



Minutes from a meeting of the **Environment and Climate Emergency Working Party** held on, **Tuesday 20 August 2019**,

in the Tamar Valley Centre commencing at 1800.

Those present were:-

Councillors: Ian Beech, Theo Brown, Dorothy Kirk, Alex Polglase (Chair), Mark Warwick

Community members: Mai Evans, Don Ellson, Lily Russell, Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn

Miss Clare Bullimore, Deputy Clerk (minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Tinto, Cllr Wakem, Ian Trice, Juliet Hilary, Maria Capris

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 16-07-19

Minutes were approved (proposed: Ian Beech, seconded: Mark Warwick – agreed by all who were present at the last meeting).

5. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made

6. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The TOR's should have been labelled *draft*.

Agreement on change of wording was reached – Clare to action and disseminate.

Discussion about purpose of the working party and how it may fit within a committee structure with other working groups.

Alex to invite Rob Nolan, Cornwall Council, to a meeting or to share a presentation and information about Cornwall Council's strategy.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING WHAT WE AS A COUNCIL CAN DO TO HELP MITIGATE THE IMPENDING CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Discussion about use of the word emergency and Ian reminded people that he feels information is not being shared via media sources and some scientists do not agree that it is an emergency.

It was stated that not everyone shares this belief and that any mitigation or strategies put in place are unlikely to do any harm.

Some ideas were shared and it was decided that at the next meeting a list would be brought along and it would be useful to know what the Parish Council (or others) feel they can reasonably address from this list.

- Reduce plastic waste – Theo to visit Launceston Town Council and report back
- Promote the growing of local food produce
- Recycling points across the Parish
- Reducing pollution in Gunnislake at the traffic lights
- Planning and building regulations – new builds to include renewable energy sources etc
- Vehicles used by Parish Council to be hybrid or electric vans
- Promote sustainable development in schools
- General water conservation
- Increase number (and use of) repair shops
- Local compost schemes



- Electric bikes to be used by workers
- Revisit car sharing in the Tamar Valley
- Shop locally
- Use of rechargeable tools for Parish Council staff
- External charging points to be available parish-wide
- Campaign for bus companies to change to electric vehicles
- Holding 'virtual' meetings to garner ideas and/or a shared work document that can be edited by members

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 24 September 2019, 6.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1859

Signed: **Date:**