

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Held 15th JULY 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT : Councillors: Patient (Chair after minute 129), Boggis, Guilfoyle, Harvey, Stevens, Stow & Wood.

Town Clerk : J Boom

**Anthony Rae – Nonvoting Co-opted member
Gill Chadwick.**

129. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE 2019/20.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Harvey
Seconded by Councillor Wood
Unanimously resolved; that Councillor Patient be elected **Chair of the Climate Emergency Committee** for the year 2019/20.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Patient
Seconded by Councillor Guilfoyle
Unanimously resolved: that Councillor Harvey be elected **Deputy Committee Chair** for the year 2019/20.

130. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.
None.

131. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.
None were received at this time.

132. CO-OPTIONS & INVITEES
Following discussion:
It was **proposed** by Councillor Patient
Seconded by Councillor Wood
Unanimously resolved: that Anthony Rae be co-opted to the Climate Emergency Committee with no voting rights.
Other bodies/individuals who may be co-opted were discussed, these included schools.

133. STRATEGIES
The group discussed many wide and varied strategies which could be employed.
Anthony Rae asked what can we do at our level? A strategy is needed that will consider what is achievable and have a target but how will we set that target? Data is only available down to Borough Council level

therefore measurement is difficult but as CMBC have, since 2005 reduced carbon emissions in industry by 44%, households by 35% and by 9% in transport it illustrates that reductions can be achieved. The reduction in transport being less than in other areas illustrates that that could be an area to target.

Air Quality is measured on a more local level, this could be used as an index to measure achievements.

Cllr Stow would like to see a bottom up approach, encouraging responsible use and purchases, encouraging with both words and action and hosting events to educate, to say if we can, can you?

Cllr Harvey endorsed the need for a launch event to both advise and inform.

Cllr Wood felt it appropriate that we seek 'Carbon Literacy' training to allow the Town Council to speak with confidence and knowledge on the subject.

It was confirmed that when calculating Carbon use, it was at the point of production, rather than at the point of consumption.

Anthony Rae suggested that three areas be targeted for action, the three that have the highest potential for carbon reduction. He listed these as follows:

- a) Ensure the peat bogs surrounding Hebden Royd are preserved, protected, enhanced and managed well to ensure they retain the ability to act as a carbon sink. Alongside this we should ensure that more trees are introduced where possible and that no more are removed from the area. Engagement and communication with Treesponsibility to help support of the aims of Treesponsibility is key in delivering this. Spreading the word on their good work will also be important.
- b) Encourage households and businesses to switch to a green energy provider, to market the benefits to this approach for all.
- c) Educate, not just the young but all. Provide audits to assist schools which will encourage change and the wiser use of resources.

All these suggestions are local and practical. Discussion ensued at the setting of time scales, and that these be achievable.

Cllr Wood is eager to see, perhaps as part of the launch event, presentations to the people of Hebden Royd by the Leeds Climate Commission which will illustrate to the masses what can be achieved.

It was agreed that a Task & Finish Group should be set up to deliver a launch event focusing on educating, increasing tree cover, increase recycling and encourage all business and households to undertake an audit so as to use resources more wisely.

The committee also discussed a potential low emission zone, electric shuttle busses & school audits.

134. LINKS WITH OTHER BODIES

The Town Clerk presented the principles of the Covenant of Mayors and highlighted how it could support the aims of this committee.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Patient

Seconded by Councillor Guilfoyle

Unanimously resolved; to recommend that HRTC joins the Covenant of Mayors.

Discussion took place with regard to the relationships and interactions with neighbouring Parish & Town Councils.

Contact with regional transport bodies inc, WY Metro should be made.

135. CARBON AUDIT

The committee considered the benefits of undertaking an audit of Town Council facilities and actions. It was agreed that the committee chair assisted by the Town Clerk undertake an audit. This should include the Picture House, Allotments and the car parking facilities we provide.

The committee asked that travel to work plans be considered for both Cllrs and Staff and that reference to carbon use be considered in the process of applying for a grant from the Town Council.

136. COMMUNICATIONS

It was agreed that this part of the committee's work is critical in that it must influence all sections of the community, it must de-jargon and encourage positive actions.

As mentioned earlier a launch event followed by positive messages is key to start the process of educating and relearning of how to act when using resources.

137. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for the 30th September at 7.30pm in the Greenwood Room.

Meeting finishes at 9.01pm.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Held 30th September 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT : Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Guilfoyle, Stevens, Stow & Wood.

Town Clerk : J Boom

- 251. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**
Cllr Patient & Cllr Boggis with no substitutes.
- 252. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None at this time.
- 253. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 15th JULY 2019 not itemised on this agenda.**
None.

