



Minutes from a meeting of the **Environment and Climate Emergency Working Party** held on, **Tuesday 29 June 2021 in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1900**

Those present were:-

Councillors: Theo Brown, Alex Polglase, Alastair Tinto (Chair), Jim Wakem.

Community members: Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn, Gill Court. Public: Alison Freshney, Paul Murray.

Clare Bullimore, Deputy Clerk (minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

Mark Warwick, Sophie Westwood, Juliet Hilary.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Murry and Alison Freshney fully participated in the meeting.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 18-05-2021

Proposal/resolution: to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Proposed: Peter Bloomfield, seconded: Gill Court – approved by all those present at the last meeting.

5. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Clare had received an email from Mai Evans to say she would like to remain on the circulation list but is unable to attend meetings.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Mowing schedule – to include this as a discussion point and recommendation at the next meeting.

Electric charging points – As agreed at the last meeting, Clare has liaised with Cornwall Council, putting further points forward for having ECP's and asking questions to which she has received comments.

Water Conservation – Alastair to gather more information on the cost of water butts and approach South West Water as they may have some which are made from recycled plastic. Consideration should be given to the longevity of the butts not just the cost and how they would be disposed off in years to come.

Future use of the field next to the allotments – Jim reported that a site visit had taken place. The field could be used for more allotment plots and an orchard and Clare will find out more about whether it would be a suitable site for a wind turbine – Gill to give Clare details of a provider of wind turbines.

Raising awareness materials – Ken explained that he had sent out materials seeking volunteers. He was disappointed with the response but the two members of the public present were there because they had seen the materials. There was discussion that we may garner more volunteers once we have a focused piece of work which we require help with. The group will continue to think about how to raise awareness of the committee and encourage more participation.

Tamar Energy Trust – Clare has tried two contacts but has not heard back.



7. RESUABLE CUP SCHEME

Alastair explained about the reusable cup scheme that Overton have developed whereby you pay a £1 deposit for a reusable cup which - when returned intact - the money is refunded. Agreed for Alastair to look at costings and put forward a proposal at the next meeting.

8. BONFIRE AND QUALITY OF AIR

Peter reported that he had his washing out when neighbours lit a bonfire. He received unhelpful comments such as 'get a tumble dryer' when he raised the issue. It was agreed that this could be something that is raised and promoted on our website so that people understand drying clothes outside is more environmentally friendly. Clare disseminated information from Cornwall Council about burning waste materials.

9. CEE BILL

Theo disseminated a paper about the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

Proposal/resolution: to recommend to the full council that we support the CEE bill and that the committee recommend that the council resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
2. Inform the local media of this decision;
3. Write to local MPs, asking them to support or thanking them for supporting the Bill; and
4. Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk).

Proposed: Theo Brown, seconded: Peter Bloomfield – unanimous.

10. Urgent Information

Theo mentioned a consultation being run by the Environment Agency on an Application "to vary the radioactive substances approval EPR/LB3730DK at Her Majesty's Naval Base (HMNB) Devonport, Plymouth, PL2 2BG". There is an online survey for people to complete if they wish to do so by 27 July 2021 <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/nuclear/application-to-vary-the-radioactive-substances-app/?fbclid=IwAR1InYCQcWN4j0ogQf9zRiSYQyGi6v7vqDFXjkSzvPE8Sirt8av81ShPI9M>

Date of next meeting: To be arranged

The meeting closed at: 2030

Signed: Date: