



**Notes of a meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group (CEAG) held on Zoom, on
Monday 26 July 2021 at 7.00pm**

Advisory Group Members Present:

Cllr Liz Alstrom	Nick Hodges
Cllr Declan Baseley	Alex Lockton
Cllr James Bradbury (Vice Chairman)	Karen Simpson
Cllr Clare Cape	
Cllr Nick Murry	

Officers Present:

Mark Smith, Chief Executive
Heather Rae, Head of Democratic Services
Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies of absence from Councillor John Scragg due to a Mayoral Engagement and Kerry Linde due to holiday.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following a recommendation made at the Finance Subcommittee meeting on 13th July, the CEAG group will be consulted on relevant potential capital expenditure items to inform a refreshed 5 year medium term financial plan. The Director of Community Services will publish a report to the CEAG group by mid-August - and feedback will be sought on this matter at the next CEAG meeting on 6th September.

14. NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 15 June 2021 were approved as a correct record and all agreed will be signed at a later date.

15. CARBON REDUCTION MATRIX

Mark Smith reminded the new councillors that they had been previously asked by the Director of Community Services to review the Carbon Reduction Matrix and bring any additional actions and or suggestion/ideas to the meeting. Councillors Bradbury, Alstrom and Baseley all confirmed that they had no addition to make. Mark Smith highlighted that

given the various comments from some new councillors about the lack of progress with regard to CEAG, he had hoped this exercise would give those councillors on CEAG the opportunity to bring some fresh ideas.

Alex Lockton asked the new councillors for feedback on the matrix that had been put together by existing / former members of the group. Councillor Bradbury acknowledged there were some very valuable points already within the matrix and would like to see some of the points actioned as soon as possible.

Karen Simpson highlighted that there is mention of a public workshop within the matrix to get public ideas and expressed that this needs to be done in the future.

Councillor Clare Cape and Karen Simpson both highlighted the need to review the matrix periodically in the future to ensure its validity has a working document.

16. CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS WEBINARS

- i) Michael Weeks updated the group on the first trilogy of Climate Conversations that had been planned and delivered by members of the group, thanking Alex Lockton and Kerry Linde for their involvement. Michael Weeks shared the results of a survey that was sent to all those who attended the sessions. It was highlighted that unfortunately only 5 people had replied but on the whole the feedback was positive. It was agreed to share the results around the group via email. Michael Weeks confirmed that the recordings are on the Chippenham Town Councils YouTube channel if anyone wanted to watch them back. Alex Lockton added that there is still a need to find a way to engage with the 45000 residents of Chippenham.

Councillor Nick Murry asked where the sessions were promoted. Michael Weeks confirmed that all the Town Councils social media channels and website were used, and group members were asked to use their networks, seeing the posts being shared on such sites as Zero Chippenham, Chippenham Noticeboard and spotted Chippenham. Michael Weeks also confirmed that Alex Lockton and Kerry Linde had done a leaflet drop around their local areas.

Nick Hodges asked following the feedback received could we ask public that sign up for future sessions if there is something they would like to see in the session in advance? Michael Weeks confirmed that he didn't know if it was possible to do this via Eventbrite, and also wouldn't want to put pressure on the speakers by dropping something on them last minute but would speak to Lynsey Nichols to see if this was possible and if a deadline could be put into place.

- ii) Michael Weeks highlighted to the group, the next 3 sessions and the dates chosen.
 - a) 15 September - Solar PV (Alex Lockton)
 - b) 29 September - Water Conversation in the home (Karen Simpson)
 - c) 13 October - Transport for homeowners and getting to work (Nick Murry & Nick Hodges)

Group members confirmed the above and those involved in their delivery.

- iii) Group members noted the dates for the last of the initial trilogy of Climate Conversations and those responsible for their delivery.
 - a) 26 January Electric Vehicles (Nick Murry & Nick Hodges)
 - b) 9 February Topic TBC (Youth Council)

17. **CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL ESTATE**

Alex Lockton highlighted that due to annual leave commitments within the Town Council there isn't anything to update the group on following the presentation at the last meeting, but he is due to catch up with the senior management team soon.

Alex Lockton confirmed that he is looking out for information on the 3rd tranche of the public sector funding. Information was meant to be published in July but hasn't been released yet. The information will confirm if an application can be submitted by the Town Council.

18. **ARTS COUNCIL - MEND GRANT APPLICATION**

Alex Lockton confirmed that an expression of interest had been submitted to the MEND grant application scheme. If successful, the grant would cover improvements to the museum and the Yelde Hall. Alex Lockton confirmed that the heritage officer at Wiltshire Council had been engaged with to see what improvements would be acceptable e.g., Heat Pumps.

19. **CURRENT CEAG VACANCIES**

Mark Smith confirmed to the group that following two recent resignations, there are now two public vacancies on the group. Due to the summer holidays and with the recent declaration of the Ecological Emergency by the Council, and the resulting report due to go to Council in September which may widen the scope of this group, it would be prudent to keep the vacancies open and not fill them until its known if there needs to be people with the knowledge of biodiversity / ecological loss.

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

The next meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group will be on 06 September 2021 at 7pm on the Zoom virtual platform.

The meeting finished at 7.35pm

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