

Meeting Minutes

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Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Action Working Party of Camborne Town Council, held via Zoom on 23rd June 2021 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor Ms Z Fox (Chairman)
Councillor N Miles (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor M Champion
Councillor P Mills
Councillor S Weedon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Hughes, Town Clerk; Janet Ritchie, Committee Support Officer; Rose Hitchens-Todd, Engagement Officer

Councillor Ms Fox took the Chair and welcomed members to this first meeting of the Climate Action Working Party.

The Chairman explained the meeting procedures to all present.

CA.01 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE CLIMATE ACTION WORKING PARTY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

CA.01.2 RESOLVED: that Councillor Ms Fox was elected as Chairman of the Climate Action Working Party for the municipal year 2021/2022

Proposed by Councillor Champion
Seconded by Councillor Miles

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

CA.02 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

All members were present.

CA.03 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF

**ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS
OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25**

There were no declarations of interest.

CA.04 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

CA.05 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**CA.06 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT A VICE-
CHAIRMAN OF THE PASSMORE EDWARDS BUILDING
WORKING PARTY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR
2021/2022**

**CA.06.2 RESOLVED: that Councillor Miles was elected a Vice-
Chairman of the Climate Action Working Party for the
municipal year 2021/2022**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**CA.07 TO RECEIVE A DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE
CLIMATE ACTION WORKING PARTY AND AGREE
ACTION**

The Town Clerk informed members that the Terms of Reference allowed for representatives from outside organisations to attend meetings of this working party. This was welcomed by members.

**CA.07.2 RESOLVED: that a draft Terms of Reference for the
Climate Action Working Party was received and
approved and that members of outside organisations
were invited to attend**

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Champion

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously by those entitled to vote.

TO RECEIVE A FINAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION INTERN AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

The Engagement Officer presented a sustainability report prepared by the Town Council's Climate Action Intern, Phoebe Ranger, an Exeter University graduate who had been given a placement to carry out research and make recommendations for this Committee to consider when forming a Climate Action Plan for Camborne. The ten recommendations were based on local knowledge and organisations.

Discussion took place and members considered the recommendations.

- Develop a Neighbourhood Plan: this was already underway, having been delayed temporarily because of the Covid restrictions.
- Review Camborne Town Council's Environmental Policy Statement and align Camborne's current environmental objectives with those of Cornwall Council.
- Engage and work with local and national environmental organisations: this could include declaring Camborne an Earth Protector Town, which would formally pledge to support climate action campaigns and alignment to organisations that support climate action.
- Support local sustainability events and environmentally friendly businesses: suggestions included Camborne Green Week, which was being hosted by Fairtrade; a resurrection of the "Refill" Scheme, to reduce use of plastic water bottles; a Repair Café of workshops to encourage recycling, all of which could be scaled to suit local demand.
- Make the Camborne Town Council Passmore Edwards Building a model for sustainable practice: this would be an opportunity for the library and staff to practice good sustainability, using stationery and equipment from recycled materials, green energy, a water refill station, sale of Fairtrade goods and alternative forms of staff transport. Traffic flows and air quality in town could also be addressed, and recommendations made to Cornwall Council.

- Fund environmentally friendly activities and projects: using some of the Town Council grant funding specifically for green projects; growing our own plants and carbon offsetting by promoting tree planting, in partnership with the Woodland Trust and the local Tree Warden.

Councillor Weedon left the meeting at 4.58pm.

It was noted that the Amenities team was promoting the planting of native trees.

Councillor Weedon re-joined the meeting at 5.00pm.

Further suggestions included the adoption and wilding of small green spaces by communities or individuals, and flower planting to encourage bees.

- Provide opportunities for younger members of the community to engage with sustainability and environmental issues: the Town Council's remit already included having a Youth Council and was working with schools and youth groups wherever possible. The Town Deal was offering funding for youth community projects. Green living youth clubs in partnership with a community organisation would encourage young people to have a sense of pride in where they live. One local Academy was committed to the Green Schools Initiative.
- Maximise carbon sequestration in the community: investigate rewilding.
- Reduce food waste and encourage recycling: householders required adequate boxes and storage to do this effectively.
- Reduce Camborne's dependency on fossil fuels for travel: promote use of public transport, cycling and electric vehicles; however, this would require sufficient infrastructure.

Members thanked the Engagement Officer for presenting the report and commended Ms Ranger on the quality of her research.

The Engagement Officer would form a draft Climate Action Plan, based on these recommendations.

CA.08.2

RESOLVED: that a final sustainability report from the Climate Action Intern was received and the recommendations were approved, for inclusion in the Town Council's draft Climate Action Plan, for presentation to Full Council in September

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Miles

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

CA.09

TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE ENGAGEMENT OFFICER REGARDING "GREEN WEEK", AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

The Engagement Officer informed members that this event was being organised by Fairtrade and required minimal financial outlay from the Town Council. Cornwall Council would be approached for permission to use the town square and the event would be promoted on the Town Council's website and to local schools and residents.

The Engagement Officer recommended that during Green Week, the Town Council could promote and commit to the event, and in doing so reinforce its support for Fairtrade.

CA.09.2

RESOLVED: that a verbal report from the Engagement Officer regarding "Green Week" was received and participation approved

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Miles

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

CA.10

TO CONSIDER A DATE AND TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THIS WORKING PARTY

CA10.2

RESOLVED: that a date and time for the next meeting of this working party would be finalised when a draft Climate Action Plan had been formed

Proposed by Councillor Ms Fox
Seconded by Councillor Miles

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 5.24pm.

SIGNED

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