

### LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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2 December 2021

TO: Councillors: Chowns, Knight, and Howells

Dear Member

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Climate Change Working Party on Monday, 6 December 2021 at 6.00 pm at the Town Council Offices, Ledbury for the purpose of transacting the businessset out below.

Yours faithfully

PP Angela Price Clerk

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interests (Councillors only)

To receive any declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations. Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Ledbury Town Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

(Note: Members seeking advice on this item are asked to contact the Monitoring officer at least 72 hours prior to the meeting)

- 3. To receive and note the minutes of the Climate Change Working Party held on 9 August 2021 (Pages 183 185)
- 4. Action Sheet

(Pages 186 -187)

### 5. Update – Presentation from Peter Gebbie at Herefordshire Council (Verbal)

a) Homeowners guide

https://www.floodtoolkit.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/FloodGuide ForHomeowners-2021.pdf

### 6. Flood management Plan

(Pages 188-189)

a) Land to the back of Horse Lane Orchard

### 7. Initiatives and Schemes

(Verbal)

- a) COP 26 https://ukcop26.org/
- b) Refill App https://www.refill.org.uk/
- c) Proposed LTC Climate Change Blog &
- d) Great Big Green Week <a href="https://greatbiggreenweek.com/">https://greatbiggreenweek.com/</a>
- e) Garden Organics
- f) Town Trail and Climate Grant

### 8. Budget

(Verbal)

a) High visibility Jackets

### 9. Useful sources of information

- a) Blog https://blogs.imf.org/2018/12/12/top-5-blogs-on-climate-change/
- b) CAT <a href="https://cat.org.uk/">https://cat.org.uk/</a>

### 10. Date of next meeting

Members agree to hold the Climate Change working party on the following dates:

Monday, 7 February 2022 at 6:00pm Monday, 4 April 2022 at 6:00pm

Agenda Item 3

## LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Morris, Nina Shields (Chair), Dilys Merry, Lyndsey Jackson,

Anne Crane and Roger Davies

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Price - Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillors Chowns, Knight and

Howells and Al Braithwaite

CC34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CC35. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE NOTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE

**WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2021** 

**RESOLVED:** 

That the notes of the Climate Change meeting held on 29 June 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record, with thanks to the Community Development Officer (CDO) for such informative minutes.

CC36. INITIATIVES AND SCHEMES

Members were requested to consider the following initiatives and schemes, noting that due to the CDO not being present at the meeting due to having contracted COVID 19 updates on progress would be limited.

a. High Street Climate Emergency Centres

Members felt that staffing this initiative would present a huge challenge. The Chair advised that she had raised this with Sustainable Ledbury, and it was felt that some kind of window display may be a better way forward. Members were advised that there may be some specific funding available for this type of initiative, however it would need to include a youth project. The Chair advised of a recent article in the Guardian in respect of 100% business rates relief for empty shops being used for projects such as this.

### b. COP 26

The Clerk was unable to offer an update on COP26, other than she was aware that the CDO had contacted some local shop landlords about possible empty premises that the group may be able to use to hold an event for COP 26. Members felt that it was rather short notice to plan anything too big but felt that it may be possible to have a TV screen available to show the COP 26 along with some information on climate change and related issues.

The Clerk informed members of a possible project Council had considered -they were proposing that school children from JMHS be invited to hold a debate in the Council Committee room in the run up to COP26 and that the Mayor and other councillors could be present to listen to any points raised by and answer any questions. The Chair advised that she is a governor on the board of governor's for JMHS and she was aware that the school currently has two geography teachers who are very keen on environmental issues.

### c. Refill App

The Clerk advised that the Council's Environment & Leisure Committee had been in support of this project and that she was aware that the CDO had been working on this project.

Members agreed that this project would help reduce single use plastics by reducing the need for packing and therefore creating less waste.

They discussed a possible refill station being located in one of the town's car parks but felt that this required more research.

### d. Proposed Ledbury Town Council Climate Change Blog

The Clerk advised that the Environment & Leisure Committee had requested more information on this item.

It was agreed that the CDO would contact Nina Shields to discuss this further.

### e. Great Big Green Week

Roger Davies advised that the Ledbury Naturalists were hoping to participate in this. He advised that they were thinking of creating a "pledge tree". He provided an outline of the pledge tree but explained that they were still investigating a suitable space for this. Members suggested he contact the BBI as they felt it needed to be central, accessible, and visible to have an effect.

### CC37. FLOODING IN LEDBURY

The Chair had invited Lyndsey Jackson to the meeting to explain to the group issues she had experienced due to flooding at her shop in Ledbury.

