



**Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at 6.00 pm, at The Old Landscore School, Greenway, Crediton.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mr Frank Letch, Mrs E Brookes-Hocking, Mr John Downes, Mrs Louise Martin and Mr Paul Vincent

**In Attendance:** Cllr Mr A Wyer – Committee Clerk  
Cllr John Ross  
8 members of the public

Cllr Letch opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

**1. To elect a Committee Chairman for 2019-2020**

Cllr Martin proposed Cllr Brookes-Hocking. All agreed  
Cllr Vincent arrived 6:01 pm  
Cllr Brookes-Hocking took over the chair  
Cllr Letch left at 6:03 pm

**2. To elect a Committee Deputy-Chairman for 2019-2020**

Cllr Downes proposed Cllr Martin. All agreed

**3. To receive and accept apologies.**

There were no apologies

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Downes and Wyer declared that as members of more than one authority, that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

In addition Cllr Wyer explained that he was present purely in his role as Committee Clerk and NOT as a Councillor. He would not expect to be involved in discussions except when invited to and was not a member of this committee and did not have a vote. He reserved the right to comment and vote on the recommendations of this committee when it came before him at Town Strategy and Town Council, when he would be in the role of Councillor and not Committee Clerk.

**5. Order of Business**

There were no changes required.

**6. To consider and amend/approve the Sub-Committees Terms of Reference.** (A copy of the Terms of Reference had been issued with the agenda). It was **resolved** to amend the Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee:

The Sub-Committee will comprise 5 Members of Crediton Town Council (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking) which would allow Cllr Ross to re-join the Committee.

...a sustainable community **that is Carbon Neutral by 2030** and working to stop nature loss;  
(Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

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- 7. To consider the application and selection process to be adopted to enable 6 members of the public, including representatives of local community groups, organisations and individuals, to become members of the Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee.**

It was agreed that groups should nominate a single voting member although they could have more group members present at a meeting. As members of XR and Sustainable Crediton were present and had the strongest relevant experience it was resolved to make up the remaining 6 seats with 4 members of the local community and a representative from XR and a representative from Sustainable Crediton (proposed by Cllr Downes). It was agreed that the committee should meet again in approx. 1 month with the meeting to be well publicised and for the remaining voting places to be decided from those present at that meeting.

- 8. To consider the development of a Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy and discuss/agree what actions will be required to achieve this.**

It was agreed that we would need to:

Create an action plan, engage with stakeholders, timetables would need to have regular reviews, tie in MDDC and DCC plans as they emerge, stay within the limits of the capacity of the committee, identify volunteering opportunities.

The committee could disseminate ideas, have its own projects and lobby. It could also potentially apply for funds and funding. Having plans and projects set up ahead of any finance becoming available would put Crediton in a good place to secure the funds.

Cllr Downes left at 19:06

It was agreed to next meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November if the building could be booked, as this would be a good date to start sign-posting sustainability and Christmas consumerism and would be a good meeting to confirm the rest of the committee. Monthly meetings starting in January would be ideal starting Mon/Tue 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January. The January meeting would be a good opportunity to be a "big" meeting introducing the work of the committee to the public. The February meeting would be in half term and an opportunity for green fair workshops.

- 9. To consider declaring an Ecological Emergency.**

It was resolved to declare an Ecological Emergency (proposed by Cllr Ross) Cllr Ross will be raising the idea of a Wildlife Warden and a ban on the use of glyphosate by the Town Council.

- 10. To consider what actions Crediton Town Council can take to review and improve its carbon footprint.**

Committee Clerk to research Carbon Footprint calculators (such as the one available on Froome TC website). The TC office raised the issue of toner cartridge recycling and recycling point for these. Various TC councillors have been on training courses and information sharing events and have copies of presentations etc that can be shared. (Committee Clerk to look into setting up a Google Drive or similar way of sharing files etc.) Review the sustainability of Christmas in Crediton (project for next year).

- 11. To consider how the Town Council can help the community to review and improve its carbon footprint.**

To look towards supporting local businesses achieve sustainability, probably with involvement of

Chamber of Commerce. Promote the businesses and activities that take place within Crediton to discourage unnecessary travel. XR are developing an hour long presentation called "The Talk" which they hope to have ready by the end of October. Identify opportunities for volunteers. There is a pool of 8000 people in the town ready to be engaged.

**12. Close**

The meeting closed at 8:02 pm.

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

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Date:.....12/11/19.....