254. ACTIONS TAKEN

The Town Clerk reported on the actions taken since the last meeting:

- Climate Emergency Marketing Plan as prepared by Lisa Murdoch was circulated and endorsed with minor amendments. It was agreed to invite Lisa to the next meeting. Discussion took place with regard to time needed to implement the plan with the Town Clerk directed to explore availability and cost. Thanks, were expressed to Lisa for the work involved in developing the plan.
- Carbon Literacy Training to be held 12th October with further attendees identified to be invited, currently 13 councillors are due to attend along with 2 members of staff.
- Recycling and Waste Collection Points. Lengthy discussion took place regarding locations and style. The Town Clerk has been tasked to investigate sites further and to speak with CMBC Officers regarding new street furniture they may be installing upon completion of the flood alleviation works. The Rochdale Canal Service Area in the central Hebdon Bridge was asked to be included in the consideration along with Calder Holmes Park.
- Resources for local groups to strengthen their activities. It was agreed that the best way to proceed with supporting groups with similar aims to the Climate Emergency committee was to direct them to the Community Funding committee who will also be asked to include a section to illustrate and encourage this..
- HRTC Carbon Audit. Following investigation into various audit models it was felt it inappropriate to develop at this stage.

When suppliers of good, including utilities, are due for renewal officers must be mindful of the need to be both carbon neutral as well as competitive.

255.

ACTION PLAN

Elements that could be included in a Climate Emergency Action Plan were discussed at length.

- Ecological attempts to maximise biodiversity (wildflower planting) and minimise destructive actions (glyphosate use).
- Develop a journey to work strategy for staff.
- Develop secure cycle parking.
- Big Green Event – to publicise and promote local issues. The Mayor suggested possible use of work produced by school councils. Invite speakers and local activists/groups.
- Car Charging facilities, the meeting was advised that CMBC had plans to install two units in Hebden Bridge imminently.

The need to work with CMBC and our councillors in common was highlighted as well as officers at CMBC who specialise in this field where the exchanging of ideas and resources may be beneficial.

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STRATEGIES

The committee considered the future of the committee and the resources required to develop its aims and objectives. The committee suggested that an allocation of £10,000 in the 2020/21 budget would allow it to deliver its marketing plan, host a big green event and develop its objectives.

A worked-up proposal for funding street recycling should be presented to full council for consideration in this financial year and would like outside of the request above.

Meeting finished at 9.10pm.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Held 27th January 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT : Councillors: Patient (Chair), Guilfoyle, Harvey, Stow & Wood.

Town Clerk : J Boom

Anthony Rae

- 403. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**
Cllrs Boggis & Stevens.
- 404. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None were noted at this time.
- 405. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 30th September 2019 not itemised on this agenda.**
The Clerk confirmed that Carbon Literacy Training had been completed by HRTC Councillors and Staff and that a new waste collection point had been installed in Mytholmroyd with plans for more with appropriate recycling in 2020-21.
The Chair confirmed that a Carbon Audit had been considered for the Town Council with difficulty in quantifying the actual use of carbon by the Town Council.
- 406. COMMUNICATION**
The Chair summarise the Leeds City Region Pathway Project and how he hoped that the information and guidance from the project would cascade to all the member brough councils.
Attendance was confirmed to a meeting with Todmorden Town Council with expectations that the Hill Top Parishes would also be invited.
Anthony Rae summarised the Friends of the Earth 20 Actions to undertake and advise that the organisation were soon to launch Calderdale Climate Action.
The Chair advised that Calderdale MBC had progressed to the second stage of National Lottery Bids which is due for consideration on March 26th, those interested can make suggestions to Calderdale MBC.
- 407. ACTIONS TAKEN**
The Town Clerk confirmed that the Picture House was working towards the removal of single use plastic bottles from its kiosk.
The Community Funding Committee had revised paperwork to ensure that groups applying for funding were favoured, this being coupled

with a marketing plan advising applicants and recipients of the work of the committee illustrates cases of best practice.
Energy Suppliers had been reviewed and were found to be from a 100% renewable source.

408. BUDGET REQUEST

It was confirmed that a request had been made to the Town Council for £16k to fund marketing, recycling points, tree saplings and funding for a weekend event to educate and inspire.

409. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN & ACTION PLAN

The committee considered initiatives to reduce carbon.

The committee felt it important to make sure that local statutory bodies be encouraged to follow a similar path as HRTC i.e. Canal & River Trust & Calderdale MBC, and they should be lobbied to do so.

The Neighbourhood Plan should be reviewed to ensure Safe Walking and Cycling route are included and a priority amongst other environmentally important issues and potentially using differential parking regimes to reward electric car use.

The Town Council remains eager to host an event to educate and advise residents how HRTC is reducing its carbon footprint.

The Chair advised that CMBC has produced information advising on the sequestration of carbon through the management of Peat Land. These strategies and opportunities to be made available.

HRTC wants to support Calderdale MBC and help write bids and policies to make these initiative effective.

Cllr Harvey advised that the Environment Committee are developing a waste reduction scheme to reward businesses and encourage commitment. This initially focusing on encouraging the removal of all single use plastics, with a Charter to be adopted to register that commitment.

Cllr Stow asked that the committee not forget the 'little things' which can all contribute to reduced carbon use. i.e. reduce paper use, consider heat efficiency, consider heat reduction etc.

Meeting finished at 9.10pm.