

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE  
OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ONLINE USING ZOOM,  
ON MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Sub-Committee members present:

Councillor A Dunford (Chairman)  
Councillors I R Cameron, J T Hannaby, E L Johnson,  
C Walters and C H Wills-Wright  
M. Landy

Others present:

Councillor Major J Sibbald  
G. Wilkin – HARBUG  
M Bradfield and M Norvell (part) - Sustainable Wantage  
Two members of the public.

Clerk:

W P Falkenau.

**A. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Crawford and A Duveen.

**B. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests**

None. A number of councillors were members of Sustainable Wantage, but these were not pecuniary interests.

**C. Statements and Questions from the Public, and discussion involving members of public**

None.

**D. To approve the minutes of the Sub-committee meeting held on 29 June 2020**

The minutes were approved.

**E. Matters arising from the Sub-committee meeting held on 29 June 2020**

a) Feedback from District Council Climate Emergency Committee

Councillor Hannaby reported on actions being taken. She was to ascertain how far the District Council had got in assessing its carbon footprint and report back to the next meeting. **Action; Hannaby**

b) Engagement with Peter Gower of MacDermid

Mr Wilkin had agreed to provide information to Mr Gower about how to set up a workplace cycle group. He had been unable to do this because he hadn't got Mr Gower's contact details. The Chairman agreed to provide these. **Action: Dunford**

It was agreed to put a link to the liftshare.com website on the Town Council's website. **Action: Clerk**

c) Initiatives for Town Council to reduce its own carbon footprint

Mr Landy and Councillor Johnson had prepared a questionnaire focusing on the direct activities of the Town Council. It was agreed that the questionnaire be referred to the Clerk for completion.

**Action: Landy/Johnson**

Ms Norvell joined the meeting.

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f) Update re Action Plan

A draft action plan had been prepared. Actions had split into three categories:

- The Town Council's own direct carbon footprint
- The Town Council's indirect carbon footprint
- Carbon footprint of the town as whole

It was agreed that the Action Plan document should be widely distributed, but before doing so should be reviewed with a view to determining priorities. It was agreed to refer the agreed priorities to the next Policy, Management and Finance Committee meeting. **Action: Dunford**

It was agreed to involve schools and the Youth Community Project in pursuing the agreed actions.

d) Arrangements for events

The chairman agreed to discuss and agree arrangements with the committee members. **Action: Dunford**

e) Update re Sustainable Wantage projects

Ms Norvell gave a progress report.

- The electric cycle was in use and a trailer was still being constructed
- Barriers to carbon reduction - the survey had been signed off and was due to be distributed. The Town Council would give assistance in publicising this.
- Reuse and repair mapping - it was hoped to be able to publish a document by end of October
- Biodiversity mapping - focusing on online engagement

The Town Council's website was to be updated to highlight Climate Emergency items.

**Action: Sibbald/Clerk**

Mark Bradfield gave a report on the Biodiversity Mapping project. Due to the Covid-19 situation the work had principally been conducted through social media. The ability to undertake physical activities had been restricted.

g) Update re vegetation clearance

Both the County Council and Town Council were arranging for vegetation to be cut back.

h) Update from Mr Wilkin of HARBUG

Mr Wilkin gave a briefing on activities relating to cycling. He would welcome a sign at the bottom of Lark Hill directing cyclists to the cycle path from Lark Hill to Lockinge.

**F. Other Business**

None.

**G. Date of next meeting**

19 October 2020 at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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