



Broadwindsor Group Parish Community Land Trust

During October, the BGP CLT Steering Group received approval for grant funding towards legal services from West Dorset District Council. Once the funding has been received a firm of solicitors will be selected. Tenders have been received from contractors to undertake a number of site feasibility surveys on the preferred site. This information has enabled us to submit of an application for Community Building Feasibility grant funding. Expressions of interest have also been received from 2 housing associations to work with us as partners on this project. Interviews to select a preferred partner will take place during November.

At a Special AGM meeting of members of BGP CLT, held in Comrades Hall on 15 November 2016, all members of the Steering Group stood down. Three Board members, who had been nominated and seconded, were then elected by the membership: David Leader (Chair), Jacqui Sewell (Treasurer) and Sheila Hawkins (Secretary). The 5 remaining members of the Steering Group have expressed willingness to serve on the Management Committee and will be co-opted to this by the Board members at the next Board Meeting: Ken Banks, Nick Bellorini, Steve Chubb, Philip Coltart and Lesley Tibballs. No other nominations were received. Also at the Special AGM, David Hitchcock (Chair of Marshwood CLT) spoke to members about the benefits to the wider community of CLT projects as well as outlining some of the issues that can arise during the course of a project.

More information is available on the BGP CLT website at www.broadwindsorgroupparishclt.org .