

**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)