



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Climate Emergency Committee held on Thursday 21 July 2022 at 19.00 at Old Lansdown School, Greenway, Credition.

Present: Cllrs L Brookes-Hocking, S Chenore, G Cochran and D Ross

Absent: Cllr N Letch

In Attendance: Rachel Avery, Town Clerk

1. To elect a Chairman for the year 2022-23

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Brookes-Hocking as Chairman for the year 2022-23. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).

2. To elect a Vice Chairman for the year 2022-23

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Cochran as Vice-Chairman for the year 2022-23. (Proposed by Cllr Ross).

3. To receive and accept apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ross declared an interest as Chairman of Sustainable Credition.

5. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

6. Order of Business

There were no changes.

7. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

8. Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2022, as a correct record

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2022 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).

9. To receive the email from Steve Batt regarding the Morchard Bishop Investment Plan and to consider any further action

Cllr Brookes-Hocking provided an overview of the email. Consideration was given to employment in the green economy and how advice can be obtained alongside creating links with Exeter University. It was **noted** that Cllr Ross would speak to contacts at Exeter University, with Cllr Brookes-Hocking responding to Steve Batt agreeing to cooperate where possible.

10. To consider Town Council involvement in the Sustainable Crediton Green Fair

It was **noted** that this event due to be held on 24 September 2022. It was **agreed** that advertisement of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum and consultation on the Climate Action Plan, with planning for the stalls taking place at the next committee meeting.

11. To discuss the improvement of the Climate Emergency pages on the Town Council website

It was **resolved** that a drop down menu for the page would include:

- Links to other organisations
- Climate Action Plan
- News and Events
- Work of the Climate Emergency Committee

(Proposed by Cllr Chenore).

12. To discuss the Town Council decision regarding the Sustainable Crediton hub at 8A North Street

An overview of the discussion at Full Council on Tuesday 19 July was received, which supported a hub in principle, with Sustainable Crediton being asked to consider how a hub would be financed. It was generally felt that an income would be required to facilitate the hub, with community organisations being able to apply for grants that the town council cannot.

13. To note information regarding weed killer bans

The information provided was **noted** and as contracts come up for renewal, steps should be taken to stop the use of weed killers. It was noted that the Community and Environment Committee would be consider the use of weed killers on the allotments sites at its next meeting.

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

There was no further update, but the contents of the application were discussed. It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk would contact MDDC regarding water pipe surveys. (Proposed by Cllr Ross).

15. To receive an update on the creation of a Climate Action Plan

Consideration was given to the initial goals, which councillors were generally happy with. It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk would add to the document alongside adding in some suggestions made by Cllr Ross, ready for further discussion and the next meeting and for community consultation at the Sustainable Crediton Green Fair.

16. To discuss how the Town Council will address biodiversity as part of planning applications and agree any actions

It was **noted** that the Town Council can only provide comments based on material considerations and in line with statutory planning policy.

It was **agreed** that councillors must be aware of the existing planning documents, including the National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Plan and the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan which would be circulated to councillors.

17. To receive an update on the undertaking of an internal energy audit

It was **noted** that the Town Clerk was awaiting a quote from an energy consultant for The Bungalow and 8A North Street.

18. To receive updates from outside bodies (for information only)

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported on the following:

- Attended recent Cop26 meeting where walking to school, wildlife wardens, church governors and rewilding, land use, car sharing and electric charging points were discussed
- Attended recent A377 action group with a draft report due regarding options for a cycle route from Crediton to Exeter. The report will be considered in due course and there will public consultations taking place regarding it.

19. To agree the date of the next meeting – Thursday 01 September 2022

The date of the next meeting was **noted**. The meeting was closed at 20.26.

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