

**LEISTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
NOTES OF FIRST GENERAL MEETING
Held on 11th DECEMBER 2018**

Before the start of the formal meeting the Steering Group Chair, Mrs Betson, welcomed everyone and the Steering Group members introduced themselves. The Chair then gave a short history of the origins of the town centre regeneration project and the formation of the Leiston Community Land Trust and the recent purchase of the former Westbrook Family land by Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC). In answering questions from the public, the Chair invited Cllr Ray Herring of SCDC to comment on the District Council's position as the majority landlord in the town centre. Cllr Herring confirmed the Council's role as "enabler" and recognised the potential benefit to Leiston of the proposed regeneration. Cllr Herring was thanked for the District Council's swift and timely intervention in securing the Westbrook Family land prior to the proposed auction.

FORMAL MEETING

1. Mrs S Betson opened the formal meeting just after 7pm.
2. Rev J Florance gave a brief explanation of the CLT's finances and answered questions.
3. Financial Examiner – Proposed by Mr John Hayward and seconded by Cllr David Bailey, it was agreed that Mr John Rayner be the Responsible Person for examination of the CLT finances during its first year. It was noted that a formal auditor would be required as income increased.
4. Membership Report. Mr B Norman confirmed the membership at 10 Dec 18 to be 88 Full members and 6 Associate members with a further number having joined this evening.
5. Election of Trustees. The Chair confirmed that valid nomination papers had been received in respect of all current members of the Steering Group ie
 - a. Mrs SA Betson
 - b. Mr B Boast
 - c. Revd J Florance
 - d. Cllr Mrs L Hill (nominated as Leiston Town Council representative)
 - e. Mr B Norman
 - f. Cllr R RaingerA further valid nomination was also received in respect of Mr Simon Merrett who then introduced himself.
The meeting agreed to elect the Trustees en bloc. Proposed by Mr Chris Nichols and seconded by Mr Peter Douglass, the Trustees were then elected unanimously.
6. Following the close of the meeting the public were invited to partake of the refreshments generously provided by Leiston Co-op and network.

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34 Members and 7 non-members registered their attendance at the start of the meeting. Attendance sheet attached.