



Minutes from a meeting of the **Environment and Climate Emergency Working Party** held on, **Tuesday 18 May 2021 in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1900**

Those present were:-

Councillors: Alastair Tinto (Chair), Jim Wakem, Mark Warwick, Sophie Westwood. Community members: Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn, Gill Court. Public: Mr and Mrs Brighton. Clare Bullimore, Deputy Clerk (minutes).

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**Proposal/resolution:** Alastair Tinto be elected as Chair. Proposed: Jim Wakem, seconded: Mark Warwick – unanimous.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Alex Polglase, Mai Evans, Juliet Hilary, Theo Brown.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public were welcomed and encouraged to contribute freely.

**5. ELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Proposal/resolution:** a recommendation is made to Full Council that the following people are elected to the Committee and have voting rights:

Theo Brown, Alex Polglase, Alastair Tinto, Jim Wakem, Mark Warwick, Sophie Westwood, Gill Court, Peter Bloomfield and Ken Finn.

All members will need to follow the Code of Conduct, the Council's Standing Orders and sign a Register of Interests Form.

**6. RECOMMEND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE/FULL COUNCIL**

**Proposal/resolution:** The Terms of Reference be recommended with the following amendments:

Title and reference to Working Party changed to Committee;

remove penultimate sentence about (*the Working Party is not authorised to commit the Council to any expenditure or other obligation that has not be discussed and approved by the Council*);

Proposed: Gill Court, seconded: Peter Bloomfield – unanimous.

**7. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 20-04-2021**

**Proposal/resolution:** The minutes are approved. Proposed: Peter Bloomfield, seconded: Ken Finn unanimous.

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

People's Assembly – it was agreed to postpone this as a consultation has taken place in the last few years.



**9. ACTION LIST**

**Electric Charging Points**

Clare had registered an interest with Cornwall Council to be one of the councils to receive an Electric Charging point in Gunnislake or Calstock car park. With Gill's help she sent a further justification for consideration and included socio economic deprivation scales. Sophie felt the number of houses without private parking should have been included – a follow up email will be sent after a month has gone by since the last one.

Clare had complied and disseminated a list of queries regarding ECV's and it was agreed that this will be sent to the contact in Cornwall Council for further clarification and to show that we are keen to progress this request.

**Mowing Schedule**

Clare to ask the workmen to strim the Wildflower Area at Gunnislake in July (for next year) and September and check we have the right equipment to do so – members said only strimmers are required.

Clare to try to arrange for Pete Bluett to meet with Gill, Alastair, Alex and Sophie at Calstock Playing Field to identify areas that could be left.

Other suggestions on the draft mowing schedule that was disseminated were agreed.

**Water conservation**

Alastair to enter discussions with a local supplier of water butts about offering a reduction in price if we can commit a number of people to purchase one from them.

**10. TO PROMOTE GREEN ENERGY IN THE PARISH**

It was agreed to consider uses for the field next to the allotments which is currently rented out and for Recreations to have this as an agenda item (suggested the siting of renewable energy sources and additional allotments etc).

The PC to promote links to information about energy companies on its website – Clare to contact the Tamar Energy Trust.

**11. KEN FINN – MATERIALS TO RAISE AWARENESS**

Ken has produced some materials to raise awareness and generate ideas for what individuals can do, with enough interest, these could form separate projects which could be managed by a Volunteer Co-ordinator who can oversee the work and report back to the Committee. Further thought required and Ken will liaise with Alastair and Clare if necessary before bringing something back to the Committee for consideration.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 29 June 2021 - 1900

The meeting closed at: 2035

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