

**Ledbury Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the
Climate Change Working Party
held on 26 October 2020 via Zoom**

PRESENT: Councillors Knight and Howells, Nina Shields (Chairman), Al Braithwaite, Mike Sessarago, Anne Crane, Robin Coates, Alan Pike

ALSO PRESENT: Nicola Percival, Waste Operations Team Leader, Herefordshire Council
Nicola Young, Deputy Town Clerk

CC.17 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

CC.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Councillors Only)

None received.

CC.19 It was agreed by all to bring Item 7a. **Waste Reduction** update from Herefordshire Council forwards to enable Nicola Percival to leave the meeting after her presentation.

A. Nicola Percival, Waste Operations Team Leader, Herefordshire Council, gave a presentation on the National Waste Strategy. A copy of the National Waste Strategy will accompany these minutes. Nicola talked about the following:

- Single use plastic bottle deposit return schemes
- Glass/paper/card/plastic bottles/aluminium/tins & cans must be collected separately
- Weekly food waste collections will be made to every household
- A second reading of the Environment Bill 2019-21 was due to take place on 5 Nov 2020.
- Herefordshire Council are undertaking a strategic review of waste services. A Task & Finish Group has been set up and is looking at:
 - how to incorporate local services from the national Bill
 - key service objectives
 - recommendations to Cabinet Member.
- The next stage is a public consultation on the planning and designing of the new service.
- The current PFI Disposal Contract ends in November 2023.

- Herefordshire Council are aiming to produce 37.7% energy from its waste facility and there will be no more than 1% waste placed in landfill.

Questions/comments/requests received:

- φ Could the Task & Finish Group look at a dedicated recycling facility for business use only?
- φ Request for site at Ledbury Recycling Centre to place good reusable items – reclamation space?
- φ What are the number of samples of waste bins currently used by Herefordshire Council?
- φ ACORN Consumer Classification
- φ Request for laminated stickers for the top of each bin to show what should be placed in each bin.

RESOLVED that the Working Party makes the following recommendations to Ledbury Town Council Environment & Leisure Committee:

- To add Herefordshire Council Strategic Waste Review public consultation to the Climate Change working party action plan, with the aim of assisting Herefordshire Council to gain public opinion in the Ledbury area.
- That Ledbury Town Council gets involved with the Herefordshire Council Strategic Waste Review consultation and endorses an awareness raising programme.

CC.20 MEETING NOTES FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED that the meeting notes from the Climate Change working party held on 28 September 2020 be received and noted.

CC.21 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Updated Climate Change working party Terms of Reference were presented to the meeting. The following amendments were put forward:

- Para 4: Internal to the Council.
Last bullet point to read "To support the council regarding the purchasing of goods and services to ensure environmental issues are taken into account and, where possible, purchases are local and sustainable."
- Para 4: External to the Council.
Second bullet point to read "Ask the Council to declare a climate emergency and to publicly declare their on-going support for the Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill."

RESOLVED that the working party **recommends** that Ledbury Town Council Environment & Leisure Committee accept the Terms of Reference with the amendments as listed above.

Mike Sessarago left the meeting.

CC.22 CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY CONTACT LIST

The Chairman reminded working party members that they had received a GDPR form when the papers had been sent out. She requested that members complete the form and return to deputyclerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk in order for the Council to retain personal information for members of the working party.

CC.23 CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION

A draft Climate Change Declaration was put before the working party for discussion. Councillor Howells recommended that a sentence to sum up the impact of climate emergency be added to the end of the second paragraph.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment & Leisure Committee give consideration to the Climate Change Declaration making amendments where appropriate with a recommendation Full Council that they be approved.

CC.24 WASTE REDUCTION

b. Single Use Plastic

Al Braithwaite, Sustainable Ledbury Single Use Plastics (SUP) project leader, provided information on the aims of the project to reduce the amount of waste plastic in Ledbury. The project has received National Lottery funding to set up Q&A sessions with experts and supermarket representatives, but these have been unable to take place due to COVID-19. The SUP group are aiming to set up the session in Spring 2021 subject to the pandemic climate improving. Al Braithwaite welcomed any creative ideas to reduce the use of SUP and is happy to offer SUP support with the Climate Change Action Plan items.

Al Braithwaite left the meeting.

CC.25 IMPLEMENTING THE DECLARATION

The Deputy Clerk explained that the Action Plan had been put together using Ledbury Town Council's Corporate Plan objectives and Friends of the Earth,

Be a Force for Good 20 actions for Town and Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Action Plan was a good place to start and agreed that the document would be a working document.

Action CC15 – Robin Coates of the Malvern Hills Car Club, provided information on Malvern Hills Car Club and explained that they hoped to be able to promote the Car Club in Ledbury. The Club wish to park a car on St Katharine's car park to raise awareness. It was suggested that the Club could put an article in the Council's next newsletter and Sustainable Ledbury will also promote through their social media. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would inform Councillor Harvey, Ward member for St Katharine's Car Park area of the Club's wish to promote the car club by placing a car in St Katherine's Car Park.

RESOLVED that Members review the Action Plan following the meeting and consider what local actions will meet the listed goals and forward their comments to the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk by close of business on Monday, 9 November 2020.

Robin Coates left the meeting

CC.26 TOWN TRAIL

The Chairman reported that she had been trying to make contact with Spencer Grogan of Herefordshire Council but advised that he was on holiday until 29 October 2020.

The Chairman had distributed photographs detailing places on the Town Trail that she considered required work to make the Trail safe for use. It was reported that the site in photograph 4 had been reported to Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) and that the area was closed off for safety reasons.

RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk would arrange a virtual meeting with Spencer Grogan.

CC.27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Climate Change Working Party would be scheduled for Monday, 23 November 2020 at 6.00pm via Zoom noting that the meeting details would be included on the agenda.

Signed: Date:
Chairman

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm