

## **LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2022**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors Chowns and Morris, Amanda Lambourne, William Lambourne, Alan Pike, Dilys Merry, Nina Shields (Chair)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Julia Lawrence – Deputy Town Clerk

#### **CC60 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Nina Shields was elected as Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year.

#### **CC61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Al Braithwaite.

#### **CC62 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

#### **CC63 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference were reviewed noting that in 3 sections, the Terms of Reference referred to “Amenities and Tourism Committee” when this should still read “Environment and Leisure Committee”.

Nina Shields made reference to previous occasions when projects had been rejected without any explanation by the Environment and Leisure Committee and requested that in future, good feedback should be provided on proposals put forward.

Councillors Chowns, Chair to the Environment and Leisure Committee, apologised for proposals that had not been pursued but stated that he was unable to attend meetings on a Monday evening and therefore had no advocacy due to non-attendance.

Councillor Morris proposed that the Environment and Leisure Committee include the Climate Change Working Party as an agenda item at the next meeting on 7 July 2022 in order to establish its modus operandi, setting out its aims and objectives.

It was noted that whilst there will be occasions when suggestions are put forward, members of the Working Party needed to appreciate that not all

recommendations may get approved by the Environment and Leisure Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1 That the Terms of Reference be agreed.
- 2 That an agenda item is to be placed on the next Environment and Leisure Committee meeting requesting discussion on the modus operandi of the Climate Change Working Party to include its aims and objectives.

**CC64 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2022**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the Climate Change meeting held on 7 February 2022 be received and noted as a correct record.**

**CC65 CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION**

Members of the Climate Change Working Party were asked to refresh themselves on the contents of the Climate Change Declaration noting that the Working Party are only able to put forward recommendations as it is for the Environment and Leisure Committee to agree and propose recommendations put forward.

**CC66 ACTION SHEET**

Nina Shields advised the Working Party that the original Action Plan was far too long and it was proposed that the abbreviated Action Plan be presented to the Environment and Leisure Committee for discussion and approval before proceeding with any of the suggestions put forward.

Nina Shields reminded members that once a project had been rejected, it cannot be revisited until a further six months had passed.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the abbreviated Action Plan be presented at the next Environment and Leisure Committee for discussion and approval prior to commencement of any of the projects.**

**CC67 2022 PROJECTS**

Review of plastic free policy for Ledbury Town Council - A copy of the Policy is attached. Members are asked to note the contents.

Members of the Working Party discussed other topics, including:

- 1 Planting trees – put forward suggestions as to where they could be planted
- 2 Homend Crescent mining bees.
- 3 Mixing wild flowers with cultivated flowers.
- 4 Promote nature conservation on a mini scale – identify areas around Town and bringing awareness to local residents.

Members noted that several litter picking parties were underway and doing litter picks but there appeared to be no communication between them. It was agreed that a register should be facilitated through the Environment and Leisure Committee and the Deputy Clerk asked members to channel all contacts details for the various groups in order that the register could be formed.

In summary, members appreciated that a mechanism needed to be established first to decide on priorities and/or what is feasible, agree on communications and then get acceptance from the Environment and Leisure Committee to proceed.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1 **That Members of the Climate Change Working Party present the proposed 2022 projects to the Environment and Leisure Committee for discussion and approval on 7 July 2022.**
- 2 **That Members of the Climate Change Working Party provide the Deputy Clerk with contact details for all litter pick groups so to establish a register.**

**CC68 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**It was noted that the next meeting of the Climate Change Working Party is scheduled for Wednesday, 3 August 2022 at 6.00pm, at Ledbury Town Council offices.**

The meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....  
(Chair)