



Notes of a meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group (CEAG) held on Zoom, on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.00pm

Advisory Group Members Present:

Cllr Liz Alstrom	Nick Hodges
Cllr Declan Baseley	Kerry Linde
Cllr Clare Cape	Alex Lockton
Cllr John Scragg (Chair)	Karen Simpson

Officers Present:

Mark Smith, Chief Executive
Matt Kirby, Director of Community Services
Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies of absence from Councillor James Bradbury due to work commitments.

53. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

54. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i) No there were no Chairman's announcements.

55. NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 29 November 2021 were approved as a correct record and all agreed will be signed at a later date.

56. CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOURCES UPDATE

Matt Kirby verbally updated the group. The final budget for 22/23 will be approved at full council on the 12 January 2022. If the budget is approved then the name of the group will change to the Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Group (CEEAG). In addition to this two new public members with relevant ecological emergency knowledge will be advertised for, to fill the two current vacancies on the group and the new post of Climate officer will be advertised with an aspiration start date of 1 April 2022.

57. **CARBON REDUCTION CONSULTANCY WORK**

Alex Lockton verbally updated the group on his continued consultancy work for the Town Council. Data monitoring on the Town Council estate continues. Due to some corrupted data at the registry office and variations at the Town Hall the monitoring will continue for a further two to three weeks.

Next steps include exploring contractors to undertake any potential works on the Town Council estate and engagement with insulation specialists to obtain extra advice and pricing.

By the end of the month work on the procurement strategy will restart with engagement with the appropriate Town Councils Heads of Service.

58. **COVENANT OF MAYORS RESOLUTION**

Matt Kirby advised the group that following the signing of the Covenant and looking into the reporting / plans required on the online dashboard, it would be delegated to the new post of Climate Officer to take this forward due to the specialist knowledge / information required in what appears to be a complicated process.

The reporting / plans required to remain part of the covenant do not need to be uploaded until late 2023.

59. **CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS**

Michael Weeks reminded the group about the forthcoming trilogy of Climate Conversations. The dates will be promoted soon by the Town Councils communications team and relevant links etc will be circulated around the group for promotion.

- i) 9 February Topic to be confirmed shortly - Youth Council led (Material deadline Wednesday 2 February)
- ii) 23 February Electric Vehicles - Nick Murry (Material deadline Wednesday 16 February)
- iii) 9 March Food Waste - MAD about waste (Material deadline Wednesday 2 March)

60. **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT FEEDBACK**

Michael Weeks took the opportunity to thank Kerry Linde and Karen Simpson for planning and delivering the CEAG stand at the Community Christmas Event. The group was advised that Kerry had written a report following the event which would be circulated with the notes from this meeting.

Kerry Linde commented that the day brought plenty of really good engagement with approx. 30 comments from members of the public and some positive feedback from the Youth Council.

Karen Simpson mentioned that it would be nice to do something similar again in the future on a regular basis to engage with the public and obtain feedback.

61. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group will be on 21 February 2022 at 7pm on the Zoom virtual platform.

The meeting finished at 7.38pm

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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