



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Climate Emergency Committee held on Thursday 10 February at 19.02 at The Bungalow, North Street, Credition

Present: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, G Cochran and N Letch

Apologies: Cllrs S Huxtable and S Chenore

Absent: Cllr Downes

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

56. To receive and accept apologies

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

57. Declarations of Interest

None received.

58. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

59. Order of Business

There were no changes.

60. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

61. Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2021, as a correct record

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 12 November 2021. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).

62. To discuss the Community Carbon Calculator and to consider any actions arising

It was noted that several meetings had taken place regarding this. Looking at community consumption comparisons, the results for Credition are satisfactory. It was agreed there should be informative articles published and circulated to steer and influence the members of the public.

Cllr N Letch raised concerns over the A377 and suggested intervention measures be considered. She raised the significance of electric public transport.

It was agreed the Traffic & Urban Realm Feasibility Study is currently undeliverable and shall remain as such until significant development is conducted.

The Mid Devon District Council Masterplan was discussed but it was unclear what the plan is looking to achieve in terms of carbon neutrality.

63. To receive an update on the Cop Crediton group

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported that the group of approximately 12-13 self-selected members are meeting monthly and are focussing on subjects raised at the initial meeting, held November 2021, including:

- Transport – such as car sharing
- Building Sustainability
- Food & Farming – Met with Tesco’s Community Champion in December. Research of supermarket stocks is a national issue which local towns cannot resolve or influence. Plans to meet with NFU to consider the economy of farming.

64. To receive reports on updates from other bodies

Dee Ross (Sustainable Crediton) reported the following:

- Seed Share event to take place on 26 February
- The Pollinator Group are reforming and investigating a site at Westernlea
- Some success around climate emergency action in Crediton but there is much more to be done and encouraged
- Suggested members review the DCC Climate Emergency webpages for more information.

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

This working practice is part of the current contract which is place until 2023.

66. To note the 2022/23 grass verge cutting contract

The contract was **noted**.

The matter of Community Action to include weeding would be added the the agenda of the next meeting.

67. To receive an update regarding the installation of a water fountain and to consider any further actions

It was noted that South West Water had been chased regarding further information

It was noted that some shops already provide water free of charge, and a list of these would be useful.

68. To discuss the Terms of Reference for this committee and discuss further actions for the committee

The Terms of Reference were **noted**.

69. To note the date of the next meeting – Thursday 10 March 2022

The date of the next meeting was noted. The meeting was closed at 20.10.

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