

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the CLIMATE ACTION SUB COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held at Mountfield, Bridport on Thursday 29 July 2021 at 11.00am.

PRESENT Cllr Rose Allwork Karen Hunt
Ian Bark Dave Rickard
Kelvin Clayton

ALSO PRESENT: Will Austin (Town Clerk) and David Dixon (Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer).

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended to address the Public Forum.

10. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting of the committee held on 24 June 2021 be agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

13. CAR CLUB

The Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer reported that a requested information pack had not been received from Co Wheels following the previous meeting. Co Cars had been contacted and were yet to respond.

Members discussed:

- Liaison with Bridport CoHousing
- The importance of including travel to and from Dorchester in any scheme.
- The potential for inclusion of the Bus Station and minibus taxis.
- Possible Town Council funding and contractual arrangements.
- Car Clubs as a contribution to the delivery of the Access and Movement Study.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer be noted.

14. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

The Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer reported that a grant application had been submitted by Transition Town Bridport, requesting £10,000 for the Healthy Homes initiative. A response was expected in September or early October. Two submissions had been received for delivery of the project responding

to the Town Council's brief, and these were being considered in consultation with the Chairman.

Members considered:

- Limiting the extent of Town Council staffing resource to be applied to this project.
- The need for success criteria to be established and baseline data to assist in this respect.
- The role of volunteer 'champions'.
- A six-month programme of activity.
- A focus on Bridport but the project should be open to other parishes.

The Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer further reported that discussions were ongoing with Raise the Roof regarding the potential for a low carbon building at the Old Dairy site. He also advised that the Access & Movement Study had been approved by the Town Council, and that additional associated work was now being undertaken in respect of the Vearse Farm development.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer be noted.

15. UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP26)

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3639. The Town Mayor summarised the report and proposed events for the Great Big Green Week from 18 to 26 September 2021, and advised that he had been invited to deliver a proclamation. A request had been received to turn the Town Hall clock green for the week.

The wording of the proposed proclamation was presented.

RESOLVED: that the proclamation be approved.

16. CLIMATE FORUM

Cllr Dave Rickard reported on a proposal for a climate forum, put forward by Alan Heeks following discussions with Friend of the Earth. The event would include a conference and public exhibition, with experts in attendance. Cllr Rickard was concerned about the resource implications for the Town Council and asked whether Alan Heeks and Candida Dunford-Wood might be approached to run the event.

Members considered the purpose of the event, synergy with a citizens' assembly, and the need for further discussion at the next sub committee meeting.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

17. COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES ON OTHER ISSUES

The Town Mayor reported that it was hoped the town would be able to declare its Plastic Free status in September.

The Town Clerk reported on:

- Electric vehicle charging arrangements at the Vearse Farm development, which the developers had advised were unlikely to include charging at each dwelling;
- An electric vehicle purchased by the Town Council for use by the grounds staff;
- Discussions with the Vearse Farm developers regarding adoption of the Future Homes Standard; and
- A consultation by Dorset Council on parking strategy.

The Project Manager & Community Initiatives Officer reported that he would circulate information from Climate Outreach.

Cllr Dave Rickard reported that there were ongoing issues in relation to the Bridec factory.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Sub Committee meeting will take place on Thursday 30 September at 11am.

The meeting closed at 12.08pm.