

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
Held MONDAY 24th August 2020**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Needham, Patient and Stevens.

HRTC Council Clerk: J Boom.

HRTC Deputy Clerk: Emma Green.

HRTC Marketing Officer: Lisa Murdoch.

Co-opted member Anthony Rae.

94. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Cllr Fenton with Cllr Needham substituting.

95. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None were declared at this time.

96. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair confirmed public rights of access and that contributions to meetings of this committee from the public would be welcomed.

97. DEPUTY CHAIR

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Stevens and

RESOLVED: to elect Cllr Scott Patient as deputy chair of the Climate Emergency Committee 2020-21.

98. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 27th January 2020 not itemised on this agenda.

No points were raised.

99. CLIMATE EMERGENCY POLICY & ACTIVITY UPDATE

Cllr Patient, the retiring chair, reviewed the actions of the past twelve months which while curtailed by the Covid 19 Pandemic had established a solid base

on which to build. The initiatives that had been developed were positive and he highlighted the following:

- Carbon literacy training for HRTC Councillors & Staff.
- The undertaking of a HRTC Carbon Audit
- The supporting of the Youth Climate Strike and other parish councils who are looking to declare a climate emergency. He stated this support should be developed.

The meeting felt there were many initiatives/frameworks to support and they must try to be focused on one if possible, being mindful of the legal footing of the Neighbourhood Plan when doing so.

Cllr Patient highlighted the actions suggested at the bottom of his report.

The latest iteration of the Neighbourhood Plans section on Climate Change was discussed after it had previously been circulated, Anthony Rae lead the discussion.

He outlined the section had been refreshed and revisited prior to the Regulation 14 public consultation to be held by Calderdale MBC. Now entitled Climate Emergency and Flood, it sets the scene at the National and local levels with reference to the West Yorkshire level.

It references flooding and the associated national planning policies looking to achieve ‘**radical reductions**’ in carbon gases. It considers flood resilience and the imperative to move towards a position of carbon zero. Looking for the opportunities for alternative future sources of alternative carbon zero power sources.

Policies within the plan seek to put in place requirements for reduced flood risk and increase carbon sequestration, encouragement of the use of the Neighbourhood Plans proposed design code to move towards zero carbon housing. Upland protection of the peat bogs to retain and increase their carbon sequestration.

The Neighbourhood Plan and its conformity with the CMBC Local Plan was discussed. The Neighbourhood Plan continues to work in lock step with the Local Plan to ensure they work together and support each other. It was confirmed that would be tested prior to adoption and when adopted would be

the responsibility of the Planning Authority, Calderdale MBC. It does have strength and has teeth, it can and will ask for what the community wants.

It was noted that Devolution discussions regarding the Leeds City Region may well have an impact on the policies and how they are developed, adopted and implemented.

Thanks, were expressed to Anthony Rae.

Communication from CMBC was considered highlighting the issues they face on recycling contamination with high street waste collections. This currently prohibits an increase in this which HRTC are keen to support and expand. The committee was disappointed that we cannot proceed at the moment but will revisit when the situation allows.

100.

MARKETING PLAN

Lisa Murdoch outlined how the marketing plan had been developed and how the actions had been achieved. The HRTC website had a landing page with information of our plans etc. A green directory had yet to be developed, support was requested from Lisa. Committee to endeavour to support as much as possible and provide information / green news for Lisa as regularly as able. Lisa to circulate her working hours so committee are aware of when to best contact her.

Community Funding documents have been updates and publicity/media has been produced encouraging them to think green and how to communicate it, and HRTC involvement,

HRTC passing of single use plastic motion discussed with reference to Picture House. HRTC events continue to look to use green suppliers and engage green traders wherever possible.

The Wildflower planting scheme on the A646 had been publicised and had attracted support from the local wildflower collective which will be help with capacity.

It was agreed that the Marketing Officer would consider the CMBC Climate Emergency branding, to ensure we pull alongside to them and support them and that it may be useful to introduce bigger concepts not just the local initiatives.

