

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE held 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Harvey, (Chair after minute 55), Bampton Smith, Fenton, Hoyle, Needham.

**Clerk:** E Green

#### **55. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR**

It was moved by Councillor Needham

Seconded by Councillor

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that Councillor Harvey be elected Chair of the Climate Emergency Committee for the year 2022/23.

It was moved by Councillor Harvey

Seconded by Councillor Needham

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that Councillor Fenton be elected Deputy Committee Chair for the year 2022/23.

#### **56. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Stevens, N Diment.

#### **57. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**

None declared at this time.

#### **58. Matters arising from Minutes of Advisory Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

There were no matters arising.

#### **59. To receive a verbal update from Jon Kedwards, HRTC Climate Emergency & Biodiversity Co-ordinator.**

Jon gave a comprehensive update of his recent activities and projects. Whilst there has been a focus on the High Hirst Meadows Day event, training has also commenced on the Local Climate Engagement Programme. Work has also been started on an indicative map to show depths of peat and where burning is permitted. Natural England is also working on a peat mapping project. When circulated the information will also include details on how to report a burn.

A stall had been set up at the recent Open Spaces event and this material is now available for other events. A mailing list has been compiled with people who want information on either or both general climate activities and High Hirst Woodmeadow.

Contact has been made with Pennine Community Power regarding potential links and working in partnership.

In response to the Action Plans priority of Youth Engagement, a plan has been drawn up to work with Hebden Bridge Arts and The Cloud to provide 8-10 weeks of educational activities before moving to a second phase which will deliver a more creative approach.

It was moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Fenton and

**RESOLVED:** to agree funding from the allocated budget of up to £3,000 for the project.

**60. HIGH HIRST PROJECT UPDATE**

The High Hirst Site has now been designated by CMBC as a Local Wildlife Site, this will offer further protection when it comes to future use and planning applications.

There has been some interest in a 'Friends' group and an initial meeting has been held. There is a mailing list of approx. twenty people who are interested.

A Meadows Day has been organised on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 11am – 4pm, with a full programme of activities throughout the day. If any councillors would like to volunteer to help, then please contact JK. It was suggested that a map be created that shows the site. JK will work on a press release for circulation.

In August (13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>) a scything workshop will be held. Places will be offered at a subsidised rate for those who have expressed an interest in supporting the meadow in the future. Depending on the weather a haymaking course will be run the following weekend (20<sup>th</sup> August).

Future Priorities include.

Access – Meeting to be held with DAF & CMBC officer

Signage – Fire risk & interpretation boards

Pond/Pond Complex – Meeting with Freshwater Habitats Trust planned

It was moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Fenton and

**RESOLVED:** To note the information. Councillors interested in volunteering at the Meadow Day should contact Jon Kedwards.

**61. ACTIVE TRAVEL**

E-Bike 'Um will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July with funding from Hebden Royd Town Council, inspired by a talk by JK which was given to the Mytholmroyd Climate Group.

Cllr Needham updated that he had attended a meeting of the Encouraging Responsible Cycling Group. Todmorden is using funds from the Tons Fund to create a Cycle Hub at an enterprise centre. There are suggestions that a bike library or workshop could be developed but as yet there is no operator. The recent cycle survey had [proved useful with over 440 responses.

Cllr Harvey updated that the cycle parking provision was now installed.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey  
Seconded by Cllr Fenton and  
**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**62. CLIMATE FRESK**

A flyer has been created to hand out at future events which will allow people to register their interest for a Climate Fresk. When there is a list of approx. twenty interest people an event will be organised. A trail of a short version of Climate Fresk will also be developed and trialled at future Slow the Flow events to be held at Gibson Mill.

It was moved by Cllr Needham  
Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and  
**RESOLVED:** to approve £100 for the Climate Fresk Facilitator to attend the events.

**63. BUDGET & EXPENSES UPDATE**

The budget was reviewed.  
It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith  
Seconded by Cllr Fenton and  
**RESOLVED:** to note the information.

**64. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

The Climate action plan was reviewed. Jon suggested that the plan should also include more on climate resilience.

It was moved by Cllr Needham  
Seconded by Cllr Harvey and  
**REOLVED:** that following the success of the High Hirst Woodmeadow the focus needs to turn to Carbon Reduction in the second half of the year.