

Eastertown Evolution Community Interest Company

Minutes of Committee meeting on 18th January 2024

Present: Lynne Booth, Peter Smith

Apologies: Debbie Smith, Emma Smith

Minutes of the previous meeting ratified.

1. Matters arising not on the agenda – none

2. Engagement day plan

Discussed arrangements and went through the engagement plan. Lynne to invite local MP and other political party and independent representatives.

3. Historical information about Eastertown Common

Discussed the revelation, discovered by Lisa Bishop, that Eastertown had a common in the 1800's and that it was on the site of Ann's field, though covered a much bigger area. Lisa is trying to find out what happened when it got distributed during the 'enclosures act'. Jim Bishop sent a map showing Eastertown Common, to use this at the engagement day.

4. Steering group

Discussed the first meeting which was on 16th January. Although small attendance mainly due to others have other commitments it was really useful. Aim to recruit more people via the engagement day.

5. Funding update

Lynne on target to submit our application before the 31st January, agreed to wait for feedback from our engagement day to finalise our application.

Peter reported he was aware of a Mr Nicholson, who is very experienced in fund raising, who has recently retired and may be available to help us.

Action: Peter to contact him and ask if he can help

6. Update on the website

Peter is being assisted by local resident John Hesqueth – mock up is looking great and easy to navigate.

Action: Peter to continue to develop with John.

7. Recent negative allegations

Discussed the surprising developments, been addressed privately and professionally. Discussed the challenges of how to encourage people to use routes that mean we can hear directly rather than rumours or 3rd hand.

Action: To think about additional ways, we can assist people to tell us their views

8. AOB

None

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1st February 7pm at Eastertown House