

Community Land Trust (CLT) Link Councillor Report - Full Council July 2021

The Annual General Meeting of the CLT was held on 17th June, and was open to members of the CLT as well as the board.

Darrell Gale gave the chair's update, reporting on the CLT's activities over the previous 12 months, beginning with a tribute to Pete Crowe who died earlier this year and who was a director until January. There has been a lot of work building the capacity of the board, particularly through a number of training opportunities. There has also been a positive and active relationship with both Arundel Town Council (ATC) and Action for Rural Housing in Sussex.

James Stewart gave an update on the Ford Road project, focussing on the outline planning application, and the draft section 106 agreement which is being worked on at the moment, and which ATC will be a party to. This includes a nomination and allocation policy to ensure that eligible people in Arundel will be given priority consideration for the affordable housing. As Arundel has a neighbourhood plan, 25% of community infrastructure levy money will go directly to ATC to be spent on local projects.

As well as an update on communications and the treasurer's report, Hilary Knight gave an update on membership - there are currently 69 members, and the CLT is keen to encourage more young people to join.

In the meantime, the finalisation the 'local lettings policy' has been a key focus of the CLT, in order to provide a fair and robust framework for the eventual allocation of affordable homes on the Ford Road site.

John Bradley