



Minutes from a meeting of the **Environment and Climate Emergency Working Party** held on, **Tuesday 16 March 2021, virtually via Google Meet at 1900**

Those present were:-

Councillors: Theo Brown, Alastair Tinto, Jim Wakem,

Community members: Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn, Gill Court

Publi: Erika Curran

Clare Bullimore, Deputy Clerk (minutes).

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Alex Polglase, Dorothy Kirk, Mark Warwick, Mai Evans, Juliet Hilary

It was proposed that Alastair Tinto chair the meeting in Alex's absence.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Erika Curran was welcomed and encouraged to contribute freely.

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 20-10-2020**

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

### **5. MATTERS ARISING**

Forest for Calstock Parish – following funding received from Crowdfunder and public consultation meetings planting schemes are being drawn up for planting to take place in the Autumn.

Plastic Free Graveyards – The Parish Council approved a recommendation that the cemeteries become plastic free and that items of plastic are removed after a period of public awareness.

### **6. A) GREEN GRANT SCHEME – Gill Court**

#### **B) CORNWALL COUNCIL'S WHOLE HOUSE RETROFIT INNOVATION PROJECT – GILL COURT\***

#### **C) RECOMMENDATION TO PUT TO THE FULL COUNCIL AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME: "THE ECEC NOTES WITH CONCERN THAT THE BUDGET FOR GREEN HOMES GRANT FOR 2021 HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM THE £1.5BN THAT WAS ALLOCATED IN 2020 TO £320M. THE COMMITTEE ASKS THE PARISH COUNCIL TO**

#### **I) WRITE TO OUR MP ASKING HER TO ENSURE THAT THE GREEN HOMES GRANT SCHEME IS TARGETED APPROPRIATE, SUFFICIENTLY FUNDED, SIMPLE TO IMPLEMENT AND TIMELY IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION I**

#### **II) WRITE TO CORNWALL COUNCIL AND TO ALL PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS IN CORNWALL URGING THEM TO DO THE SAME II**

#### **III) RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH OTHER RELEVANT BODIES/INDIVIDUALS AS APPROPRIATE**

Information was disseminated about the financial commitment from the government being severely cut for grants to be provided for refitting houses to be more carbon efficient. It is felt that in Calstock Parish homes generate the most carbon emissions and such grants would be imperative to making a difference.



**Proposal/Resolution** – to agree with the proposed action set out in the agenda item and to include it on a Full Council meeting in May once purdah regulations are lifted and for Gill Court to present the item at the meeting. Proposed: Alastair Tinto, seconded: Jim Wakem.

**7. PRIORITIES AND ACTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

A document had been circulated that Ken Finn had put together based on the Helston Climate Action Group. This was widely accepted as a great template to base our work on but it was recognised that there is much work within it. Discussion ensued as to how to move this forward. It was felt that the community should decide the order in which work should be prioritised and a people’s assembly model would be the best way forward. It was felt that the Parish Council would be the appropriate body to initiate it which would lend it legitimacy but that we should look for a large community input in running and organising it.

**Action:** a meeting to be held on 30-03-2021 to formalise and plan for this – Erika and Ken to offer advice on this.

**8. ‘PLANNING FOR A GREEN FUTURE’ – CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTATION**

Due to purdah restrictions on councillors and the timescale involved it was decided that people should comment on this as individuals if they wished rather than as a Committee. A template will be produced by Alastair and Gill to help people should they want to make a comment.

**9. REDRAFT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Deferred until a meeting after the May elections

**10. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY BILL TO LOBBY FOR SUPPORT**

**Action:** Erika and Theo to produce a briefing report and Erika to send Clare information with a ready written motion to be included on a Parish Council agenda in May 2021.

**11. NATIVE SPECIES REINTRODUCTION PROGRAMMES – THEO BROWN**

**Action:** Theo to provide further information and a draft resolution as to how the Parish Council fits in with this programme.

**12. ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS – CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP**

Theo, Jim, Gill with Clare supporting to look at setting up an action plan to gather and centralise information and action required.

**13. URGENT INFORMATION**

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2057

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....