

**MINUTES** of the Climate Action Group of St Just Town Council held in St Just Library on Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 5 pm.

Present

Cllrs M Blundy (Mayor), C Moore(chair), Debbie Shephard, Andy Harper (later), Ali Law, Deb Pepper, Niki de Palma and Ian Willsdon.

Apologies

Grenville Prowse and Chris Fry

The minutes of the meeting on 5 February were approved and signed. It was asked if future minutes could highlight action to be taken by members.

1. Matters Arising

The Perspex for the noticeboard in the Square has been ordered.

2. Declarations of interest/dispensations

None

3. Draft Climate Emergency Action Plan

It was agreed that the Helston plan was good but too long, and Deb has a copy of the Penzance plan. We liked the categories used in the Penzance plan:

1. Actions we can lead on (putting our own house in order)
2. Actions we can enable (facilitating awareness-raising and the work of community-based groups)
3. Asks of higher levels of government (lobbying CC and parliament)

For all three, the headings were Community Leadership, Regeneration, Reduction and Resilience, looking at HOW and WHO.

Some members are working on this format for our own Climate Action Plan, adding an additional column: WHEN.

Feedback to the Neighbourhood Development Plan has suggested strong support for community energy and for renewables, though the plan will not include wind turbines as that would mean designating sites for them. Solar farms and incinerators are not supported. It was suggested that the group could hold an open day to receive suggestions to go in the plan.

6. Proposed leaflet

Niki has obtained an estimate of around £400 for an A3 folded leaflet, 2000-2500 copies, which everyone agreed sounded reasonable. The climate change leaflet paid for by the Town Council should be going out to the schools and nurseries soon.

7. Sustainable Pendeen event, 14 March

**Constance** will attend this, and take **Debbie's** eco-bricks as a talking point. **Marna** will bring the board for people to put comments on. The proposed removal of the recycling banks will no doubt be a big item for discussion.

8. Any other business

Ali, Deb and Daisy will attend the NT tree planting event at Kenidjack on 7 March.

There will be a meeting in Penzance on 17 March to discuss Cornwall Council's Climate Change Development Plan document. **Debbie and Andy** hope to attend this.

A member of the public has asked if there is a plan for outlying and housebound people to receive supplies in case of emergency. Marna said this should be covered by the TC emergency plan, which is still being updated.

Should the TC have a strategic plan, as other councils do?

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 1 April at 5pm

Chairman's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_