

Spaxton Community Land Trust

Board meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022

MINUTES

Attendees: Mike Hodson (Chair), Vernon Hughes(secretary), Dave Hartley (treasurer), Josh Schwiezo. Paul Richold, Tony Donnelly, Judith Nealon, Barbara Downe, Alex Burdett, Steve Watson Chris Morton-Thomas Jan Hodson (minute taker)

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Apologies of Absence: None	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes were accepted. It was agreed the cost schedules would be omitted from the minutes published on the website.	
3.	Matters Arising (i) None	
4.	Chairman's report: MH will write a piece for the Spaxton Community News (SCN) and produce a letter for members and Simon Dare once the Housing Association has been chosen (see item 9). A working group of MH,VH,PR and SW will be set up as a focus for the HA. All members will be kept informed. Members will be informed of the dates of meetings and can sit in if they wish. Board meetings will continue to be monthly. BD expressed a wish to be part of the working group. This was agreed.	MH
i5.	Treasurer's Report See treasurer's report. DH confirmed that the invoice for the initial survey has been paid	
6.	Eco Constraints Report; It is noted in these minutes that all members have received a copy. Site specific surveys can now be commissioned. SW will keep a chart of surveys arising from the initial surveys for future cost purposes	SW
7.	Solicitor Appointment; Notification of the selected solicitor has been sent to all board members and the solicitor has confirmed his acceptance by signed letter.	
8.	Risk Register: MH will produce a simple risk register to monitor progress on the project.	MH
9.	Housing Association: After a lengthy discussion it was decided to appoint Aster as the chosen Housing Association. Both Aster and Willow Tree made good presentations and both had many qualities to recommend them. The balance of the decision hinged on the fact that Aster has a long experience of working with CLTs and its financial strength in terms of access to grant funding was better than Willow Tree. Furthermore, Aster was able to consider funding up to £2500 per square metre which the board preferred to the smaller proposal from Willow Tree. The board therefore concluded that Aster is its preferred partner. MH will write to both applicants and invite Aster to a meeting to formally agree the HoTs	MH
10.	Any Other Business (i) Website – BD asked for pictures of new members AB and CM-T and MH letter to members	BD
11	Date of next Management Committee Meeting 16th February 2022	