



Notes of a meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group (CEAG) held on Zoom, on Monday 29 November 2021 at 7.00pm

Advisory Group Members Present:

Cllr Declan Baseley	Nick Hodges
Cllr James Bradbury (Vice Chairman)	Kerry Linde
Cllr Nick Murry	Karen Simpson
Cllr John Scragg (Chairman)	

Officers Present:

Matt Kirby, Director of Community Services
Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies of absence from Alex Lockton due to family commitments.

44. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

45. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

46. NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 18 October 2021 were approved as a correct record and all agreed will be signed at a later date.

47. CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOURCES UPDATE

Matt Kirby verbally updated the group that, at the recent Finance Sub Committee, it was resolved by Councillors to recommend to the Strategy and Resources Committee that the budget that would ultimately go to Full Council in January should include provision for the employment of one full time Climate Change officer. The Climate Change Officer post is different to the two officers previously proposed; the new proposal would enable recruitment of a more experienced and qualified Climate Change Officer. The Climate Change Officer will cover both the Climate and Ecological emergencies declared by the Town Council. It was hoped the new Climate Change Officer would be in position approx. April.

The Chair, Cllr Scragg enquired if the posts will be full time and permanent which Matt Kirby confirmed they were.

Cllr Nick Murry asked if the current consultancy work would finish come April when there was no amount in the proposed budget. Matt Kirby confirmed this was correct.

48. **CARBON REDUCTION CONSULTANCY WORK**

In the absence of Alex Lockton, Matt Kirby read out an email update he received.

status of the key items so far:

1. Energy Monitoring is well underway
 - CTC 27th October to 3rd November - initial site wide data read complete
 - Neeld Hall 3rd November to 10th November - initial site wide data read complete
 - Museum 10th November - on going (extended to gain insight into impact of temperature drop)
 - Next is the three sub meters at the Museum (likely this week swap over)
 - We will be in touch to clarify the activities in the buildings during data gathering as well so we can further interpret the findings
2. Procurement
 - Need to identify a date to talk this through with Matt Kirby due to timeline slip.
3. Stanley Park Procurement
 - We have identified heat pump suppliers but are still trying to identify credible and reliable potential solar thermal suppliers (very few are still active in the market place which is prompting a review of the feasibility of this element)

49. **COVENANT OF MAYORS RESOLUTION**

Michael Weeks confirmed with the group that following the recommendation of CEAG to the Strategy and Resources Committee, the Mayor had recently signed the Covenant of Mayors, and Matt Kirby had uploaded the document to the website.

50. **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT PLANNING**

Kerry Linde confirmed she had collected the tree made out of recycled wood which would be used for the group's activity at the Community Christmas Event. Members of the public would be asked to write down their climate aspirations on to a 'Christmas bauble' made out of recycled Christmas Cards. These aspirations will be fed back to the group at a later date.

Kerry Linde advised that Karen Simpson and Ruth Lloyd from Zero Chippenham will be in attendance at the stand and there was still an opportunity to be involved if group members wish to help out.

Michael Weeks confirmed that he had spoken to the Town Council's marketing team who are looking into a QR code that will take people directly to the Climate Conversations on YouTube following a request from Kerry Linde.

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

The next meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group will be on 10 January 2022 at 7pm on the Zoom virtual platform.

The meeting finished at 7.25pm

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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