101.

ACTION PLAN

Not able to be completed today due to time constraints. The committee discussed Action Plan principles in the available time. Key points discussed:

- Local initiatives are not necessarily likely to have the greatest effect.
- Carbon peat lands needs to be the priority to ensure they retain their ability to pull huge amounts of carbon out of the environment, the sequestration of carbon.
- Again, we should encourage the community to switch to green electricity.
- Engage with schools, undertaking and encouraging green audits by providing resources.
- Promote a to change attitudes, through excitement and engagement.
- Adopt a bottom-up approach as well as targeting the 'big wins.

An informal meeting was agreed to develop the Action Plan. Availability of members present concluded that Thursday 17th September 2020 10.00-12.00 would be the preferred time. Chair to develop starter outline of Action Plan prior to meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
Held MONDAY 16th November 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Boggis, Fenton, Freeth & Guilfoyle.

HRTC Council Clerk: J Boom.

HRTC Deputy Clerk: Emma Green.

Co-opted member Anthony Rae.

- 224. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**
Cllr Patient & Cllr Stevens.
- 225. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None were declared at this time.
- 226. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 24th August 2020 not itemised on this agenda.**
No matters were arising.
- 227. 2021/22 BUDGET REQUEST**
The Town Clerk outlined the budget process to the committee advising them that final decisions did not need to be made until February 2021. As some projects remain in development the budget will be submitted in its current form but should be reviewed at the next meeting on the 6th January 2021. The budget outline was presented by Cllr Harvey focusing on High Hirst Orchard and other plans.
It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Freeth and
RESOLVED: to submit the budget request and review as time allows.
- 228. SLOW WAYS**
Cllr Harvey presented the request to consider this concept and adsorb it into the HRTC Action Plan. Cllr Boggis suggested that the Walkers are Welcome and Walkers Action Group may also be interested. The concept fits well with the active travel plan, adding already to cycling that is included in the action plan.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: to incorporate the Slow Ways Project into the Action Plan, linking to the Slow Ways website as it develops. Lisa Murdoch to update the Climate Emergency Website and promote the concept.

229.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

The Chair thanked Lisa Murdoch for the objectives being laid out clearly, well presented and circulated.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: to thank Lisa Murdoch.

The adopted plans were reviewed and it was agreed that the action plan and marketing plan remain fit for purpose.

- Tree Charter (enc).
Cllr Harvey outlined the principles of the charter and recommended that Hebden Royd Town Council adopts the principles and becomes a charter branch. Cllr Harvey will arrange becoming a tree charter branch.

- Bike parking
Meetings and communications have been held with CMBC Active Travel Officer considering opportunities for extended bike parking in Hebden Royd. Initially areas being considered are on public land with an aspiration to support businesses that may wish to extend space on private land.
It was confirmed that this was a CMBC Project, they are best placed to gain permissions and have received and that HRTC would support, influence and enhance proposals when developed.
The Disability Access Forum should be asked for comments as the scheme develops.

- HRTC Leased Land
Cllr Harvey outlined the opportunities on the site and recent meetings with Mark Simmonds. It had been suggested that attenuation ponds may well be a strong option to reduce flood risk. It was agreed that Slow the Flow and CMBC Officer Ben Fenton may help with attracting funding from the Natural Flood Management Programme.
Plans for tree planting, heritage apple tree planting and suitable soft fruit varieties were also discussed.
Cllr Harvey shared initial discussions with local residents on Sandy Gate who had expressed an interest in the proposed tree planting and possible shading. It was agreed that Cllr Freeth would assist Cllr Harvey in sharing the proposals with residents.
Cllr Harvey has had spoken with a local group, Calder Crop Share who have expressed an interest in using part of the site, close to the existing allotments for vegetable growing.
Access to the site from Sandy Gate should be made good, along with a new entrance at the top of the site. The existing gate to be locked to restrict access from adjacent land now that CMBC have informed their

tenant of our intentions to improve the site. Suitable advice should be taken with regard to access and protecting the site.
Agreed to start a photo diary of the site.

- Any other action plan interests / development / next steps.
It was agreed that should a Councillor have a particular interest in one of the areas outlined in the Action Plan they are encouraged to start work.
Anthony Rae shared that CMBC are looking to develop a Climate Emergency Action Plan for Calderdale in the next three months.

Meeting finished at 8.55pm.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
Held WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Boggis, Fenton, Guilfoyle and Stevens.

HRTC Council Clerk: J Boom.

HRTC Deputy Clerk: Emma Green.

Co-opted member Anthony Rae.

Dongrea Kohn

290. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllr Freeth.

291. To receive members' interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None were declared at this time.

292. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 16th November 2020 not itemised on this agenda.

No Matters were arising.

293. TREESPONSIBILITY

Cllr Harvey outlined the work of Treespansibility in the past, planting over 250,000 trees. She outlined their new venture into hedgerow planting and how that may benefit the project at High Hirst.

Dongrea Kohn outlined the long-term effect climate change was having on the valley. The expectation that temperatures would rise by 3 degrees before the end of the century.

The role of trees and their root systems on flood alleviation and climate warming was outlined, absorption, leaf litter, breaking down the local clay soils amongst others.

The difficulties of tree planting was shared, a three-legged stool was used as an example with the need for each leg to be in balance. The three legs are land, resources and people.

The biodiversity of land creates challenges with the need to protect blanket bogs, rich meadows and wildlife. Land is demanded by farmers to farm, this being mainly sheep grazing which speeds up runoff and flooding. Considering

this has led to the desire to plant more hedges, which retain moisture and whose root systems breakdown the soil. Hedges solve many problems on the land issue, these must be ideally across the land contours, ideally linking wildlife corridors, on unstable land where identified. Close and around coppices may also help.

Hedges stitch the countryside and Calderdale has less than the UK average (drystone walls act as boundary markers historically).

5kms a year for the next 25 years would see Calderdale get back to the average.

Currently resources for hedge planting are scares, the protective fencing needed contributes to this expense. Dongrea outlined a potential funding sources- the Innovative Resilience Fund. Work is likely to be on the tops of the valley so funding these areas may be a challenge.

People could work on the tops with the benefit to be felt in the valley bottom.

Dongrea outlined the succession planning that had taken place to make sure that Treeresponsibility work was maintained and improved. A newly incorporated body would manage this called ForusTree.

Dongrea answered questions. She confirmed a cost of approximately £15k per kilometre for a hedgerow.

Dongrea outlined the Willow Coppice proposal for High Hirst Wood Meadow and the many benefits of this as regards Natural Flood Management. They are offering to plant and maintain the willow coppice at zero cost to HRTC. The funding for this will expire after March 2021.

Dongrea was thanked for her work over the years with Treeresponsibility and for her time talking to us today.

294. CLIMATE EMERGENCY BUDGET

Cllr Harvey presented the revised budget that remains at the same level but has seen costing moved across budgets. The committee reviewed these elements which included an element of flexibility in this period of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Stevens and

RESOLVED: to commend this budget to the Town Council.

295. HIGH HIRST WORKS

The Committee discussed the site.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: to commission Mark Simmonds to undertake Orchard Heritage Tree Planting on the site before the end of March 2021 at a cost of £1883 with a commitment for £2108 for year two planting. When possible an additional £150 per day extra will be made available for school planting.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: to allow Treeresponsibility / ForusTree to complete Willow Coppicing on the site. Dodnaze residents to be communicated of the planned work.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: to fund a gate for installation to allow access, by foot and by machines (i.e. on very rare occasions a tractor!) to the site along with seating nearby at a cost of £2000.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: that following confirmation that an award of 420 hedges had been granted from the woodland trust a further £3405 be made available to purchase the remaining hedgerow plants along with double fencing (Forus Tree to be completing the double fencing) which will be installed to protect the hedgerows plants when in place. School engagement (subject to Corona restrictions) for hedge planting up to £1250.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: to that the site be named High Hirst Wood Meadow.

