



Minutes from a meeting of the **Environment and Climate Emergency Working Party** held on, **Tuesday 22 October 2019,**

In the Tamar Valley Centre commencing at 1730.

Those present were:-

Councillors: Alex Polglase (Chair), Jim Wakem, Mark Warwick

Community members: Don Ellson, Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn

Kate Royston from Tamar Energy Community

Miss Clare Bullimore, Deputy Clerk (minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

Dorothy Kirk, Alastair Tinto, Mai Evans, Juliet Hilary, Maria Caparis, Lily Russell, Tim Dart

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 22-10-19

Minutes were approved (proposed: Alex Polglase, seconded: Jim Wakem – agreed by all who were present at the last meeting).

5. MATTERS ARISING

Carbon Output Presentation - all had received the presentation that Gill Court gave. People said they found it thought provoking.

Green Energy Suppliers – information and figures are still being researched by the Clerk and Chair.

6. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Bat Friendly Community and Conference – information had been disseminated about this. It was agreed that this would be of wider interest than just the working party and Clare will ask Tim Dart about the feasibility of holding a conference in the Tamar Valley Centre and inviting people from the wider community.

Earth Protector Towns – information had been disseminated about a project on preventing 'Eco-cide'. Stroud are undergoing a pilot project. People are very interested in the ethos of this and feel it reflects the aims and objectives of the Working Party. Alex will register an interest in the outcome of the pilot project, due to be published on 22-04-20.

7. TAMAR ENERGY COMMUNITY

Kate Royston was welcomed from the Tamar Energy Community. She explained the work of Tamar Energy Community which is summarised below:



COMMUNITY SOLAR & RENEWABLES

- Community Solar 1 – 6 sites
 - In operation (325 kWp)
- Community Solar 2 – 3 sites
 - In development (130 kWp)
- Community Share Issue



WHAT CAN I DO?

- Energy Club

Tamar Energy Community

ENERGY ADVICE SERVICES & RETROFIT

- Warm & Well service
- LEAP Home Visits
- Home improvement service
- Warmer Bedford Cottages
- Retrofit-In-Devon (in development)



COMMS, MEDIA, EVENTS

- Website
- Social Media
- E-newsletter
- Events
- Energy Fest

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Members
- Shareholders
- Climate Emergency
- Devon Community Energy Network
- Devon Energy Collective
- Climate & Biodiversity Emergency

INNOVATION, LOCAL SUPPLY, DEVELOPMENT

- The Power in Your Hands - OpenLV
- Microgrid
- Local supply, aggregation & flexibility services
- Community Housing and Housing Standards



Kate was thanked for coming and people felt the organisation sounded excellent and it was extremely useful to know of an agency providing some practical advice and information.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL GROWTH DAY

Tim Dart is hoping to hold an environmental growth and climate change day in the Tamar Valley Centre for local councils. Date to be confirmed.

9. LIST OF SUGGESTED ACTIONS

The motion for the Parish Council to adopt the policy on single use plastics will be put forward at the next Full Council meeting. The list will be discussed again at the next working party.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1835

Signed: **Date:**