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MINUTES of the Climate Action Group of St Just Town Council held on Monday 1 November 2021 at St Just Library

Present

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

1. Apologies

Jess Morris has resigned from this committee.

2. Declarations of interest – none

3. Dispensations – none

4. The minutes of the meeting on 4 October were approved with one alteration and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Regarding a sign for the library planting, Martin said that Zennor parish council have a very attractive ceramic “rewilding here” sign, and will check costs. A wooden sign by a local maker was also suggested.

Martin reported that the Post Office no longer sell polystyrene surfboards.

6. The Chairman has registered for the Cornwall online lectures on 8 November and Transition Penwith Climate Day, and hoped others will also attend.

7. National Tree Week, 27/11 – 05/12

Penwith Tree Planters will be doing tree planting at Bosavern Farm, and Ian is also doing occasional planting of fruit and nut trees at Chypraze Farm. Lyla can provide willow trees, and Kehelland Horticultural Centre have apple trees. Bosavern Farm also do tree planting on Sunday afternoons.

8. Library planting

Some granite has been offered to put round the seats. The Town Council want to see a plan and costings.

9. Terms of Reference

It was agreed that these would be used as a guide and can be changed as we go on. Suggestions for alterations – encourage people to buy from local farms and producers; support local farms rather than lecturing them. Local farm adviser Edward Richardson could come and talk to the group. Provide information on the noticeboard, the website and at the library (previously agreed.) Fraser was thanked for all the work he had done.

10. Tasks

Subgroups on different tasks? Ask people to come and talk to the group, eg Edward Richardson or Charmian Larke re energy. There is the Town Vitality Fund money available for consultants to come up with ideas.

11. Noticeboard

There is a secondhand clothes sale at the Centre of Pendeen in November. The Repair Café is reopening. Suggested carbon audit graph to show local energy consumption. Holly will send a link for an interactive carbon calculator.

12. Government funding available

There is funding for air source heat pumps, but these may not save money, and more guidance and facts are needed, also on smart meters. Insulation grants available for those on benefits.

13. Town Council website

Fraser is collecting information and will provide links to go on the website with news on grants etc. Not known how often the page is updated.

14. Any other Business

Howard has emailed local schools, but no reply.

Holly will attend the next full council meeting, to ask if the Town Council will apply for a National Lottery grant.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed as a true record.....

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