

Dorchester Area Community Land Trust

Minutes of the DACLT board meeting held on Wednesday 25th August 2021 at 6.50pm in the Meeting Room at United Church South Street, Dorchester.

Board Present: Alistair Chisholm (AC), Ian Gosling (IG), Theo Hawkins (TH), Felicity McLaren (FM), Tricia Mitchell (Chair) (TM), and Barry Thompson (BT),

Administration: Paula Harding (PH) – Minute Clerk

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Derrien, Steve Watson, Lynda Kiss and Tony Foot.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3) Minutes of the board meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2021

The following amendments were proposed and seconded:

- a) Min 7 – Ackerman Road – was amended as follows:
TM has found the name of the rate books in 1928 but it was illegible.
- b) Min 7 – Garfield Avenue – was amended as follows:
'Rupert Williams' was replaced with 'Dave Thompson'
- c) Duplicate numbering
There were two min 11's so 'Any other business' was amended to Min 12.
- d) Min 11 – AGM
'AC' replaced by 'TM' in the first sentence.
The following was also to be added to the minute: (Note: further to the meeting it was agreed not to do this until the current proposed development had progressed further).
- e) Min 12 – Any other business
The last sentence was deleted and replaced with:
'FM to circulate designs to the board for their views'.

All present agreed to the changes above and the draft minutes are to be amended before adding to the website.

4) Election of officers

a) Chairman

It was proposed by IG and seconded by FM that Tricia Mitchell be elected as Chairman for the coming year. All present agreed

b) Secretary

It was proposed by FM and seconded by AC that Ian Gosling be elected as Secretary for the coming year. All present agreed

c) Treasurer

It was proposed by AC and seconded by BT that Felicity McLaren be elected as the Treasurer for the coming year. All present agreed.

d) Money Laundering Officer (MLO)

It was proposed by AC and seconded by BT that Felicity McLaren be elected as the MLO for the coming year. All present agreed.

5) Membership applications

These had been approved at the earlier Extra-Ordinary meeting.

6) Progress on planning application for Tennis Court Site

The planning permission decision is still pending. The DACLT have paid the S106 money into the client account with Excello Law ready for the agreement to be finalised.

AC asked whether the Board were happy with the proposed planning permission conditions indicated in a letter from the planning team. All accepted that they were fairly standard and nothing that was unexpected.

7) Other potential development sites:

a) Cambridge Road

Tony Foot updated the board (via email) that the owner of the old Dance studio is not prepared to sell.

b) Ackerman Road

Tony Foot updated the board (via email) that he had been unable to contact Mr Foyle prior to this meeting.

c) The Maltings – Brewery Square

Tony Foot update the board (via email) that Robert Ackland was away but that he would aim to speak to him before the next meeting.

d) Garfield Avenue

There has been no progress on this site, but the board agreed that they will be able to put more pressure on Dorset Council for a decision once the Tennis Court development is underway.

BT reported that the Dorset Council offices at South Walks house are likely to be turned into accommodation, but with little or no affordable housing.

8) Website

TH is to continue to add the minutes and reports to the website. He is also to try and get the DACLT website to come up on Google when the initials are entered, as at the moment you have to search for the whole trust name.

TH is also to look into re-establishing or setting up the social media links for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as these are the key to getting younger members to join and take an interest in the Trust and its projects.

9) Treasurer's report

The bank balance stands at £18,271 with petty cash in hand of £15.

10) Any other business

AC is to get quotes for the creation of two DACLT banners (from a local print company) to be displayed at the tennis court site when planning permission is finally granted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm with notice that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 15th September at 5.30pm. Venue to be agreed.