



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 10th March 2020, at 7.15 pm, at The Old Landscore School, Greenway, Crediton.

Present:Cllr Mrs Brookes-Hocking, Cllr John Ross, Cllr Paul Vincent (part), Catherine West,<br/>Dominic Palfreman (part), XR (Giles Fawssett) and Sustainable Crediton (Dee Ross).

In Attendance: Mr A Wyer – Committee Clerk 3 members of the public

#### Absent:

#### 49. To receive and accept apologies

It was resolved to receive and accept apologies from Chamber of Commerce (Bruce Evans) and Cllr John Downes (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

#### 50. Declarations of Interest

Catherine West registered a potential interest in Agenda Item 59

#### 51. Welcome and Update

Cllr Brooks Hocking welcomed everybody and wanted to publicly thank Sustainable Crediton for hosting the recent Seed Share event.

#### 52. Committee Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 44 was amended to show that Dee Ross asked about the Risk Assessment. The amended minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2020 were agreed as being accurate. (Proposed by Cllr Vincent)

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

# 53. Matters Arising (Dominic Palfreman and then Cllr Vincent arrived during this item)

The original event leaflet has been edited (and amended to say March-April)

Catherine West asked for clarification on when the committee would be editing future publications.

Andi Wyer had found several flag/banner producers using ecologically friendly materials and/or inks with prices between £100 and £200 depending on the specifications. Andi to find price for flag made with sustainable material. Giles agreed to talk to Charlotte Turner about any upcoming Flag workshops.

The notice board on the side of the Liberal Democrat shop currently displays footpath guides, but could we use it? **Andi to ask office**. The Chamber of Commerce notice board at Tesco is underused, could we use it? **Cllr Ross to liaise with the Chamber**.

#### 54. Crediton Climate Change Community Conversation

Cllr Brookes-Hocking explained that preperation would continue but that the situation with coronavirus may force a change of plans.



The town council had been inviting potentially interest groups. (Although Sustainable Crediton, Significant Seams and Turning Tides were not sure that they had received anything. **Andi to check with office.**)

The event format will be a 10 minute presentation/speaker followed by a 20 minute discussion in groups. There will be a break and a consolidation/wrap up at the end. Tickets are available through Eventbrite (although not necessary for entry, they will give guidance on estimated numbers of people planning on attending). The poster is being distributed and XR will be doing a leaflet drop of the A5 version. Cllr Vincent pointed out that the poster doesn't make it clear that this an actual Town Council event. It was too late to change the publicity for this event but this would be kept in mind for future events.

Dave Harris and Dominic Palfreman will be available one week after the event to offer emotional support in the event that attendees feel they need this.

## 55. Friends of the Earth Actions for Councils

Cllr. Brookes-Hocking quoted the 1<sup>st</sup> Action Point from the document: "Ensure all our decisions are informed by an analysis of whether they would help or hinder meeting climate, air pollution or nature plans." It was agreed to recommend to the Town Council that they adopt this as a policy. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking.) **Andi to circulate full document.** 

## 56. Planning Policy

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking.)

## 57. Partnerships within the District

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking.)

#### 58. Volunteer hours

Catherine West explained that keeping a running tally of the hours committee members spend on Climate Change and Sustainability projects would provide useful evidence and supporting information in the future. This will become a standing Agenda Item. **Catherine West to design a recording template. Andi to distribute the recording template and to add this item to future agendas.** 

## 59. Tree Planting in Peoples Park

The Assets and Amenities Committee have set a deadline of the end of April for us to recommend any action. It was agreed that Lime trees would be suitable for the avenue. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking.)

It was felt that in the main area of the park there is an opportunity to increase biodiversity and potentially a Heritage Project related to the traditional use of this area of land (dyeing fabric).

## 60. Tree planting in other areas of the Town

Dominic Palfreman reported that he will be taking possession of 400+ trees, and some of these would be available for community use. He will liaise with Sustainable Crediton about storage of these trees and potential sites. Sustainable Crediton are in advanced discussions with the District Council about taking over the management of several areas of land.

## 61. Action Plan

The Turning Tides Litter Pick will be at midday on 27<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at the Tea Rooms – all welcome!



# 62. The meeting closed at 9.22pm

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Date:....