Funding earmarked for school planting may be accessed to assist volunteer planting if school planting cannot go ahead due to Corona. If corona restricts any volunteer planting then paying for the planting / pushing back some hedge planting to next year may need consideration.

The committee asked that the works on the site are publicised with the HRTC Marketing Officer to circulate information after discussion with Cllr Harvey.

296.

SLOW WAYS

Cllr Fenton advised of the possible interest in this initiative by Walkers are Welcome, It was agreed to invited Richard Peters to the next meeting along with Mary Krell, who suggested the concept initially, to discuss.

Cllr Stevens also advised the meeting of a desire for their group to develop walking trails for older people

297.

ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The committee received a cycle parking update which had seen visits in both Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd. CMBC have yet to share their plans and the budgets they have available. It was expressed that plans for Crown Street regarding social distancing been considered before cycle parking was confirmed on the site.

RESOLVED: Emma organising online meeting with Steve Pullman, Calderdale Active Travel Officer, to try and progress cycle parking

Meeting finished at 9.05pm

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
Held WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Fenton, Guilfoyle, Needham, Patient and Stevens.

HRTC Council Clerk: J Boom (Minutes)

HRTC Deputy Clerk: Emma Green.

Hebden Bridge Walkers Action - Richard Peters, Mo Ludlum & Ian Vickridge.

Midgley Resident - Martin Tallis.

- 360. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**
Cllrs Boggis and Freeth with Cllr Needham substituting.
- 361. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None were declared at this time.
- 362. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 27th January 2020 not itemised on this agenda.**
No matters were arising.
- 363. SLOW WAYS**
The principles of the proposed motion was discussed.

Richard Peters voiced concerns that this new Slow Ways project was yet to launch, and it remains unknown as to how the information they will produce will links in with the pre-existing route network. Conversations with other action groups mean that the subject has a number of advocates to promote walking in the local area. The HB Walkers Action group suggested waiting until the Slow Ways Network is fully launched with an understanding that the Network will be made up in the majority from existing routes.

The meeting discussed how it could help promote the work of HB Walkers Action and actions currently underway by the town council that are involved in.

It was moved by Cllr Needham
Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and
RESOLVED: to take forward the motion as presented.

Hebden Bridge Walkers Action will be invited to return to the Climate Emergency Committee meeting later this year to progress discussions.

364.

PROVISION OF BICYCLE PARKING IN HEBDEN ROYD

Steve Pullen from CMBC has submitted a number of reports illustrating the need for additional cycle parking in Hebden Royd.

The locations were considered, feedback regarding locations should be directed to Steve Pullen at CMBC.

Cllr Stevens advocated the development of the Marina in Hebden Bridge for longer term secure parking.

It was confirmed that Mytholmroyd Train Station would soon be opening with improved cycle storage facilities.

Cllr Fenton reminded the meeting that inappropriate behaviour by cyclists had of late become a nuisance and that encouraging more cyclist may not be appreciated by all.

Cllr Patient advised that a group was forming in the Hill Top Parishes was looking to develop mountain biking facilities as well as promote safe riding. Councillor Fenton offered to make contact with this group.

Retailers with outdoor space could also benefit and additional hoops could be secured as part of the scheme with HRTC distributing.

365.

HEBDEN ROYD AS AN ACTIVE TRAVEL HUB

It was agreed that Hebden Bridge was a natural travel hub and that the new facilities were adding to this. This should be referred to as travel plans, of all types, develop and new facilities added.

366.

LOCAL CAR SHARE SCHEME

Cllr Fenton reported on the Hour Car Scheme which has been in place for 14 years running with 5 vehicles (3 Hebden Bridge, 1 Mytholmroyd & 1 Todmorden).

They have Hybrid Cars and are looking for all electric vehicles and are working with CMBC to secure additional funding. Plans, should funding allow, are to procure new vehicles.

This project could be further promoted as part of an overall plan to encourage responsible and greener travel.

