

Fownhope Community Land Trust

Annual General Meeting

26 September, 2023 at 1900, at The Pavilion, Fownhope

Present: Seven members including members of the Board.

Apologies: Kevin Braybrook, Bryn and Clare Caless, Margret Rolls.

1. **AGM 2022 minutes** had been circulated and were received with no matters arising.
2. **Annual Report & Accounts** financial year ended 31 March 2023. A copy had been circulated. Ian Quayle thanked Alex Champ and Tim Williams for their examination of the FCLT accounts. He also thanked Fownhope Parish Council for funding the annual subscription to the National CLT Network. Ian was thanked for his work as treasurer.
3. **Chair's Report** The report had been circulated. In addition to her report Catherine Stubbings advised that a Housing Needs Survey would not be done as previously as the Herefordshire Council no longer funded them. The Board were still exploring one possible site in Fownhope for affordable homes and were seeking pre-planning advice from Herefordshire Council.
4. **Appointment of Board Members.** Under the rules Catherine Stubbings, Ian Quayle and Christopher Whitmey were at the end of their three year term. The first two were willing to continue and were declared elected under Rule D.13.2 as the number of candidates for election as Board Members did not exceed the number of vacancies on the Board. The Chair thanked Christopher for his time as a Board member and more recently as secretary. The other continuing Board members are Kevin Braybrook and Frank Hemming.
5. **Questions to the Board.** A member asked what sources of funding were available. In reply the Chair said this was one of the difficulties faced. Until one had planning permission on a site there were no known sources available.
6. **Speaker from Freeman Homes on affordable housing.** Ian Green gave an interesting talk and informal discussion from his long experience of being involved with affordable home developments. One key point he made was that a site needs to have more than ten dwellings to make it financially viable and this should be kept in mind when Neighbourhood Plans are drawn up.

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