

General Meeting of Emsworth Community Land Trust

Thursday July 11 at 7.30pm at the Brookfield Hotel

Attendance: Dwyn Stepien (Chair), Theo Schofield (Vice Chair), Harry Thuillier (Treasurer), Maggie Gebbett, (Company Secretary), Shirley Farmer, Charles Ashe, Peter Tier, Ellie Turnbull.

Twenty members signed in for the meeting.

Item		Action
1	Introduction to the committee	
	DS introduced the committee (as listed above) to the members present.	
2	Update on the work of the ECLT including the forthcoming Housing Survey	
	<p>Affordable Homes. CA gave information on the provision of affordable homes in Emsworth at present. The possibility of working on South Street, Emsworth as a revitalised scheme including community facilities was outlined. All car parking spaces to be maintained but work is possible on the public WCs, Hewitts, and other peripheral properties, which could help improve the look of South Street and bring community benefits. The forthcoming planned ECLT-led Housing and Community Survey of Emsworth resident should be launched in September, CA reported.</p> <p>Thriving Town. SF Spoke on the investigations undertaken in the High Street. By obtaining views of current retailers, talking to Emsworth Business Association and undertaking research, a 'Town Team' could come into being in order to co-ordinate plans to support Emsworth shops and businesses in ways which help them to thrive.</p> <p>Youth Opportunities. DS outlined the research going into the work on provision of facilities for young people in the town – from nursery to teenagers. DS has drawn together a number of youth leaders, church representatives and the YMCA so that plans can be drawn up with input from the younger generation and youth leaders. Ideas are being drawn together and investigation into the possible use of a site at Redlands Grange. DS emphasised the importance of the forthcoming housing and community survey and encouraged audience members to volunteer to help with the work entailed.</p>	
3	Financial situation and membership numbers	
a	It was reported that ECLT has 369 members at present.	
b	HT presented a Financial report for the year to date to 30 th June (attached) and he then went through the major points. The organisation has received grant income from Homes & Communities Agency (via HBC) of £52,000. There are also smaller amounts of funding from other sources. The major grant income is to help with business planning, research, marketing, surveys etc. HT reported that there is sufficient money in 2019/20 for ECLT to carry on their business and make progress on their proposed activities.	
c	HT referred to the rules of the ECLT which state that Members must decide each year whether an audit of ECLT's accounts is necessary. HT commented that the accounts were very simple in this first year and as we had the services of Michael Cope who is a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants then the Directors did not feel that we needed an Audit.	
4	The proposal	
	HT proposed that resolution: 'Emsworth CLT Ltd proposes that there should be no audit of the accounts for this financial year.' This was seconded by SF	

	and a vote was taken. All present voted in favour of the resolution (20 members and the 8 committee.)	
5	Q&A	
	<p>Discussion covered the following:</p> <p>A259 separating the high street into two parts. Concern expressed on this matter.</p> <p>Concern expressed on how people qualified for social housing. CA outlined the current system and pointed out that anyone could request to live in Emsworth whether they had any real ties with the place or not. Longer discussion on variety of social housing, obtaining sites in Emsworth etc</p> <p>Hospital revamp discussed and how more hub health services there would bring more footfall to Emsworth.</p> <p>An occasional market in the public carpark north of the hospital site was mentioned.</p> <p>Discussion about possible work at Redlands grange site with investment from YMCA. Westbourne CLT could possibly help on Redlands Grange site.</p> <p>Emsworth Youth Day organised for Feb 2020.</p> <p>Emsworth Museum and the library were mentioned as key sites for encouraging footfall in Emsworth.</p> <p>Bath Road and Warblington Dairy building mentioned as a site under planning application.</p>	
	The meeting finished at 8.20pm.	

Signed: Position.....

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