

MINUTES of the Climate Action Group of St Just Town Council held in St Just Library on Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 5pm

Present

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

Apologies

Grenville Prowse, Daisy Gibbs and Chris Fry

1. The minutes of the meeting on 11 December were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising

Constance asked if members could help promote the Facebook page she has set up. After some discussion, the group's name was decided on: St Just Town Council Climate Action Group.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Dispensations

None

5. Draft Climate Emergency Action Plan

The Helston Action Plan was recommended as being excellent, and members will look at this to see which parts we can make use of. Niki, Deb and Ali will report to the next meeting.

Town Councillors will be asked if they would be interested in attending an XR "Heading for Extinction" plan.

The Council should be asked to bear environmental and sustainability concerns in mind when making their decisions, and a note made of positive or negative effects.

6. Other matters for discussion/any other business

Discussion of Andy's proposed leaflet – agreed that it needs further work, to be larger and to be split into easier sections. We need to check how many would be needed to cover St Just and Pendeen, and find out possible costs – and whether the Town Council would be prepared to fund it.

A farmer has offered land for tree planting, but this is the land presently planted with pine trees, on the way out of St Just to Penzance. Sue James has asked Edwina Hannaford to look into it.

Constance has requested that the new refurbished Co-op should include a milk refill machine like the one at the Rugby Club, and asked everyone to submit requests.

The Town Council will be having noticeboards on the Library for Council information, and our group can have the noticeboard in Market Square, which Grenville has offered to repair. The Council will be asked if they will fund the cost of materials.

Future events – Ian Flindall is giving a talk on energy on 20 February, and there is another Sustainable Pendeen event in March, to be discussed at our March meeting. There was a query on whether the plastic used on the fields for new potatoes is disposed of sustainably?

Debbie S produced some “ecobricks” made of plastic bottles stuffed with pieces of un-recyclable plastic, which can be used in building and take a lot of plastic which would otherwise go to landfill. Some members felt that it would be better to use less plastic in the first place.

Ian will send out details of ways we could set up a Food Hub in St Just, to bring together local growers and make their produce more easily available.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 4 March at 5pm

Chairman’s signature _____ Date _____