

Minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee held on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 6.00 pm by Zoom

Present: Cllrs Hames (Chairman), Newman-McKie and Shelley
Co-opted member – Ms A Hill, Ms P Gibb and Mr T Weirsmas
In attendance: Mrs M J Mills – Town Clerk and Mrs P Moores – Assistant Town Clerk
3 members of the public

- 2101/996 Apologies**
Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Mrs Hodson and Chalmers.
- 21/01/997 Chairman's announcements**
The Chairman announced that the Torridge District Council Draft Carbon Plan has now been approved by the Council's Climate Emergency Working Group and would be going to Full Council. The Climate Emergency Group has now been recognised in Torridge District Council's constitution.
- 2101/998 Declarations of interest**
Members were reminded that all interests should be declared prior to the item being discussed.
- 2101/999 To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.
Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Shelley (all in favour)
- 2101/1000 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held 10th December 2020**
It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held 10th December 2020 as a correct record. They will be signed at a later date.
Proposed: Cllr Shelley, Seconded: Cllr Hames (majority in favour, 1 abstention, Member not present at the meeting).
- 2101/1001 To consider Action Points**
It was **agreed** to note the action points.
The Town Clerk was asked to send a copy of the Fremington Footpaths leaflet to Councillor Newman-McKie.
- 2101/1002 Public Participation**
Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing orders shall not exceed 15 minutes.
Two members of the public wished to speak at item 13.
- 2101/1003 To consider an update on the Kenwith Valley and other cycle routes**
Members were advised that there had been an Active Travel meeting at Torridge District Council. The County Council now has a designated Sustainable Travel Officer. There is little progress regarding Kenwith. It appears that the Chircombe Lane route will need to be designated as a bridleway to enable a cycle path and part of the lane would need to be re-surfaced.
It was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council that Northam Town Council takes the lead in progressing the process of re-designating Chircombe Lane as a bridleway to facilitate the creation of a cycle route from Northam to Bideford.
Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Newman-McKie (all in favour)
Action Point – Place item on Town Council

The Active Travel Group are trying to progress other routes.

- 2101/1004 To consider Community Energy**
This item was deferred to the next meeting.
Action Point – Place item on next agenda.
- 2101/1005 To consider update on engagement with the public**
The Town Clerk had sent the survey to be printed and it will be sent out with the Link in February. The Chairman thanked the Town Clerk and Ms Hill for their hard work in this matter. Replies could be sent through Freepost or returned to the Town Hall.
- 2101/1006 To consider the polystyrene surfboard campaign.**
This will be considered at Full Council.
Action Point – Place item on Full Council.
- 2101/1007 To consider exploring the possibility of extending the allotment provision**
Following a considerable discussion regarding additional allotment provision the possibility of extending the allotments at Burrough Farm will be investigated. The Town Clerk will also contact the National Trust as to availability of any area which could be used as allotment space.
Action Point – Town Clerk to contact the National Trust
- 2101/1008 To consider the exploration of establishing a weekly/monthly Farmers' Market**
It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders.
Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Shelley (all in favour)
- Members of the public gave a presentation on the feasibility of establishing a Farmers' Market in Appledore. They are looking for start-up funding and will supply the Council with more detailed information which will be circulated.
It was **resolved** to reinstate Standing Orders.
Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Shelley (all in favour)
- 2101/1009 To consider Projects**
A number of projects are being put forward to full Council for consideration. A member of the Committee spoke about the possibility of a Bee Highway. Members were also advised of the tree planting scheme which is being provided by the National Trust and the Town Clerk was asked to invite a representative of the National Trust to attend the next Climate Emergency Meeting.
Action Point – Invite representative of the National Trust to the next meeting.
- 2101/1010 To consider a Sustainable Procurement Policy**
Councillor Hames had circulated a Draft Sustainable Procurement Policy for discussion. Members were asked to read the document and this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
Action Point – Place item on agenda for next meeting.
- 2101/1011 To consider the footpaths leaflet**
Members had been sent a copy of the Fremington Footpaths leaflet. There is a need to expand the information we currently have. The Town Clerk will investigate the use of ibeacons as a means of disseminating information instead of leaflets.
Action Point – Town Clerk to investigate the use of ibeacons.

2101/1012 To consider the Devon Interim Carbon Plan

Members were advised that the Devon Interim Carbon Plan is available online. It is a comprehensive document with a survey which needs to be completed by 14th February.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed..... Date.....

