

## **Minutes of the Colerne CLT Board Meeting 4.3.21**

**1. Present** :- Paddy Harmon(PH), Peter Mellett(PM), Anne Nicholas(AN), Alison Minch(AM) , Jane Mellett(JM).

No apologies.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** accepted with the amendment In the box re screen shares- needs editing as it is a misprint, as this is a public record.

The public zoom meeting notes are OK.

**3. Matters Arising:- i) Incorporation** now complete. Now need to start developing policies for our functioning. The guidance from NCLT is that for the present we start with our original founders as the “**Founding Board**” until the first AGM, and thereafter an elected board of trustees for 3 years.NB JM shared the NCLT link with the agenda.**ALL to look through and consider our priorities for policies to be prepared.**

-Anne raised the need for a Safeguarding Policy before grants can be allocated. Ally agreed to be our Safeguarding lead and to consider what level of policy we might need. Anne to send the Village Hall policy for Ally to consider.

Paddy suggested there is probably a proforma appropriate for our context. Agreed to start with the VH format.Pete emphasised this is about our interface with the outside world, which at present is very limited.

**ii) Finances.** The Incorporation fee has now been paid and the grant from the Bath Co-operative Group has now been received.To continue with application for a Co-op Community account, which brings with it a start up grant of £1,000. There is a minimum 12 week waiting list for this. Until then, we are not in a position to upgrade to full membership.

**£308.90** currently in the Village Hall account for us, to pay for all expenses, including the website for next 6 months.

**It was agreed** that we are currently not in a position to pay the full membership of NCLT or the indemnity insurance. **JM asked to write to NCLT to ask for an extended start up subscription.**

**JM** to write to PC to ask if they will take us on for interim banking till we can have our own as this will enable us to get grants.

**4. The public zoom meeting notes are OK.**

Jane followed up all new attendees and got positive feedback from them. There has also been an approach from another significant community member who is weighing up whether to put energies with us or the PC.

Anne sent an email out to all members with a link to the presentation.

There is a further member, who although elderly is very keen on this potential.

Emphasised the importance of “Word of Mouth”.

Agreed it was worth doing, and we need to have a focus for our next meeting.

**5. Re the NP - a) the Con Club** has now withdrawn from this, because they have decided to go into partnership with Chris Lilly’s gym and establish a community hub. Therefore that allocation no longer available.

However, Community Led Housing is written into the NP so we can go round landowners to find further small pieces of land for our purposes, specifically to the north or the east of

the settlement boundary, where there is no Green Belt. **Agreed** this is premature at present until we have our own house in order. There are one or two potential sites for Rural Exception sites.

#### **6. Priorities for moving forward.**

**Agreed** we should initially focus on registering Community Assets, in particular the two clubs and the two shops. That we should inform property owners when we are about to do it and our reasons and the lack of any threat to their ownership, in the interest of transparency and to maintain a positive image in the community. PH to take this forward. JM suggested, there is also a possibility we could offer to be the land trust for the veterans project at Thickwood, if that would be acceptable to them. It might be a way for us to begin the process of being a partner and owning land. We would need to ask the membership re this.

**Agreed.** The lack of affordable housing for younger people remains the community's primary interest in the CLT. PM emphasised we must not lose this focus. But also agreement that anything we are able to do to build up our credibility meanwhile is worth doing.

Possibly plan our first 'in person' meeting at the Lib Club for the summer before everyone goes on holiday.

**Re bank application** - JM to start and then share with Anne for consideration or David Squire if he is able.

**Date of Next Meeting - 15.4.21 via Zoom at 7.30pm.**