



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Climate Emergency Committee held on Friday 12 November 2021 at 10.30 at Old Landscore School, Greenway, Credition

Present: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, G Cochran and J Downes

Apologies: Cllrs S Huxtable

In Attendance: Rachel Avery, Town Clerk
Dee Ross, Sustainable Credition

44. To elect a Chairman for the remaining 2021/22 council year

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Brookes-Hocking for the remaining 2021/22 council year. (Proposed by Cllr Downes).

45. To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Huxtable. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).

46. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Downes declared that, as a member of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at the meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

47. Public Question Time

Dee Ross stated that she was in attendance to support the work of this committee as the Chairman of Sustainable Credition.

48. Order of Business

There were no changes.

49. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

50. Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 08 July 2021, as a correct record

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 08 July 2021. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).

51. To receive a report on the Cop Credition Climate Emergency event, held on Saturday 06 November 2021

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported on the success of the event, which included a talk by Dave Ramsden on Thursday 04 November.

The event on Saturday included five speakers focussing on land use, food security and economy, agriculture and biodiversity, and transport.

There were round the table, informal discussions, which fed into final discussions and points of

action. A follow up meeting will be held on 14 November, which will focus on discussions around locally produced and sourced seasonal food, improvement in public transport and sustainable housing.

She reported that she is working with the group as a councillor. She had been disappointed by the lack of attendance by town councillors, as collecting more information will aid discussion. Cllr Downes stated that he had attended briefly and was disappointed by the lack of 20-40 year olds in attendance, but it was accepted that weekends can be difficult for young families. Cllr Cochran suggested that there should be grant provisions relating specifically to sustainability. It was **resolved** that the grants policy required revising in order to provide this. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

It was **resolved** that an additional item would be added to every council agenda stating 'To note that decisions will be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making'. (Proposed by Cllr Downes).

52. To receive reports on updates from other bodies, including the National Association of Local Councils and Devon Association of Local Councils

It was **noted** that the committee should inform themselves of any information that may be useful to the committee.

The National Association of Local Councils and Devon Association of Local Councils both held AGMs with speakers talking about the climate emergency and areas relating to it.

It was accepted that the council should focus on areas of their own work and where it can influence other authorities, bodies and groups.

53. To receive an update regarding the use of weed killers and the current grounds maintenance contract

It was **noted** that the the current contract runs out in 2023, but it would be important to tighten the contract to not use weedkiller unless necessary and to find ways of keeping the town tidy without needing to use it. It was noted that Sustainable Crediton have been collating ways to control weeds with its use, and would share their findings.

Cllr Downes reported that he would be requesting information regarding weed removal on the link road from Cllr Letch.

54. To receive a report regarding the installation of a water fountain and to consider the recommendations therein (the report was issued with the agenda)

It was **noted** that a water outlet would be required as part of an installation, which would be investigated and brought to the next Property and Assets committee.

55. To note the date of the next meeting – Thursday 09 December 2021

The date of the next meeting was noted. The meeting was closed at 11.23.

Signed..... Date:.....
(Chairman)