367.

TREE CHARTER BRANCH REGISTRATION

Cllr Harvey confirmed that the Hebden Royd Town Council are now a charter body, agreeing the principles that it outlines. The Town Council is able to use this as a tool to promote the work of the Climate Emergency Committee to the extent that it decides.

368.

HIGH HIRST PROJECT UPDATE

Cllr Harvey outlined the project and the progress it has made during the Covid 19 Pandemic. The following has been achieved:

- Double Hedge Planting with Deer Planting Lane.
- Hedge Fencing, to now be planted in late April.
- Coppice due to be planted for flood alleviation use.
- 40 Native apple trees due to be planted, with another 40 soon to follow.
- Access to the site, with gated access, is much improved.
- ‘Three Haggas’, near to York, have offered advice and an invite to their established site.
- A Botanical Site Survey is being considered to establish a baseline from which to work from.
- Planting of hedgerow will now likely be in April with school children or adults planting depending on practicalities of Corona situation.
- A diary is being developed by the marketing officer to illustrate the progress being made on the site and change over time.

Cllr Harvey advised that surface runoff has been noted in the adjacent areas and Calderdale MBC has been encouraged to work with Slow the Flow to develop some attenuation ponds in those areas.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Needham and

RESOLVED: to install appropriate signage and initiate a biological site survey.

369.

POTENTIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Cllr Patient outlined the National Lotteries Climate Action Fund and the opportunities. Cllr Patient will look for other groups to develop a more significant bid across the area.

370.

ACTION PLAN

Agreed to review on a yearly basis.

The consensus was clear that much progress had been made against the aims.

Councillor Fenton offered to support the Marketing Officer on providing carbon reduction information as per Action Plan.

Cllrs Stevens and Needham offered their help in the months to come.

Cllr Patient advised that CMBC are developing a zero-waste policy which may well gather more information in the future.

Meeting finished at 9.00pm.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
Held MONDAY 12th April 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Guilfoyle, Fenton, Needham, Patient and Stevens.

HRTC Council Clerk: J Boom.

Co-opted member Anthony Rae.

437. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.
Cllr Needham for Cllr Freeth.

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

439. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 15th February 2020 not itemised on this agenda.

440. Cllr Fenton confirmed that the Slow Trails website was more active now and HB Walkers Action are offering support.

441. AIR QUALITY AND POLLUTRION LEVELS

The meeting discussed the 2020 status report to look at the position in Hebden Royd. Anthony Rae led the discussion and started by looking at the diffusion tubes and the automatic and the area of the AQMZ. He highlighted the disjoined nature of the information presented.

In the 15 years of the air quality management the HB AQMA has yet to be measured below the national 40 standard, the inconsistency of the measurements and the analysis while illustrating a downward trend leads to much confusion and argument. The downward trend may imply that the target will one day be met, however if the situation changes i.e. the Corridor Improvement Scheme may encourage road traffic and therefore jeopardising the achievement of the target.

It would appear that these challenges are made worse when policy decisions are not joined up, that being Environmental Health and Highways as an example.

The question is raised who is responsible? Creating a long list of measures seems to have been the approach to mitigate the increases in pollution but who takes responsibility for these actions and their delivery. Each point must be encouraged and supported. The actions must also be ranked in potential impact so the most effective are targeted and delivered first.

It was reflected on what the Town Council can achieve, regional and national policies are difficult to influence, the Town Council need to decide.

Cllr Guilfoyle, focused on the complexity of the issue and asked what evidence the Corridor Improvement Scheme would have on air quality. Would removing the stop start would that reduce particulates? Concerns were raised about speeding up the traffic and the problems that may raise, it is a complex issue. Calderdale's modelling show a rise in the volume of traffic in HB of 7% to 10% in the first four years of the scheme. Anthony Rae encouraged analysis of Calderdale's modelling of traffic changes.

Cllr Patient shared that this CIP would be scrutinised at a local level, with all future schemes having this inbuilt.