Lyndsey explained that she owned a bookshop in Ledbury and that she when there is heavy or excessive rain her shop floods. She provided details of why she feels her shops floods and the damage it has caused to stock in recent times.

The group felt that it would be helpful if a flood risk management could be put in place, and as part of this it could identify which businesses are at greater risk from flooding and how to respond to these issues.

The Chair advised of the National Flood Risk Forum who may be able to help with a flood risk management plan. However, it was felt that the first step would be to invite an officer from Herefordshire Council to talk to the group about flood risk in the area. It was proposed that members could ask the following questions of that officer:

- What can we do?
- Where is it coming from?

It was agreed that the CDO should invite an officer from Herefordshire Council to a future meeting of the Climate Change Working Party to discuss local flooding issues and a possible flood management plan.

CC38. ACTION SHEET

RESOLVED: that the action sheet be received and noted.

CC39. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 

**RESOLVED:** 

To note that the date of the meeting is scheduled for 4 October 2021, noting that it maybe necessary to have an interim meeting to discuss the Great Big Green Week.

The meeting ended at 7.03 pm.	
Signed	Dated
(Chair)	



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# **Action Plan**

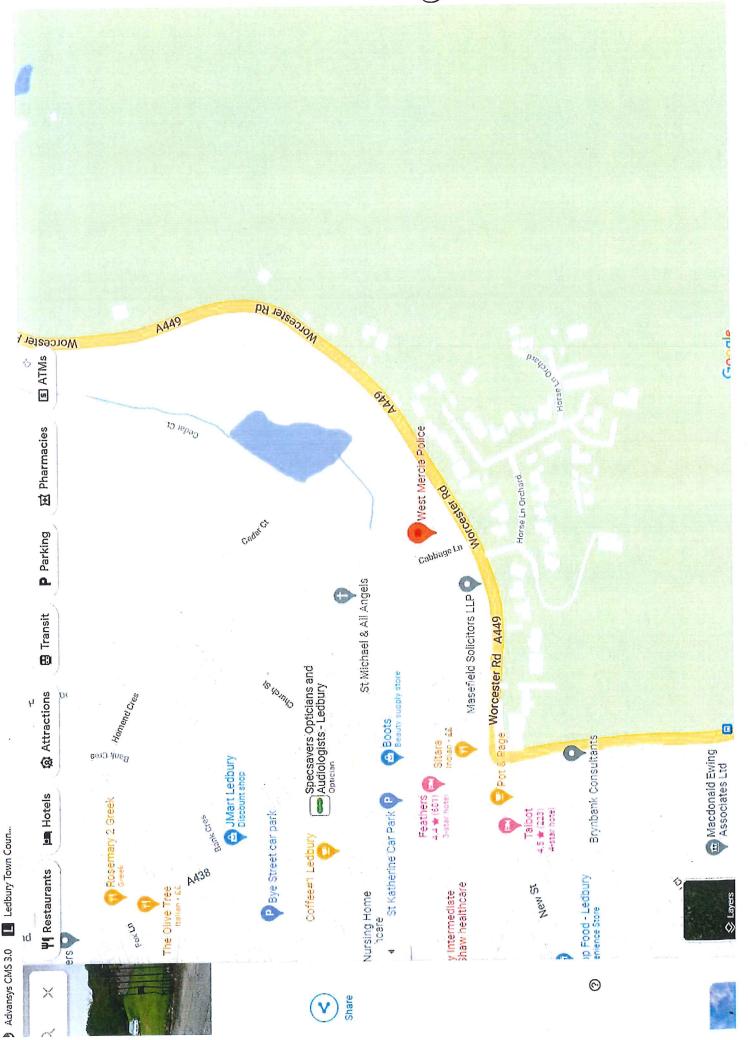
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Comments from Committee	Members of Environment and Leisure Committee were in support of the initiative to promote the COP 26 event proposed.  Members suggested that the Community Development Officer was asked to investigate possible venues for the project.	Members of E&L were in support of this initiative.	Members of E&L suggested that the Community Development Officer be asked to provide more information on this initiative before a final decision.	
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Action	That a RECOMMENDATION be submitted to the Environment and Leisure Committee to explore the possibility of a pop-up shop, preferably in the High Street for the week before and during the COP 26, in order to promote public awareness and possibly arrange a swap shop, for example children's winter coats swap.	That a RECOMMENDATION be submitted to the Environment and Leisure Committee to promote the "refill app" with traders and supermarkets, and that Ledbury aims to becomes a refill town	That a RECOMMENDATION be submitted to the Environment and Leisure Committee to agree to facilitating a Climate Change blog on the Council website, in collaboration with schools and local organisations	It was agreed that the CDO should invite an officer from Herefordshire Council to a
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