



Notes of a meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group (CEAG) held on Zoom, on Monday 05 October 2020 at 6pm

Advisory Group Members Present:

Cllr Clare Cape	Gill Johnson
Cllr Teresa Hutton (Chairman)	Alex Lockton (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Nick Murry	Karen Simpson
Cllr Sandie Webb	Kiran Sakhyani

Officers Present:

Mark Smith, Chief Executive
Barry Pirie, Director of Community Services
Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer
Heather Rae, Democratic Services Manager
Paul Harvey, Head of Leisure Services

In attendance:

Nikki Jones , Avon Needs Trees

11. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ruth Lloyd and Chris Ruck.

12. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

13. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

i) The Chairman announced she was pleased the recent Councillor and CEAG member Wiltshire Wildlife Trust engagement session concerning the future management plan of Monkton Park. It's an exciting piece of work and looks forward to hearing the feedback from the public sessions.

ii) The Chairman welcomed Nikki Jones from Avon Needs Trees to the meeting

14. **NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting held on 07 September 2020 were approved as a correct record and all agreed will be signed at a later date.

15. **FUTURE CHIPPENHAM ACTION PLAN**

Alex Lockton presented to the group, his and Gill Johnson's initial thoughts on the Friends of the Earth 50 point plan, highlighting his initial thoughts on the various topics in the plan, but explained this shouldn't be just about what he thinks but should be a practical discussion by the whole group.

The Director of Community Services thanked Alex Lockton and Gill Johnson for their initial research, and the momentum this now gives the group. The Director of Community Services highlighted that the list needs to prioritise what the Town Council could do, but also what it could lobby on.

The Chairman agreed that the group need to nail down its priorities on the list, so in turn this could be presented to Council.

It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated to the group as a whole, so time could be taken by each member to feedback, and Alex Lockton would take some time to bring all the comments together prior to the next meeting if feedback is received promptly, and that 10 to 20 points should be taken to Council.

16. **BOREHOLE AT STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND**

The Head of Leisure Services verbally updated the group on the approved installation of a borehole at Stanley Parks Sports Ground. The project started due to an increased year on year cost of water for the ground. The total cost of the installation would be £23265 and would have a 2 and half year buyback after which water would be free.

Alex Lockton asked how the borehole would be powered. The Head of Leisure Services confirmed that initially this would be via plugged mains but the next steps would be to look at solar options.

17. **AVON NEEDS TREES PRESENTATION**

Nikki Jones presented to the group regarding the work of this fairly new charity. The charity began due to the lack of woodland in the river Avon between the Bristol and Chippenham area. A plot of land had already been purchased Hazeland Wood just outside Calne. There is scope to plant approx. 9000 trees on the land. They are currently crowdfunding for further land outside of Melksham. The land will ultimately be used for public engagement and scientific research.

Nikki Jones extended a future invitation for representatives from Chippenham Town Council to visit their site.

18. **CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK EVENING REPORT.**

Karen Simpson informed the group that the publication of the report had been unfortunately delayed due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, but would be presented to the Wiltshire Council, Chippenham Area Board on Wednesday 7th of October.

The report will shared with CEAG post the 7th of October so members could read the report, and could be used to help formulate the Chippenham Town Council action plan.

Cllr Nick Murry thanked all Councillors, CEAG members and officers who came to the original network evening, and agreed with the Director of Community Services who commented that a similar / next steps event held by the Town Council would help reengage the public of Chippenham.

19. **FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING**

Nothing requested to be added to the existing list.

20. **DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group will be on 02 November at 6pm on the Zoom virtual platform.

The meeting finished at 7.24pm

These notes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council as a true record of the meeting.

Signature

Date

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