



BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT v02 MINUTES
CLIMATE ACTION PROJECTS COMMITTEE
HELD 19.30 MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022
AT COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL

CAP2210.01 MEETING GOVERNANCE

- .01 **Attendance:** Cllrs. Watson (Chair), Benham, Grimble, & Merritt.
Ms. Yeo & Mr. Wikeley - Sustainable Bishop, & Mrs. Ford - clerk to the council.
Apologies: Cllr. Shaw & Mrs. Cawthraw.
- .02 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- .03 **Order of Business:** No change to agenda
- .04 **Appointment of Committee Chair & Vice:** It was proposed, seconded, unanimously agreed therefore **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Watson as Chair. It was proposed, seconded, unanimously agreed and therefore **RESOLVED** that a Vice Chair is not required.
- .05 **Committee Terms of Reference:** A draft version had been circulated to members for review. It was noted that committee members who are not councillors are non-voting members, although it was stressed that their expert views and opinions will be noted in committee meeting minutes and will be taken into account for all resolutions made by voting members. Following several slight amendments, it was proposed, seconded, unanimously agreed and therefore **RESOLVED** to adopt the BCAP Committee Terms of reference with immediate effect.

CAP2210.02 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Members discussed the opportunity to engage with parishioners, to keep them informed about the councils aims and progress with climate actions. The clerk explained how a written plan and regular reports could help and that currently a lack of documentation may give the impression nothing was happening at all. Cllr. Benham reported her recent work alongside psychologists and Exeter University on behaviour and changing habits of which the general outcome indicated the way to ensure a long-term change was getting people to discover themselves from where they emit carbon emissions and enable them to devise methods and ideas on how to reduce them with help and knowledge from relevant organisations.

Cllr. Merritt reminded members of the previous BPC Climate Action plan, version 2.0 of which was adopted by BPC in September 2021. He felt much of this content should be included in any new plan which is created. Clerk to circulate this, committee members to feedback to clerk any ideas and opinions to create a revised plan, if considered necessary. Appendix B giving an example of design and feel for the document was circulated prior to the meeting but no opinions were indicated.

CAP2210.03 UPDATES FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

- .01 **FROM SUSTAINABLE BISHOP:** Kate Yeo reported the following actions and progress:
1. On Saturday 29th October A preloved clothes swish & swap event is to be held in Bishopsteignton Village Hall. See posters and social media for further details.
 2. A talk was held last week at the Community Centre on Health & Climate Change. An excellent presentation from Dr. Bailey summarising the connection between living a healthy lifestyle and the impact on the climate. Unfortunately, only 15 attendees were welcomed, made up of usual faces. Engaging with the community is becoming an issue. Kate suggested that talk such as this be held more regularly but ran by the Parish Council. To be considered further.
 3. Both food boxes have been removed temporarily. Since being removed there seems to be little demand to replace them. It was agreed the box being open to the elements was a problem at Fore Street. Councillors agreed unanimously to recommend to full council that a bin store is provided to protect the box. The box at The Lawns will be replaced; it was felt the book swap in the shed will encourage use and reduce inhibitions such as embarrassment or shame.
 4. Katy Hanley is taking on Plastic Free Bishop. To liaise in the future.
 5. Gill Greateorex is working with Sustainable Bishop to give guided tours of her recently built passive house.
- .02 **ACTION CLIMATE TEIGNBRIDGE (ACT):** Kate Benham gave the following updates:

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1. A successful Energy Roadshow was launched in Christow, the aim promoted was to save money on bills by reducing energy consumption with the advantage of reducing CO2 emissions. This involved several different organisations showcasing and educating including TECS giving advice on retrofitting older homes and advice of wildlife in residential gardens. The general concept of the roadshow has been very popular and is due to be repeated in several other towns and parishes across Teignbridge; organised by either the Town/Parish Council or another community group. Members discussed.
2. Working with TDC on its Carbon Reduction Plan, Part 1 covering the district council's own responsibilities such as asset management and emissions from their own vehicles and processes. ACT have not been able to support this document although they have welcomed some of the policies included.
3. Working with DCC on energy consumption and developing a list of retrofit options, suppliers and experts.
4. Kate recently met the Chief Executive & Growth Director Karime Hassan at Exeter City Council at the first Net Zero Conference at Exeter Business Park and was inspired by their attention to the DCC Climate Emergency declaration and how this was the first thought and consideration on every decision made.
5. Kate positively reported the latest press release from Tesco announcing their plans to be the first carbon neutral supermarket. This will include a review of all suppliers to ensure they have a net zero business plan in place to be able to supply Tesco.

CAP2210.04 THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA

Neither the Chair or the Clerk had been able to prepare a draft user's agreement/policy in time for this meeting, but it was understood that these need to be approved/adopted by full council and in place before the camera can be used by the community. It is hoped this will be prepared and a draft circulated to committee members in time for the next full council meeting to be held 07.11.22. In the meantime, members were invited to use the camera in their own homes to familiarise themselves with the technology and results.

CAP2210.05 REPAIR CAFÉ & LEGO CLUB

- .01 This was considered and discussed at length. It was agreed in principle that restarting the repair café was the way forward but neither Sustainable Bishop nor the committee wished to lead the event, rather give support. It was understood volunteers, particularly someone to lead and co-ordinate the event was a necessity. It was unanimously agreed for the clerk to promote the opportunity on the website and social media.
Kate Yeo mentioned successful 'Fix It Café' held in Dawlish, ran by the Town Council and that if the Parish Council were to proceed the event should be given an alternative name as 'Repair Café' was owned by CAG and using this meant following many regulations, although support came from them too.
- .02 The Chair explained one draw maybe to run a kids Lego club alongside; encouraging children to work towards fixing, as opposed to throwing away. This was not met with enthusiasm, particularly that Lego is a plastic product.

CAP2210.06 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- .01 Kate Yeo highlighted the following consultation, encouraging response.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-net-zero-call-for-evidence/net-zero-review-call-for-evidence#the-net-zero-review>
- .02 Kate Yeo reported one sweet chestnut sapling remained since the plant give away held in the Spring. This now needs planting out; she suggested the Lawns and that it used to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. It was agreed that this matter be brought to the asset management committee at their next meeting.
- .03 From the recent Climate Change and Health talk where School Street Scheme was introduced.
<http://schoolstreets.org.uk/> *"A School Street is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. The result is a safer, healthier and pleasant environment for everyone. School Street schemes offer a proactive solution for school communities to tackle air pollution, poor health and road danger reduction. A School Street scheme will encourage a healthier lifestyle and active travel to school for families and lead to a better environment for everyone."*
Further research can be conducted, and information shared for this to be considered at a future meeting.

MEETING CLOSED BY THE CHAIR AT 21.27

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