closing date for the vote on the resolution will be 12.01.17 at the special general meeting. Distribution of the notice will also be circulated to the membership by hard copy to ensure that each member is aware of the situation. Printing and collation of the hard copy was volunteered by (SA) and (CJ).

6. The principle of electronic voting and confirmation of validity by our legal advisors was presented.
7. The format for the special general meeting on 12.01.17 was discussed. The Chair (RS) and the Secretary (FD) committed to produce an agenda for the meeting for circulation to the board for agreement.

A.O.B

1. Concern was expressed that the Lantern Parade for the school children planned for 19.12.16 may be used as publicity for Palace Green Homes master planners the John

Taylor Partnership. This is based on the considerable amount of photography that occurred during the CPW.

It was decided that attendance at the event should be subject to individual conscience and that the board should not take a stance on attendance or otherwise.

This was put to the vote and carried with a 6/2 majority.

2. (DW) requested that a copy of the explanation document minus the resolution documents was sent to the leader of ECDC and Forest Heath District Council with a covering letter from the CLT clarifying our stance.

This was verbally agreed.

Action: - Chair

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2105.

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