



Report of the trustees for the year ending 5 April 2020.

1. The Trustees of Wirksworth Transition Community Land Trust present their annual report and verified accounts for the year ended 5 April 2020 and confirm they comply with the constitution and with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. During the year trustees began to develop a business plan, assessed the risks associated with it and ways to mitigate them and will be working towards fulfilling the objectives of the plan.

2. OUR AIMS are:

2.1. The relief of poverty or financial hardship, by providing zero carbon housing for people who live in the parishes of Wirksworth and Middleton by Wirksworth.

2.2. To advance education and the protection of the environment, in particular, but not exclusively by providing training, exhibitions, presentations and publications on the environmental and financial benefits of reduced fossil fuel use, alternative energy sources and sustainable build techniques.

2.3. To further such other purposes which may be charitable according to the law of England and Wales and which are also compatible with the CLT legal framework in the use of land or property.

3. TRUSTEES

Noel Mayes stood down as Chair as a result of ill health and we were pleased to welcome Lorelei Jarvis as a new Trustee and Chair and Nick Bristow as a Trustee. Their experience with Housing Associations and building energy efficient homes will add to the skills base of the Trust.

4.0 ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR.

During the year, the trustees have provided charitable services to members of the public and organisations, all of whom have met the trustees' criteria for the provision of such. The trustees have complied with their duty in Section 117 of the Charities Act 2016 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

4.1. PARTNERSHIPS

Throughout the year, Trustees have looked to establish partnerships with potential stakeholders, with a view to acquiring land and or houses. We were optimistic that land near Wash Green might be made available for development in partnership with the landowner. However, this has not come to fruition. Despite extensive negotiations with a view to approving a partnership, both parties decided not to pursue it. Both parties agreed to keep the door open to future opportunities to work together. We remain committed to working with our Local Authority, Derbyshire Dales District

Council (DDDC) and appreciate the support they have given to us throughout the year including making available funding to pursue our aims.

4.2. MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has grown to over 138. The Trustees are keen to recruit members on low incomes especially young people who could benefit from accessing affordable housing. The Trust succeeded in its bid for funds from DDDC to build membership and publicise the charity in our community.

4.3 EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Trustees have prepared a power-point presentation to illustrate our ethos and the potential benefits to home-owners of zero-carbon homes.

4.4 CALL FOR LAND

The Trustees have been actively searching for land with the potential for the development of zero energy, affordable housing. Several potential sites have been identified and we are in discussion with landowners. DDDC have assisted us by alerting us to larger developments planned in the area giving us the opportunity to enter into discussions with land owner developers to try to get zero-energy affordable housing included in their plans. For example, we are aware that Tarmac is seeking planning permission to develop a plot of land in their ownership and we will enter into discussions with them when the outcome is known.

4.5 RETROFITTING

Trustees are developing a financial model for retrofit, to demonstrate the real cost of meeting EnerPHit standards. We are also researching other organisations' approach to retrofitting.

4.6 EDUCATION

Trustees have presented their views and the evidence base for the reduced use of fossil fuels and sustainable techniques, on local radio, as well as in the local press and meetings of community groups. The Trust is developing a communications plan to further our educational objectives and PR.

5. FUTURE PLANS

The trustees intend to continue the current strategies for identifying land and facilitating the development of housing built to the Passivhaus standard, investigating retrofitting to sustainable standards and educational outreach. Over the next year we intend to finalise and implement our business plan. We are however, mindful that Covid-19 is likely to impact on these plans.

6. FINANCES

Our main source of income is from grant awarding bodies (National Community Land Trust Network, DDDC) and membership. The trustees will continue deploying all income to investing in the charitable purposes of WTCLT.

6.1 RESERVES AND FINANCIAL HEALTH

Trustees meet monthly to review the finances including spend against budget together with a monthly cash flow analysis as part of the effective stewardship of the Trust.

6.2 The Trustees recognise that the level of reserves fluctuates during periods of investment in meeting our charitable aims and believe that our current reserves are sufficient to provide an adequate 'safety net' should it be required.

Trustees

Mr N R Mayes	Chair
Ms L Jarvis	Chair
Mr I Dixon	Treasurer
Mr K P Mann	Treasurer
Mr B Hebron	Secretary
Ms M A Hooper	Trustee
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Mr J M Ratcliffe	Trustee
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