Leiston Community Land Trust - Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29th July, 2026 – 6.30pm at United Reform Church

Present:	
Robert Ashton	Russ Rainger
Andrew Crisp	Simon Merrett
Sarah Driver	Phil Edwards
Bing Boast	Maria Chapman-Beer
Nigel Smith	Tracey Osborn
Members:	
Nicky Corbett	Richard Corbett
David Bailey	Linda Hawes
Mark Wright	Lesley Gowers
Sue Liddell	Anne Norton
Apologies:	Stephen Ginger

1. An introduction from Russ Ranger – who introduced Robert Ashton as the new Chairman.

2. Robert Ashton opened the 2026 AGM and gave an outline of the Evening proceedings.

3. Approval of the minutes for AGM held on 24th July, 2025 -

P) Phil Edwards S) Linda Hawes No comments to note.

4. Chairman's Report

Robert spoke about the ongoing contacts he has made. Social Housing – there are opportunities for the CLT to be involved in local homes for local people.

The CLT are interested in acquiring the URC, this could be used as a Community Space to enhance the use of the facility, develop the Building, with Church Services to continue.

Robert has been speaking with The Co-op and Barclays for ongoing updates within Leiston. Robert has a personnel connection with Leiston going back to his childhood.

Simon asked about any updates on the Market Square project, Robert stated that the council are keen to include social housing in this Project, surveys are ongoing into the one way system in Leiston.

Linda Hawes asked Robert about his previous experience of CLT, andRobert provided examples.

5. Secretary's Report

No questions were raised. Tracey Osborn was welcomed as the new Administrator. The CLT recently used STRIPE, a system to try and grow our membership base - £1 for lifetime membership, more local people equal's more local voice.

6. Financial Matters

Phil Edwards – welcomed everyone to the AGM -

Phil provided an extensive report of the current financial position of the CLT Bank Account £240,000; Spending for 2025 - £4700 total

Breakdown -

£2500 Establishment costs

£200 Plants

£2000 To grow membership

£510 accountants

£3900 Interest received

It was approved that CRASL - would continue as external accountant

P) Simon Merrett S) Maria Chapman-Beer

7. Election of Trustee's

Re-Election of - Maria Chapman-Beer Andrew Crisp

Co-oped by Robert Ashton and Nigel Smith

Proposer – Russ Ranger; 2nd – Bing Boast and Phil Edwards

8. A story about Community Led Housing – Nick Corke

A very detailed and extremely interesting talk by Nick from H.O.P.E Park , a care retirement community.

9. Q&A

None raised

10. Meeting ended at 8pm.