

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES OF THE
CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY MEETING
HELD ON 29 JUNE 2021 AT THE MARKET HOUSE**

PRESENT: Councillor Chowns, Nina Shields (Chairman), Dilys Merry, Roger Davies

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Officer – Olivia Bundy

CC.28 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Knight and Howells.

CC.29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Councillors Only)

None received.

CC.30 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MEETING NOTES FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY HELD ON 1 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED: That the meeting notes from the Climate Change Working Party held on 1 March 2021 be received and noted.

CC31. INITIATIVES AND SCHEMES

Climate Emergency Centres

The Chairman, Nina Shields, advised members that many empty shops around the county have been converted into climate emergency centres and community hubs to benefit people and the planet.

The Community Development Officer advised members that she had attended a meeting with the grants officer at Herefordshire Council that day, and he had confirmed that Herefordshire may be able to provide funding for community groups to open pop up shops.

Nina Shield's suggested opening a 'swap shop' or 'café' that could benefit Ledbury whilst informing members of the public about the climate.

There were some concerns that staffing the shop or finding the volunteers could prove difficult. Councillor Chowns suggested a window display before and during the COP 26 event or hiring a venue to do a presentation. Nina suggested contacting Herefordshire Green Networking for marketing material.

The Community Development Officer advised members that they would more likely receive funding if they were to do a pop-up shop that would benefit the community. An example could be a coat swap for children and that if timed correctly, members could do a COP 26 window display.

Nina suggested contacting traders in Ledbury to ask whether they would be interested in dressing their windows during COP 26 week. The window display would be a climate change theme.

Refill App

Nina Shields reminded members how the “refill app works” and advised that the app is supposed to encourage residents and visitors to refill their bottles as opposed to purchasing single use plastic.

Climate Change Blog

There was a discussion on whether the Council could create a climate change blog on the Ledbury Town Council website which would be managed by the Community Development Officer with input and help from members i.e. content.

Nina felt that the Climate Change blog would be a great opportunity to work with local schools. The Community Development Officer suggested a weekly diary where residents, schools, Councillors, and traders could share their thoughts and tips.

RESOLVED:

1. 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.
2. 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 become a refill town.
3. 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.

CC.32 SLOW WAYS

Members were advised that Sustainable Ledbury would be working on the Slow Ways project and that they would keep the council updated accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the update on Slow Ways be received and noted.

CC.32 ACTION PLAN

Members were provided with an amended Action Plan and were advised that a traffic light system had been created to identify the Working Party's priorities.

Nina Shields asked whether Gareth Davies, Transport Geographer, could be invited to the next working party. The Community Development Officer advised that approval to extend an invitation should be sought from the Environment & Leisure Committee in the first instance, with a view to this being delegated to the Climate Change Working Party.

RESOLVED: That the update on Slow Ways be received and noted.

CC.33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next three meeting dates of the Climate Change Working Party are scheduled for:

Monday, 9 August 2021 at 6:00pm
Monday, 4 October 2021 at 6:00pm
Monday, 6 December 2021 at 6:00pm

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman