

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Shields (Chair) and Whattler

ALSO PRESENT: Al Brathwaite
Julia Lawrence – Deputy Town Clerk
Sophie Jarvis – Minute Taker
Two members of the public

CC69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chowns and Howells, Amanda Lambourne and Dilys Merry.

CC70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED:

No declarations of interest were received.

CC71 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference were reviewed by Members of the Working Party and agreed that these should be presented at the next Environment and Leisure Committee meeting on Thursday, 15 September 2022 for approval.

RESOLVED:

That the Terms of Reference be taken to the next Environment and Leisure committee meeting on Thursday, 15 September 2022 for approval.

CC72 ELECTION OF NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED:

Al Braithwaite was elected as the non-council member to the Climate Change Working Party.

CC73 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY HELD ON 30 MAY 2022

Members asked for a list of the meeting dates for the Environment & Leisure Committee and these are to be provided.

Discussion took place regarding the 'Plastic Free Policy' and Members asked for Ledbury Town Council to adopt this Policy.

Councillor Whattler queried what would happen to all the plastic chairs that the Town Council had purchased for use under the Market House. Councillor Shields clarified that they are not single use objects and further defined 'single use plastics', i.e. carrier bags, plastic bottles and plastic cutlery. Councillor Shields mentioned that water refill points in the Town could be a possibility to look at in the future to encourage people to use re-usable water bottles.

Members referred to the document circulated at the meeting (copy attached): "Vision: Making Ledbury a Plastic free Community".

Under the Underpinning Actions, it read: *"To gather data that indicates the volumes of single use plastics generated across the Ledbury Community so that there is a known starting point against which success can be measure. (This may not be possible)"*. A member of the public queried why it stated "This may not be possible" and Al Braithwaite clarified that she had included this because the data gathered still needed to be measured. Councillor Shields noted that Tesco and the Co-op were now collecting single use plastic, and this may be a way of encouraging other supermarkets to do the same thing. Councillor Shields requested that an amendment to the bullet point be made to read "To explore the possibility of gathering data".

The document is to be duly amended and presented at the next Environment & Leisure Committee for consideration and approval.

Councillor Shields informed Members of the Working Party that no one had been in touch with the Deputy Clerk with names of groups that litter pick. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting to establish a list of litter picking groups and establish a litter picking timetable. Councillor Whattler suggested that the Town Council prepares a press release, as well as including all relevant social media platforms, asking groups who litter pick to identify themselves so that a coordinated approach can be planned.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Climate Change working party held on 30 May 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

That the amended document, "Vision: Making Ledbury a Plastic free Community" be considered and approved by the Environment and Leisure Committee.

That the Town Council prepares a press release (and to include relevant social media platforms) asking groups who litter pick to identify themselves.

CC74 WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY STRATEGY

Members of the Working Party debated and agreed on a Plan of Action outlining proposed areas of activity, with examples, to be taken to the next Environment and Leisure Committee meeting on 15 September 2022. It was anticipated that the Committee could then agree in broad terms the areas of activity for the Working Party, who would then draw up some specific project proposals. A copy of the Plan of Action is attached to these minutes.

RESOLVED:

That Members of the Climate Change Working Party agreed for the Plan of Action document to be presented at the next Environment and Leisure Committee meeting to seek support in order that projects could be drawn up for consideration and approval.

CC75 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillor Whattler asked if all future meetings could start at 6.10pm in order to allow sufficient time to park the car once the free parking came into force at 6.00pm.

Councillor Shields asked for the next Climate Change Working Party meeting to be put back by a week due to holiday commitments. It was therefore agreed that the next Climate Change Working Party would meet on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 and not Wednesday, 5 October 2022 as previously scheduled.

RESOLVED:

That the date of the next Climate Change Working Party meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 October 2022, in the Council Offices starting at 6.10pm.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed Dated
(Chair)