**Leiston Community Land Trust**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Year April 2023 to March 2024**

**held on 24 July 2024**

**6.30 pm at the Community Centre, Sizewell Road, Leiston IP16 4JU**

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| **Trustees present** | Russ Rainger (Chair) | Andrew Crisp |
|  | Bing Boast | Lesley Hill |
|  | Maria Chapman-Beer | Simon Merrett |
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|  |  | Denise Rainger (Minutes) |
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| **Members and Associates** | See separate list |  |
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| **Apologies received** | Margaret Butcher | John Last |
|  | Stephen Ginger | Selena Levermore |
|  | Sarah Driver | Angela Skelcher |

1. **Welcome**

Russ Rainger welcomed the attendees including Officers from East Suffolk Council and Alexander Scott from IF Design Office Limited (IF\_DO).

1. **Update on the Leiston Regeneration Plan**

ESC have appointed a firm of Architects, IF\_DO to carry out a feasibility study on the land owned by ESC in Sizewell Road. Steve Hart from ESC introduced Al Scott from IF\_DO who presented an outline of their findings.

RR encouraged Members and their families to complete the questionnaire to provide as much information as possible to aide the design and planning phase of the project.

The presentation document can be viewed by clicking on this link.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Regeneration-projects/Leiston-Town-Centre-Masterplan/Leiston-Regen-Plans.pdf>

To complete the questionnaire online, click on this link.

<https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/leistonmarketsquare>

1. **Opening of the Annual General Meeting**

RR thanked Al Scott for the presentation and the ESC officers for their attendance.

1. **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 July 2023 had been posted on the Leiston CLT’s website and taken as read.

There were no matters arising or issues raised from the minutes, therefore they were approved and accepted.

1. **Chair’s report**

The Chair’s report had been posted on the CLT’s website and taken as read. No issues were raised or questions asked.

Simon Merrett proposed that the minutes be approved and accepted. This was seconded by Maria Chapman-Beer.

1. **Secretary’s Report**

The Secretary’s report had been posted on the CLT’s website and taken as read. There were no matters arising. Linda Hawes proposed and Sue Liddell seconded that the Secretary’s reported be accepted.

1. **Financial Matters**
2. Philip Edwards presented the Treasurer’s report 2022 to 2024.
3. The report and accounts for the year to 31 March 2024 had been posted on the CLT’s website and taken as read.
4. PE recommended that CRASL be nominated for the external examination of the accounts for the year to 31 March 2025.

Andrew Crisp proposed acceptance of the report and accounts to 31 March 2024 and the recommendation to nominate CRASL for the external examination. This was seconded by Bing Boast and accepted by the Members.

1. **Election of Trustees**

RR explained that the Trustees are appointed on a three-year term and stand-down on a rotational basis prior to being re-elected. This year, the Trustee standing for re-election is Simon Merrett. He confirmed that he wished to stand for re-election.

The re-election was proposed by Russ Rainger and seconded by Phil Edwards. This was agreed by the members with a show of hands.

RR thanked Simon and all the Trustees for their contribution to the CLT and looked forward to working together to deliver the town centre regeneration programme.

SM thanked the Board and Members for their continued support and commended RR on his Chairing of the Trust. LH thanked DR for her administrative support to the Trust.

1. **What does the future hold?**

RR gave a brief summing up, reiterating the importance of completing the survey.

The final designs from IF\_DO to enable applications for funding and planning to be made is keenly awaited in September.

RR explained that Sizewell C Co had granted the LCLT £250k towards delivery of the Leiston Regeneration Masterplan. It was this funding that enabled the IF\_DO feasibility study and RR was optimistic that the funding would allow for real progress.

This completed the business of the formal meeting. RR thanked the Trustees and Members for their participation and the meeting ended.