



Minutes from a meeting of the **Environment and Climate Emergency Working Party** held on, **Tuesday 25 February 2020,**

In the Tamar Valley Centre commencing at 1730.

Those present were:-

Councillors: Alex Polglase, Alastair Tinto, Mark Warwick

Community members: Don Ellson (Chair), Juliet Hilary, Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn, Gill Court, Ian Bastone

Lesley Strong (Tamar Valley AONB)

Miss Clare Bullimore, Deputy Clerk (minutes).

Alex Polglase sent apologies ahead that she would be late – Don Ellson chaired the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Dorothy Kirk, Mai Evans, Lily Russell, Tim Dart

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 19-11-09

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

Bat Friendly Community – agreed to invite Helen Parr to the next meeting

Earth Protector Towns – noted for April when the pilot project is completed.

6. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall Council Climate Change Development Planning Document – agreed to send the statement drafted by the NDP Committee: *Thank you very much for your recent correspondence regarding the Climate Change Development Plan Consultation. Our NDP is about to be submitted and much thought has been given to reducing carbon output and we are proud to have included strategies on carbon reduction. We feel it is imperative that Cornwall Council refers to and engages with Neighbourhood Plan Committees - which have specialised local knowledge and infrastructure. Our Neighbourhood Plan Working Group would welcome such a collaborative relationship with Cornwall council and feel we are able to provide information to support the target of a carbon Neutral County of Cornwall by 2030. Could you please indicate how you would envisage this being practical and we look forward to working with you over the next few months?*

Liskeard Cluster Climate Change Workshop, Saturday 29 February 2020 – 3 representatives will attend this in Liskears

Grant for Water Fountains – the deadline for applying for a grant for water fountains is in a few days, Juliet agreed to look at it and try to apply from Calstock Village Hall if time allowed.



7. FOREST FOR CORNWALL – SUGGESTED PLANTING SCHEME: LESLEY STRONG (AONB) AND IAN BASTONE (CALSTOCK RESIDENT)

Lesley explained that she is undertaking work for Forest for Cornwall who are looking for a parish to pilot a community tree planting and biodiversity net gain scheme on parish council-owned land. This will look at incorporating low density tree planting across the parish without impinging on existing green spaces. Ian Bastone also presented some ideas on planting within the amenity space at Calstock. It was agreed that Lesley will meet with Gill, Alastair and Clare to a feasibility study which can be presented to the Full Council for approval (this will include Ian Bastone's planting plan).

8. LIGHT POLLUTION MITIGATION STRATEGIES

It was agreed that Clare will ask Cornwall Council Highways Department (who are responsible for external lighting) if they have any plans to change external lighting to red-lights, dimmers or to fit reflectors on top of the lights to reflect the light downwards.

9. TAMAR VALLEY EXTINCTION REBELLION: GUNNISLAKE AIR POLLUTION GROUP – PETER BLOOMFIELD

Peter explained that a group has been meeting from Extinction Rebellion to look at Air Pollution strategies. Clare explained that a lot of comments had come back from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee about highway and traffic issues which cannot be addressed through Neighbourhood Planning policies. The Parish Council has had an A390 working party which has addressed and secured some road safety initiatives. It may be worth this group looking at air quality issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1855

Signed: **Date:**