



Notes of a meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group (CEAG) held on Zoom, on Monday 07 September 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
	Kiran Sakhyani

Officers Present:

Mark Smith, Chief Executive  
Barry Pirie, Director of Community Services  
Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer  
Gillian Ballinger, Finance Manager  
Lynsey Nichols, Communications and Customer Services Manager

In attendance:

Heather Moore, Bee the Change

1.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Ruth Lloyd, Chris Ruck and Sandie Webb.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b></p> <p>i) The Group was updated on the new battery powered Environmental Services equipment recently purchased by the Town Council. These items of equipment would not only reduce the petrol consumption currently used by the Town Council but would also provide other benefits to residents, a reduction in noise and zero emissions. There is still a need for petrol machines for some tasks, however battery powered equipment is constantly evolving and manufacturers say batteries are always improving and in the near future will be capable of longer usage times.</p> <p>ii) Group members were reminded that there is the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust consultation evening on the 28 September at 6pm for all Councillors and CEAG members. If you could not make this date a further 5 dates for members of the public are also there for members to attend. Zoom links will be sent out shortly.</p>

4.	<p><b><u>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN</u></b></p> <p>Alex Lockton was proposed by Councillor Nick Murry and seconded by Councillor Clare Cape. There were no other nominations and with all in favour Alex Lockton was elected to be Vice Chairman for the municipal year.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b></p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 16 March 2020 were approved as a correct record and all agreed will be signed at a later date.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>RECAP ON WHERE WE ARE AND PRIORITIES MOVING FORWARD</u></b></p> <p>Alex Lockton recommended to the group that as a priority the Town Council estate carbon footprint baselining exercise should be presented at a Full Council meeting which had to be cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic, this would give a platform to start tackling scope 1 and 2 emissions.</p> <p>Kiran Sakhyani has been looking at the Town's footprint data, but needs attention to ensure that the correct data was being used.</p> <p>Alex Lockton has had an initial conversation with Wiltshire Council regarding baseline figure but there is data missing, but accepts this. There is potential in future Census data being available.</p> <p>Alex Lockton reminded the group that the Friends of the Earth 50 point plan was mooted as a possible way forward for the Town Council. The Director of Community Services agreed that the plan is a good starting point but would have to be gone through to identify the points that the Town Council are able to work on.</p> <p>The Director of Community Services updated the group that Ariane Crampton has been recruited by Wiltshire Council as Head of Carbon Reduction, and has recruited a team to work with. This shows investment from Wiltshire Council, and it would be good to invite Ariane Crampton to a future meeting of the group.</p> <p>Councillor Nick Murry highlighted the Head of Carbon Reduction has already started to write a carbon reduction strategy, which should be adopted ready for post elections in May 2021.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed that the Carbon footprint presentation should be made to Full Council to engage them with progress so far, and it would be useful to invite the Head of Carbon Reduction from Wiltshire Council to the next meeting. The Chairman also thanked members of the group for all the work undertaking so far.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>BEE THE CHANGE PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p>Heather Moore from Bee The Change, presented to the group via a powerpoint and video presentation the history of the Bee The Change Project, the purpose of the project in regards to bee conservation and the various engagements projects it undertakes such as vegetable growing and working with local crafts people.</p> <p>Heather Moore highlighted in her presentation how she would like to engage with the Town Council to start a similar project in Chippenham.</p>

8.	<p><b><u>CEAG VACANCIES</u></b></p> <p>The Director of Community Services reminded the group about its pre-lockdown discussion to potentially add a public member to the group that had biodiversity knowledge, and that Cllr Ruth Lloyd had proposed a name at the last meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Nick Murry asked for confirmation on the pathway to join the group because he was aware of some individuals who were keen to join the group if possible.</p> <p>The Director of Community Services advised group members to email him any further nominations and they will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING</u></b></p> <p>Alex Lockton highlighted that Zero Chippenham is currently discussing ideas that could be fed into the group.</p> <p>Cllr Nick Murry asked if an update could be made on what other areas of the Town Council are doing to reduce carbon reduction.</p> <p>Gill Johnson asked was it possible to see how COVID19 has impacted the Town Council and its carbon footprint, and how it is shaping future Town Council thinking.</p>
10.	<p><b><u>DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group will be on 05 October at 6pm on the Zoom virtual platform.</p>
	<p>The meeting finished at 7.16pm</p>
	<p>These notes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.</p> <p>Signed on behalf of the Town Council as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>