Cllr Patient focused on some areas when CMBC have been active. Idling was now an offense regularly ticketed. Ice cream vans have been encouraged to have electric freezer units, the scheme being a success. Wood burning stoves remain a problem and CMBC are looking to encourage more responsible use and ownership, this may be an area that the Town Council may look to champion. Additionally, CMBC are looking to reorganise how it manages air quality in the borough.

The committee acknowledged that the Covid 19 Pandemic would have affected measurements and would not reflect the usual conditions.

The meeting acknowledge the huge complexities discussing specific issues in Hebden Bridge, how altering parking may encourage safer cycling as well as increasing parking spaces, how planting may absorb pollution amongst others.

The meeting agreed that clarity of the figures is needed to allow appropriate analysis to then address the problem.

The Town Council decided to revisit the questions with the appropriate CMBC Officer highlighted by the meetings discussion.

The Committee will continue to look at education, vehicle idling, car parking and the natural management of the pollutants created.

442.

NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Cllr Patient highlighted the recent works on Beech Woodland and the need for a better understanding of the works to promote new plant life and associated fauna. Cllr Patient advocated the support of the Town Council and public engagement's important role in this. He highlighted the support already found in the Neighbourhood Plan and asked that that continue.

The meeting agreed to take a motion to full council, drafted by Cllr Patient, to reaffirm the commitment of the Town Council to Natural Flood Management

taking the opportunity to explicitly outline the many different forms of Natural Flood Management.

443. SMALL CHANGES/BIG DIFFERENCE

Cllr Fenton encouraged the adoption of small changes making cumulatively big differences. Encouraging, via social media and marketing, the public to take small steps that make huge changes.

The meeting agreed that Cllr Fenton and the Marketing Officer are to drive with a list of the suggestions circulated to the committee prior to the start of the campaign.

Councillors made suggestions on how the campaign could be effective.

444. HIGH HIRST WOODMEADOW UPDATE

Cllr Harvey updated the meeting on actions on the site>

- Access Gates are in place.
- Deer Hedges have been erected.
- Heritage Fruit trees has been planted.
- The site now has a facebook page with photos from Cllr Needham
- A site management statement has been drafted and is being developed to allow a clear understanding of what the site can be used for. This will be finalised when a biological site survey is completed.
- Indicated species have already been identified thus raising the importance of the survey.
- Hedge planting is about to start with local volunteers.

Cllr Harvey recounted a trip to Three Hags Woodland Meadow with a return visit planned.

Local residents are due an update and this should be addressed to them by means of an email with encouragement for them to access information via facebook. A more developed site management plan will allow a planned walk around the site to be more effective and informative and it is hoped this can take place later in the year.

Costings agreed for site survey costs and if required travel expense costs for Three Haggis Woodmeadow officer visit end of May 2021.

445. ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

Cllr Harvey confirmed that the planned cycle scheme is due to go ahead in the coming months. The area around the Packhorse Bridge which was planned for a bench and bike parking has been withdrawn due to the need for the site for flood alleviation. This item has been reallocated to the junction of Old Gate and Market Street and it is hoped that it can be within a wider 'parklet' design there. Cllr Harvey and Cllr Stevens are seeking some community engagement with this and will work with Calderdale Council to try and develop this.

Identified that this would be ideal for appropriate planting to absorb air pollution from the nearby roads.

The Getting About board, adjacent to the Memorial Gardens, is to be updated with walking and riding information.

446.

ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Funding opportunities were discussed and how CMBC are looking to work with the Town & Parish Councils Liaison Committee to look at a collective funding bid. Cllr Patient said that this would likely be before the end of May this year.

CMBC Climate Action Plan is soon to be adopted and it would seem sensible to align the HRTC plan when this is published looking at the numbers it will contain.

447.

MEETING FREQUENCY

The meeting decided that meeting on a two monthly basis would be appropriate at the current time starting with a meeting on the 12th July following the easing of Covid 19 restrictions.

Meeting finished at 9.16pm.