

Notes of the Nailsworth Community Land Trust Steering Group held on Monday 21st July at Nailsworth Town Hall.

Present: Ian Potts (Chair), S Robinson (Notetaker), W Duckworth, M Levett, R Burford, K Angus, S Levett, E Francis, B Affleck, J Affleck, E Sims, M Zorn, W Gerard

Apologies: J Duckworth, S Millett, A Norman, I Crawley

Items:

1. Chair – Ian Potts chaired the meeting. Steve Robinson took notes.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
3. To discuss the outcome of a meeting with Aster Homes . The meeting took place on Tuesday 8th July and the notes have been circulated to all members of the Steering Group.
4. To discuss the outcome of a meeting between SDC and members of the Steering Group. SDC still wished to have a report by the end of September for the October Housing Committee meeting. SDC has had the land valued both as open market and social housing valuation but were open to negotiation. There is still some question over who should manage the completed project. SDC are keen the allocation of the dwellings should follow their standard process but were open to using a local lettings policy as per our previous discussions (ie subject to all candidates being in housing need, priority to those with connection to Nailsworth, then surrounding parishes then Stroud before being county wide). As we are aware the Steering Group will still need to hold a referendum to remove the right to buy (leasehold enfranchisement) and it may be appropriate to combine with a community decision on planning.
5. There was a lengthy discussion on consulting neighbouring properties and residents in general in Forest Green regarding the proposed location of the project. It was eventually agreed that Bill Afflect would do an article of approximately 300 words for the Nailsworth News. Anyone sending information to Bill would need it to reach him prior to the closing date of 15th August. As we are now meeting on 11th August this article can be finalised on that evening. It was agreed to hold a consultation event at the Arkell Centre in October when more information will be available. It was also discussed, but not concluded to take the papers ‘door-to-door’ at/around the SDC October meeting when they will come into the public domain anyway.
6. To agree the draft invitation letter to potential architects. The draft letter produced by Ian Crawley was agreed by the Steering Group subject to minor amendments and Keith Angus is to provide a list of local architects accredited to RIBA.
7. Potential funders – Ian Crawley has produced a paper regarding obtaining start-up funds for the CLT. This would enable the CLT to

engage with a solicitor. It was formally agreed to ask the Town Council to apply to the National CLT Network and to the SIB Group for funding to start-up the Nailsworth CLT. This was proposed by Mike Levett and seconded by Robert Burford. Steve will speak to the Clerk of NTC regarding this. Ian Crawley to assist with the completion of the forms.

8. Three more members have joined the CLT. Steve R and E Francis are still to organise a membership campaign outside the Co-op in the near future and would be grateful for assistance.
9. There appears not to be a list of Steering Group members on the website. No members present objected to their details appearing on the website.

10. Change of date – Next meeting Monday 11th August at 7pm at Nailsworth Town Hall Council Chamber