



Minutes from a meeting of the **Environment and Climate Emergency Working Party** held on, **Tuesday 16 July 2019,**

in the Tamar Valley Centre commencing at 1715.

Those present were:-

Cllr Beech, Cllr Brown, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Polglase, Cllr Tinto, Cllr Wakem, Cllr Warwick.

Miss Clare Bullimore, Deputy Clerk (minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 18-06-19

Minutes were approved although it was noted that the request to become a Committee was not due to be made until later in the year.

5. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Helen Fincham, Community Link Officer, Caradon Network Area had sent information out about a Clean Energy Fund.

6. FEEDBACK ON COMMITTEE/WORKING PARTY STRUCTURES AND CLIMATE CHANGE ORGANISATIONS

Tim Dart, Manager of the Tamar Valley AONB was introduced as he has had experience of sitting on Climate change groups and could offer useful advice and contacts. Cllr Beech reminded the group that he is a sceptic and feels that there is a lot of publicity in favour of Climate Change, but some scientists are being silenced and both sides of the argument are not being heard fairly. The Committee and Working Party Structure was brought up with a reminder that Working Parties have a finite timescale and specific goal(s) e.g. writing a report, making a recommendation to the Parish Council. A Committee would be a longer-standing group that may review all council policy to ensure climate change mitigation strategies are being addressed across the Parish Council. Cllr Kirk questioned what this group could achieve and felt the Parish Council could only hope to cover issues at a parish council level. The group were reminded that a press release had been issued - as agreed at the last meeting - inviting members of the public to express an interest in joining the group.

7. REVIEW OF INTERESTED PARTIES

Six people had responded to the press release and social media links. It was agreed that these be invited to the next meeting and be sent the draft Terms of Reference. Some councillors were keen that the community's interests be harnessed and that the Working Party's remit is wider than just policy review. It was agreed to get ideas from the community members to help define the working party's brief. Cllr Warwick suggested coming up with a Code of Conduct for the Parish Council to try to work to so that people could see we are doing something positive.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 August 2019, 6.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1845

Signed: **Date:**