



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

The meeting was conducted virtually in accordance with Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Martin (**Chairman**) and Cllr Shaw

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: - Nick Sneller, John Waddingham, Joe Williams and two members of the public

CA21/05/01

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES: - Cllrs Lucas, Johns, Green, Grainger and Stewart

Invited representatives: - Martin Yeo, Emma Grainger and Fiona Pavelin

CA21/05/02

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND RECEIPT OF REQUESTS FOR NEW DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIS) DISPENSATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were made.

CA21/05/03

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

None.

CA21/05/04

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference were reviewed. It was suggested by John Waddingham that it would be more sensible for this committee to be a working group to enable it to meet remotely via zoom.

The terms of reference will be updated to clarify that under the Local Government Act 1972 no-one under 18 can join a committee but they can be on a working group as there are no age restrictions for that. Anyone under 18 attending the meetings should be accompanied by an adult will be recorded in the minutes as a member of the public.

The proposed amendments are on Appendix 1. These will be taken back to the town council.

CA21/05/05

FEEDBACK FROM FOOD, TRANSPORT, ENERGY AND LAND USE WORKING GROUPS

The Transport group has discussed a shared path from Feniton to Sidmouth identifying other routes. Electric buses are cost prohibitive on the routes that are run in Ottery. A new cycle path is being looked at, but this will cost £1.5 million. It was noted that there are overlaps with the Regeneration Committee.

The Land Use group has considered identifying land not being used and linking it with a community group who could manage it. This would be good for physical and mental health. Concern was raised about the proposed location of the MUGA at Strawberry Lane and its proximity to the existing MUGA at The Kings School. Concern was also raised about the impact of the tarmac and fencing and whether this was the best addition to the sporting facilities already in the parish.

Cllr Martin will invite Ottery in Bloom to the next Land Use meeting which she will arrange shortly.

Traffic calming schemes were discussed. The idea is that if roads are made safer it will encourage cyclists.

| Food | Transport | Energy | Land Use |
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| Dean Stewart | Martin Yeo | Jill Dixon | Vicky McLachlan |
| Sarah Martin | Nick Sneller | Fiona Pavelin | Nick Sneller |
| Emma Grainger | Sarah Martin | John Green | Sarah Martin |
| Vicky McLachlan | John Green | Richard Grainger | John Waddingham |
| May Puckey | John Waddingham | | May Puckey |
| | Joe Williams | | Amber Waddingham |
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It was agreed that Amber Waddingham will join the Transport and Land Use working groups.

CA21/05/06

ACTION RESOLUTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING:

- Cllr Stewart to write to DCE (Devon Climate Emergency) to request extension to deadline for comments on Devon Carbon Plan.
- Cllr Stewart to request for the Mayor to chase EDDC on Land of Canaan plans.
- Cllr Stewart to contact DCC and EDDC to establish best point of contact for the committee

There were no updates on the above actions, but updates will be found before the next meeting.

CA21/05/07

COMMUNITY COMPOST HEAP

The possibility of a community compost heap was discussed as Otter Rotters had stopped.

CA21/05/08

RESTART OF OTTER ROTTERS

It was RESOLVED that confirmation will be sought as to whether Ottery Rotters is starting up again. Cllr Martin will find out what happens to food waste within EDDC area.

CA21/05/09

GARDENING AND MENTAL HEALTH

It has been publicised that some doctor's surgeries have been prescribed gardening to aid mental health. Initiatives such as a community vegetable patch have been set up in some areas. The deputy CEO will check with Coleridge Medical Centre whether this is something that they are offering patients.

CA21/05/10

OTTERY IN BLOOM

It was suggested that bee corridors and wildlife corridors could be investigated as well as planting wildflowers in recycled items such as old boots, teapot etc. The Deputy CEO will approach Wildlife Trust about free trees.

CA21/05/11

ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS

None.

CA21/05/12

TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO CLIMATE ACTION

None.

The meeting concluded at: **9.00pm**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday 30th June at 7.30pm**

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