

**MINUTES** of the Climate Action Group of St Just Town Council held on Tuesday 18 January 2022 at St Just Library

Present

Councillors Martin Cavell and Howard Charman, also Constance Moore, Ian Flindall, Holly Whitelaw and Lyla Byrne.

1. Apologies for absence

Penny Cornell and Deb Pepper

2. Declarations of interest        None

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 1 November 2021 were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising        None

5. Library planting and sign

The sign is to be wooden: Bee Friendly Plants for Pollinators, St Just Town Council Climate Action Group. We have been granted a £5,000 annual budget (could be more) and £488.50 approved for the plants, which Lyla will order from Barncoose. For maintenance, it was suggested to have regular volunteer days, which could be publicised on the website and the noticeboard.

6. Grant application

Grant of £10,000 from the Lottery fund applied for in November, for action on renewables and regenerative farming, but nothing heard yet.

7. Schools and tree planting

James Hardy has been contacted about local Cornwall Council land, no reply yet.

Pendeen school and Sustainable Pendeen are interested. St Just primary are also interested – possible wildflower meadow corner in the playing field? Lyla has names of tree suppliers, cheap if we order in bulk.

A family with land on the road to Sancreed, wanting to create a woodland, have been told by Cornwall Council that a wood would not be appropriate there. Holly will investigate.

8. Flower seeds for the public

We have £150 to buy wildflower seeds, and Lyla has a list of suppliers. Penwith Landscape Partnership have been collecting seeds locally, and could advise on the best ones. It is hoped that we can give these out to local people at the library or have them in shops, with information on the best way to plant.

9. Mission statement

This has been agreed by the Council and will go on the website.

Suggestions for priorities: a community garden; workshops on composting; ask Cornwall Council for an update on proposed food waste collection; workshops on saving energy and staying warm, insulation and making curtains (Community Energy Plus.) Fields in front of Pleasant Terrace have been bought by people who are interested in tree planting/possible community gardens/allotments – need more information.

10. Sustainable Pendeen

Jane Haslam and Sandra Coak from Sustainable Pendeen will be asked to come to a meeting, and we will have a stall at their next event on 9 July. Rachel from Sustainable Penzance will be asked to come to a meeting.

11. Library

Links to useful information to go on the Town Council website. Deb Pepper has a large number of books on the subject of climate change, and will ask if they can go in the library.

12. Group skills Let Howard know what you can do that would be useful.

Any other business

Howard mentioned the proposed improvements to the A3071 for people to look at. The first phase of work on Fore Street may make it even more difficult for traffic.

Tim Wootton has a field below the church which he is proposing to rewild (could be put on the noticeboard map) – Martin will check.

The new cemetery at Pendeen may include a green burial site.

St Just in Bloom have ordered stone from a Penryn quarry to make a memorial for Rob Matthews. They have £840 collected for the purpose, and the Town Council have earmarked £400 for installation.

Date of next meeting – Monday 7 February, St Just Library.