

03 - 24 Sherford Community Trust Board Member Report for Brixton Parish Council - March 2024

Sherford Community Trust Meeting 15/03/2024

March 2024 – Sherford Trust Board Meeting

Not Quorate so no decisions could be made – (Due to Holidays). Notes for Info only

Articles of Association

Final run through the Articles

Documents to be sent out for formal acceptance by the directors, and registration with Companies House.

This will be a huge milestone in the development of the SCT.

Working polices

The SCT are working through several working polices including Safeguarding, Volunteers, complaints, GDPR, Risk assessments and the like.

SCT fee

Invoices for these fees will be issued shortly for the year 2024 by Firstport. Note these are different to any maintenance charges issued and are part of the S106 obligations.

Data base being updated prior to issue of the letters.

FirstPort joined the meeting and gave an overview on the fee collection basis and Enforcement Policy. A revised proposal is to be issued by FirstPort for approval

National Lottery Application

The application to the national Lottery has been successful for a £9,865.00 grant for Sherford - Making the Most of Heritage which may include a project around pre-historic Sherford and the roundhouse.

Working Groups

Communications – an active communications group is now established, it has undertaken training, adopted the Mailjet newsletter platform, and in the absence of any other newsletter offer in Sherford has become the community news platform.

A sign-up/subscribe function/button is now on the home page of the Trust website for the newsletter, meaning we can gain consent from individuals and capture their contact details in a GDPR compliant way, to send them the monthly newsletter.

Events and Activities – an established events group now exists and crosses over with the Shops and Amenities Group. The group(s) have delivered three planned events over the year, including a community picnic and a harvest and Christmas market, All events were successfully delivered and well received, not only growing over time, but serving to attract more residents into the Community Panel.

Supported by SCLT a set of basic events infrastructure equipment has been purchased, to service activities going forward.

Shops and Amenities - Also linked into the **Events and Activities** group. Further to the establishment of the groups, the three events and the purchase of equipment, training around areas such as first aid has been delivered and “how to” guides have been developed to support planned future events, allowing the groups and SCLT to be increasingly self-sustaining.

Environment and Heritage – With regard to environment and heritage, this has focused on local archaeological discoveries and the community and country park. The NLHF bid has been successful, and this will now be progressed.

Young People - Not progressed as Space – a key youth service organisation - is currently delivering a detached youth service in Sherford.

In addition to the NLHF bid, two other bids have been submitted. One to the School of Social Entrepreneurs Community Business Trade up programme (funded via Power to Change, a combine training and funding programme), this was successful and second bid to a local good business fund, which did not succeed.

General Matters

Skills centre – There was a discussion on the future use of centre as this building is believed to be empty now following previous course funding ceasing. This will be continued at the March 2024 meeting.

Future Events

Sherford Day Country Park 6th April@2pm

Farmers market in June 2024 under discussion.

Grant Applications

No grant applications have been received in this reporting period.

Brookbanks Update:

The number of houses in occupation at the end of October 2023 was 819, although suspect a lot higher now.

Directors also gave concern over timelines for projects slipping. Some queries that require answers are outstanding.

Sherford Web Site

New website set up www.sherford.uk.

Consortium contact email - info@sherford.uk