

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE
OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY
ON MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Sub-Committee members present:

Councillor A Dunford (Chairman)
Councillors A Crawford, J T Hannaby and C Walters, and G Wilkin

Clerk: W P Falkenau

A. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I R Cameron, A Duveen, E.L Johnson and C H Wills-Wright, and J Harvey.

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 11 April 2022

The minutes were approved and signed.

E. Matters arising from the Sub-committee meeting held on 11 April 2022

a) Feedback from District Council Climate Emergency Committee

District Councillor Povolotsky had recently taken over the cabinet responsibility for climate emergency. It was agreed that she be invited to attend a future meeting. **Action: Clerk**

b) Update re initiatives for Town Council to reduce its own carbon footprint

Councillor Johnson had advised that he would give an update to the next meeting. **Action: Johnson**

c) Update from Mr Wilkin of HARBUG

The Active Travel Group were looking at a scheme to provide a signposted route to and from the the town centre to the Kingsgrove development. He intended to present this to the next Crab Hill Forum. Signposting to the Health Centre was also under consideration. Mr Wilkin agreed to provide copies to the sub-committee of any proposals to be made to the developer and the County Council. **Action: Wilkin**

The Recreation Ground hedge in Manor Road was encroaching over the pavement. Councillor Crawford agreed to refer this to the District Council. **Action: Crawford**

The next Group meeting was to be held on 20 July.

d) Update from Sustainable Wantage

Sustainable Wantage had submitted a donation request relating to the reprinting of the Re-use and Repair Map.

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ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Dunford
SECONDED BY Councillor Walters

IT WAS RESOLVED to provide a donation of £198 to Sustainable Wantage to meet the cost of reprinting the map.

Ms Harvey had submitted a written report. Updates relating to Solar Streets, Nappy Library, Community Food Growing and Wild Wantage were noted.

It was suggested that Sustainable Wantage should consider a patch of land in Wallingford Street, owned by the District Council, for a planting scheme. It was agreed to refer this to Wild Wantage as a project.

Action: Dunford

e) Drivers leaving their engines running whilst parked in Wantage town centre

There was no further progress to report. It was agreed that this item be removed from the agenda.

Action: Clerk

f) Events

The electric vehicle event had been postponed and was due to proceed in August. The Clerk was to check with Councillor Sibbald whether this was going to proceed.

Action: Clerk

g) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Canopy project

A tree planting scheme had been agreed for the Recreation Ground. Councillor Hannaby, as Chairman of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, was engaging with Mark Bradfield, the Letcombe Brook Project Officer, and others, about this and other potential planting schemes around the town.

It was agreed that an item be put in the newsletter reminding the public that the Jubilee Tree Canopy Project was still ongoing through to February 2023 and encouraging them to plant trees.

Action: Dunford

h) District Council grant scheme

The Clerk was to request an updated costing for the tree planting scheme at the Recreation Ground.

Action: Clerk

H. Review of progress on Action Plan and prioritization

The Action Plan had been reviewed and updated. The Chairman was to arrange a meeting to give it further consideration.

Action: Dunford

I. Other Business

a) Air pollution monitoring. It was reported air pollution statistics relating to Wantage on a website for Oxfordshire had not been updated since 2019. Councillor Povolotsky was to be asked whether there were more up to date information available.

Action: Clerk

J. Dates of future meetings

12 September, 24 October 2022 and 9 January and 20 February 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm.
