

Pensford, Publow and the Stanton's Community Trust General Meeting

Minutes

Minutes of the first General Meeting of members of the Pensford, Publow and the Stanton's Community Trust (PPSCT) held at the **Rising Sun, Pensford following the AGM of the PPS 100 Club on Sunday 30th March 2014**

Over 15 members attended and a quorum was present.

1) The draft Constitution of the Community Trust was laid before the members

Copies of the Constitution were made available for inspection at the meeting.

Andrew Hillman explained the background to the drafting and the references to the Charity Commission and the clauses in detail;

Article 1 was self-explanatory.

Article 2 explains the "objects" of the CT. AH explained that the schedule of public benefit for grants was written as widely as possible to ensure it is all inclusive for the community needs, including acquisition of land or buildings for community benefit which would be caught under the last scheduled item.

Article 3 "Area of Benefit" will be defined by the Parish boundaries and set out on a marked plan. It was noted that the Parish boundaries can change.

Article 4 AH confirmed that in due course the PPSCT website would include a specific email address.

Article 5 AH explained that the CIO was a limited liability option like an Ltd company, but without the need to file accounts. The CT would adopt the "Association" model, which allows members who do not have to be Trustees which suits the CT strategy.

Article 6 was noted as self-explanatory.

Article 7 was noted as a standard process for decision making

Article 8 covers obligations for AGM's and GM's as necessary.

Article 9 AH explained the Trustee structure and the term 'ex officio'. It was noted that the Chair of each PC may appoint a Deputy.

AH recommended that The CT should proceed to adopt and thereafter register the Constitution.

AH advised that this is a starting point for the Trust and the Constitution may be modified by the members in years to come as experience develops.

AH advised that it was incumbent on members to please advise the trustees of any concerns or suggestions in respect of the stewardship of the Trust from time to time.

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In response to a member question, AH confirmed that the website will be updated and an on line Application Form would be available soon.

Clarke Osborne asked the meeting to move forward to adopt the proposed constitution. There were no objections and the proposal to adopt the Constitution was carried unanimously.

Judith Chubb Whittle asked Tony Heaford as the Chairs of the Parishes to note their thanks to SWAG's for their hard work during the last 2 years.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.