



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2018 IN MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Christine Eden (Chair), Oliver Shirley (Vice Chair), David Dodd (Secretary), Simon Turner (Treasurer), Jim Brookes, Ian Dawes, Ian Jones, Jenny Gibbons, Fay Shirley, Oliver Eastman, Claudia Blanchard, Jill Roseberry, Barney Redman, Peter Hogben, Joye Dodd, Anne Hartington, Judy Brason, Tony Crouch, D Saunders, Anna Christie, Howard Finnegan, Bill Bruce, Hugh Cartwright, Colin Eden, John Sanderson, Janet Aitken, Anne Firman, Peter Woodhead, Luke Spanton, Andrew Gammie.

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Christine Eden (Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all members present.

2. Apologies for absence

APOLOGIES: Ros Snow (Director), Heather Greenwood, David Glew, Mr & Mrs Beazer, Mr & Mrs Parry, Elaine Eastman, Elizabeth Redman, Becky Homent.

3. Minutes of AGM of 9 September 2017

The minutes of the AGM of 9 September 2017 had already been circulated with the notice of the AGM and were agreed as correct. They were signed by Christine Eden (Chair).

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from attendees. All other matters arising were covered under other agenda items.

5. Presentation of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2017

The Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 were distributed to attendees and presented by Simon Turner (Treasurer)

Simon noted that

- The opening balance at the start of the year was £1,270.35
- Income over the year was £348.51
- Outgoings over the year were £334.98
- The closing balance at the end of the year was £1,283.88, and increase of £13.53.

There were no questions.

6. Exemption from annual audit

The MCLT is responsible to the FCA and has to submit accounts but the accounts do not have to be audited providing that decision is passed at the AGM. This decision was supported by a show of hands from the room.

7. Board of Directors' report

Christine invited the Directors to give an overview of different elements of work of the MCLT over the year and next steps.

Site

Oliver Shirley and Simon Turner gave a report on the establishment and objectives of the MCLT and work involved in site selection to date.

Oliver noted that the village meeting on 21 July 2018 had demonstrated overwhelming support from attendees for the site proposed; and that interviews and selection were underway for Housing Associations, architects and other advisors. The timescale for feasibility, planning contractor selection and building work is expected to extend to around 3 years.

Simon described the commencement of work on a feasibility study, including the application for a grant from Homes England to meet the feasibility study costs.

There was a question from the floor on eligibility for purchasing properties. It was clarified that most of the affordable housing will be for rent with some shared ownership. Allocation will be based on an assessment of housing need. Properties are likely to be a mixture of one, two and three bedroom units, with the balance determined from the results of the current housing need survey.

There was a reminder to attendees to complete the Housing Needs Survey if not already done.

Energy Working Group (EWG)

Jim Brookes gave an update on the investigations underway by the Energy Working Group, which reports to the MCLT, to help Marshfield reduce energy costs and increase the stability of supply in Marshfield.

The village is participating in a project with Western Power Distribution to survey electricity usage over the next year. Further information will continue to be shared via the MCLT website. The EWG will also feed into energy efficiency aspects of planning for the proposed housing development.

There will a village consultation meeting in the autumn to discuss.

Communication

Ian Dawes described the efforts to reach a wider audience in 2018 through communications on a dedicated MCLT Facebook page, shared to the Marshfield Facebook page. A measure of success has been demonstrated by up to 700 views of posts. Communication through Facebook complements continuing communication via member emails, AAM articles and the MCLT website.

External bodies

David Dodd noted the huge amount of support we receive from our two South Gloucestershire district councillors and Council officers in terms of time, resources and advice.

Ian Jones also noted the encouragement and support from the Parish Council, including use of their offices, a bursary and willingness to update the Housing Needs Survey.

David Dodd noted the role of the FCA, to whom we are responsible as a Community Benefit Society, and the Wessex Community Trust, who helped us get set up and continue to offer excellent advice and sharing of experiences through Steve Watson and Alison Ward.

8. Election of Directors

David Dodd (Secretary) reported that it was mandatory that a minimum of a third of the Board resigned each year. This year, Christine Eden, Simon Turner and David Dodd resigned. Christine Eden and Simon Turner were re-elected with Jenny Gibbons and Ros Snow also proposed, seconded and elected to serve as Directors until the AGM of 2021 (or their earlier resignation).

Following David Dodd's resignation, Christine thanked David for his energy, advice, sagacity and tireless work to establish and shape the MCLT. By way of thanks the Directors presented David with a book reflecting David's interest in Military History.

9. Any other business

Christine thanked the members for their continued support and encouragement. There being no other business the meeting was closed.