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## Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust (CLT) Limited

## THE TRUSTS ACHIEVEMENTS

**30 June 2008:** Public Meeting re need for affordable housing locally, with a proposal to set up a steering group to establish a not-for-profit company, to deliver.

By September 2008: An agreement to join forces with a community group interested in obtaining land for local food production.

June 2009: Funding obtained from Tudor Trust to enable the steering group to set up a limited company.

January 2010: Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust Ltd was established. The founding Trustees were Sue James, Rob Pickering, Terry Porter and Keith White.

April 2010: Agreed an 18 month lease with Cornwall Council for Bosavern Farm, ex-County Farm. This stopped the immediate sale to allow a group of committed community volunteers to demonstrate it could be run for the benefit of the community and to raise the money for its purchase. The Local Action group provided a grant of £25K to support the project.

**September 2010:** Appointment of a Farm Trainer to the Bosavern Community Farm Project.

April 2011: Farm began selling produce at Pendeen Farmers' Market. Agreed potential housing sites at Moorland Close, Pendeen and Lafrowda Close, St Just, both owned by Cornwall Council.

**16 June 2011:** First AGM held at Bosavern Community Farm. Original Trustees confirmed.

**July 2011:** Consultation event re proposed housing developments.

August 2011: Trust became a registered charity.

November 2011: Lottery bid submitted to fund the purchase and development of Bosavern Community Farm. £25,000 predevelopment loan secured from the Community Land Trust Investment fund to enable the Trust to take housing ideas to construction phase.

January 2012: Planning applications submitted for 2 houses and a bungalow at Lafrowda Close and 6 houses and 2 bungalows at Moorland Close.

14 March 2012: Community Share

issue launched through linked company, Bosavern Community Enterprise. Share issue to raise local money for the farm project.

30 March 2012: Planning permission granted under delegated powers for development at Moorland Close.

11 June 2012: Planning permission granted, at full planning committee for development at Moorland Close but dependent on a footpath diversion order.

**July 2012:** Based on advice, Kiers approached to provide a fixed price for design and build at both housing sites.

August 2012: Share issue closed, raising almost £17,000 for the purchase and development of the farm and lottery offer made. Decision made that Lands End Peninsula CLT would transfer responsibility for the farm project to Bosavern Community Enterprise.

16 November 2012: Revenue funding available from the Lottery Fund so Bosavern Community Enterprise became the responsible body for the project. Lands End Peninsula CLT remain lease holders until purchase complete.

13 March 2013: Footpath Diversion Order made by Cornwall Council. Waiting to agree a build price then we are ready to provide affordable housing for local people!

## **What Next**

That is down to the people living in the Lands End Peninsula! So whether you are in St Just or Pendeen, St Levan or St Buryan, Sancreed or Sennen or anywhere in between AND you care about your community, read on. The timeline shows that it is not easy to set up a not-for-profit company or achieve charity status, and for the securing of Bosavern Community farm, we

achieved it in the nick of time! What would you miss or is needed in your community that would need a company to hold the land or building?

In other parts of the country, as well as developing affordable housing and community agriculture projects, communities have come together to own and run their village pub or shop. They can be a way of purchasing land to run

allotments or any other project that requires community ownership and protection.

To continue beyond the current projects we need more members and people willing to become Trustees at out AGM in June. Show your support. Our membership application form is attached or ring Sue on 01736 787223