

## **LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2022**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Morris, Nina Shields (Chair), Alan Pike, Al Braithwaite

**ALSO PRESENT:** Olivia Trueman – Community Development Officer  
Amy Howells – Minute Taker  
Jennifer Allen – Drainage Officer, Balfour Beatty

#### **CC49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Christina Vass, Paul Kinnard, Amanda Lambourne and Councillor Knight.

#### **CC50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

#### **CC51 PRESENTATION FROM JENNIFER ALLEN – DRAINAGE OFFICER AT BALFOUR BEATTY**

Jennifer Allen provided members with a presentation on how Balfour Beatty could assist Ledbury Town Council in creating a flood management plan. Nina Shields briefed Jennifer on the areas in Ledbury that are prone to flooding, including Worcester Road.

Nina Shields said that the aim is to give some thought on how the Climate Change Working Party can build resilience so they know where it is likely to happen and what they and residents can do about it. Jennifer responded that the first step is to raise awareness right now so the reactive maintenance can be effective and to see what the problem is and how to manage it. Steve Hodges is Balfour Beatty's main contact to Herefordshire Council and Beth Lewis works under him. Jennifer Allen said that the more reports that happen by residents for each drainage issues this would escalate the matter.

Jennifer noted that she would look and see if there are any information leaflets to give to residents and that she would send a diagram of flood barrier items to the Community Development Officer.

**Jennifer Allen left the meeting at 6:46 pm**

**CC52 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2022**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the notes of the Climate Change meeting held on 6 December 2021 be received and noted as a correct record.**

**CC53 ACTION SHEET**

Nina Shields advised members that the recommendations from the previous meeting of the Climate Change Working Party were not supported by the Environment and Leisure Committee. This included creating a climate blog and organising an event under the Market House to celebrate the Great Big Green Week. Members were disappointed with the feedback, especially when the Council had recently declared an Emergency Climate Declaration and should be seen to be supporting the Climate Change Working Party.

Members asked the Community Development Officer to obtain the reasoning behind the recommendations not being supported, and why Councillors that were listed as members of the Working Party were not attending the meetings.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That Nina Shields write a letter to the Town Clerk, listing the above concerns, including the lack of support from the Environment and leisure committee.**
- 2. That members receive and note the Action Sheet.**

**CC54 FLOODING**

Nina Shields advised members that before works begin on the flood management plan, more information and research was needed.

**RESOLVED:**

**That members continue to obtain information on Flood Management Plans.**

**CC55 LEDBURY CARNIVAL 2022**

The Community Development Officer advised members that the Ledbury Carnival Association are looking for volunteers, and that this year's theme is around blooms and the climate. Nina suggested inviting a representative of Ledbury Carnival Association to attend Climate Change meeting to brainstorm ideas and how the working party could assist. Alan Pike suggested a mascot for events.

**RESOLVED:**

**That a member of the Carnival Association be invited to attend the next Climate Change Working Party to brainstorm ideas.**

**CC56 REQUEST FROM FINANCE, POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE**

Finance, Policy and General Purpose requested that the chair of the Climate Change Working Party provide a progress report on the Garden Organic Training, and how this will benefit members and the community.

Nina Shields updated members on the progress of Garden Organic project.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the update from Nina Shields be received and noted.**

**CC57 FUNDING**

Members were advised that Ledbury Town council had recently obtained funding from Herefordshire Council. Nina Shields advised that she had a meeting with the Town Clerk and Community Development Officer and that the money had to be spent on improving the town, to welcome back visitors and the tourist season.

She asked members to email her directly with any ideas they may have, and that she would report back to the Town Clerk.

**Al Braithwaite left the meeting at 7:21PM**

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That members contact Nina Shields or the Community Development Officer with any suggestions or ideas on how the funding could be spent.**

**CC58 USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Members were provided with links to useful sources of information.

**RESOLVED:**

That the useful sources of information be received and noted by members.

**CC59 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Climate Change Working Party was scheduled for Monday, 4 April 2022 at 6:00PM.

The meeting ended at 7:27pm.

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