

MINUTES of the Climate and Environment Action Committee of St Just-in-Penwith Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 14th October at 5pm

Present:

Cllrs M Blundy (Mayor), S James (Deputy Mayor), C Moore and G Prowse
A Law and I Willsdon

1. Apologies for Absence

A Harper, D Shephard, Z Baxter

2. Public Address at Meetings

None

3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of meeting on 30 September

These were approved and signed

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Action Plan to May 2021

Members discussed particular areas for action

- a) Charging points for electric vehicles: there was discussion about the relative merits of Pod Points, Genie or Ecotricity
- b) Bee lanes: the importance of enabling wild flowers to flourish in roadside verges
- c) Use of the Library: as an information point, and also promoting on the website. It was agreed to propose to the Town Council that there is an information area in the Library after transfer (Action: Chair)
- d) Young people: Cape Cornwall School has two new science teachers who are enthusing pupils – an area for action
- e) The St Just Energy and Carbon Audit: It was agreed that this would be shared with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and all our members, with a view to inviting the Steering Group to our November meeting to discuss it
- f) First priority: it was agreed that this is to schedule actions which fit into the Neighbourhood Plan
- g) Sustainable tourism: need to work with the Tin Coast Partnership
- h) Co-cars: there is a cost to these, and Cllr James will investigate the details
- i) Tree planting: we have established a link with Flora Tswei (Constituency Office) who is working on a tree planting scheme in the constituency. The Woodland Trust offers trees for publicly accessible areas. Ian will investigate community woodland and community orchard ideas for Bosavern Community Farm, who already have a tree shelter plan through the MP's scheme. A Law took a leaflet about the Tre Council's Tree Warden Scheme to investigate. She will also enquire at the Rugby Club, where tree planting would alleviate flooding. (Action: A Law)
Cllr Blundy will enquire of Ash Pearson at the National Trust. (Action: Cllr Blundy)
Members will also consider Pendeen Play Park, St Just Recreation Ground, CLT Skate Park and PLP. (Action: A Law, Cllr James)

7. Communication with residents, with sustainability in mind

This needs to be regular and ongoing. It was agreed that the booklet (circulated) should be personalised to St Just and Pendeen, and distributed to all school pupils in the parish (600). The Committee will recommend to the Town Council that the booklet be produced and funding allocated. (Action: Cllr Moore)

This would be just the first action, with the committee wanting to put other information together (eg biodiversity, bees, car sharing etc)

Members considered a letter sent by a member of the public – relevant portion circulated.

8. Local Events

Saturday 9th November, Sustainable Homes event at the Centre of Pendeen

Members are encouraged to attend. Cllr Moore will ask if we can have a table there. I Willsdon agreed to gather some literature together, and members were asked to support this. The materials can then be transferred to the Library afterwards.

(Actions: Cllr Moore, I Willsdon and All)

9. Terms of Reference

After discussion, it was agreed that the Chair will ask Town Council if the Terms of Reference can be amended to enable up to six residents to join the committee. I Willsdon will talk to students at Cape Cornwall School in case one is interested in joining.

(Actions: Cllr Moore, I Willsdon)

10. Future dates of meetings

(currently 11 November, 9 December, 3 February and 2 March)

A meeting time of 5pm on Mondays is not convenient to some members of the committee. It was proposed that we consider 4.30pm on a Wednesday or Thursday instead. Cllr Moore will contact all members by email, and conduct a poll of which day and time has most support. (Action: Cllr Moore)

Following this the detail for the next meeting will be confirmed, to be sometime during w/c 11 November

The meeting closed at 6.25pm.

Chairman's signature _____ Date _____