



**Notes of a meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group (CEAG) held on Zoom, on Monday 18 October 2021 at 7.00pm**

**Advisory Group Members Present:**

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

**Officers Present:**

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

**32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies of absence.

**33. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**34. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**35. NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting held on 06 September 2021 were approved as a correct record and all agreed will be signed at a later date.

**36. CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOURCES UPDATE**

Matt Kirby verbally updated the group regarding the following Climate Emergency Resource Updates.

- a) At the meeting of Full Council on 22 September 2021, Councillors resolved to renew the work of the Climate Change Consultant (Alex Lockton) until April 2022. This would ensure work continued on items such as the Town Councils scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.

- b) Additional resource requirements have been identified and are required to tackle the Climate Change aspirations of the Council. A report was taken to Full Council on the 22 September, where Councillors resolved to defer to the Finance Sub Committee to look at the budget implications.
- c) The public vacancies on the CEAG group are still on hold. While the Ecological Emergency has been declared by the Town Council, Councillors have resolved to defer to the Finance Sub Committee to look at the budget implications.

37. **CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS WEBINARS**

- a) Michael Weeks informed the group that following a request from a participant at the water conservation climate conversation, it proposed that the Mayor writes to all local schools pointing out the opportunities open to them to obtain free water saving items. Michael Weeks pointed out that while directly influencing schools was outside the remit of the Town Council, a letter of encouragement to highlight the opportunity was appropriate. The Chairman stated as Mayor he was happy for this letter to be sent.
- b) Matt Kirby highlighted to the group the 3 recent climate conversations, which made up the latest trilogy of public engagement sessions. The sessions included, solar PV, water conservation and transport for home owners and getting to work.
- c) Matt Kirby proposed that while the content of the Climate Conversations was of a high quality, due to the time on officers, CEAG members and guest speakers, and the lack of public participation no further Climate Conversations should be produced.

The group discussed this proposal and decided to continue with the next set of proposed conversations in the new year, seeing the content as an important resource. The group discussed ways of ensuring the conversations are promoted better and more widely.

Michael Weeks explained to the group that some of the ways proposed had already been done by the Town Council, like socials following the evening conversation with links to YouTube, posters / flyers for distribution and planned socials leading up to the evenings. Unfortunately, where engagement was attempted with local relevant groups on social media very little sharing by these groups was made.

38. **CARBON REDUCTION CONSULTANCY WORK**

Alex Lockton reminded group members that his consultancy work will continue following the resolution by Full Council. Next steps of the planned consultancy work include progress on the carbon reduction plan, obtaining quotes for the fabric work on the town council estate / buildings and reboot the work on the Town Council procurement policy.

39. **CONVENANT OF MAYORS RESOLUTION**

Matt Kirby updated the group regarding the proposed signing of the Covenant of Mayors. Following the discussion at the last meeting, a report would be going to the S & R committee on the 20 October for Councillors to consider signing the covenant following the recommendation from CEAG.

40. **CLIMATE COMMUNITY FUND MOTION UPDATE**

Matt Kirby updated the group regarding a motion by Councillors to propose setting up a Climate Community Fund at the meeting of Full Council on 22 September 2021.

Councillors resolved that officers should look into the potential of setting up the fund and bring a report back to Full Council prior to the end of the financial year 21/22.

41. **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT PLANNING**

Michael Weeks confirmed with the group that a table had been reserved for CEAG at the Community Christmas event in the Neeld on the 5 December. It was now for the group to decide a theme and who was responsible for the information on the stand and who would be manning it on the day. The chairman enquired would Michael Weeks be in a position to bring everything together, but Michael reminded everyone that due to capacity this would not be possible, which was made clear prior to the table being booked and it would be up to group members for its delivery.

Ideas included links to the climate conversations, a questionnaire regarding what green programs people want to see, promotion of what the Town Council is currently doing regarding climate change and sign posting to other local climate change groups.

Kerry Linde agreed to contact Wiltshire Wood Recycling to enquiry about the potential of an outline of a tree similar to the community hubs which could be used an engagement tool.

The chairman reminded group members to use the CEAG distribution list to communicate to one other.

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

The next meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group will be on 29 November 2021 at 7pm on the Zoom virtual platform.

The meeting finished at 7.45pm

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