

MINUTES of the Climate and Environment Group of St Just and Pendeen Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Wednesday 11 December at 5pm

Present

Cllrs M Blundy (Mayor), C Moore(chair), Andy Harper, Ali Law, Chris Fry, Deb Pepper, Grenville Prowse and Ian Willsdon.

Also present: Kate Beckly and Crystal Wakefield

Apologies

Debbie Shephard and Niki di Palma

1. The minutes of the meeting on 6 November were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising

Constance apologised for having missed the deadline for the December/January issue of Outreach, and will send in an article for February. She will send all members the draft Action Plan for consideration.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Dispensations

None

5. Public Address at Meetings

Kate Beckly spoke regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan, whose members are currently drafting the policies for the finished document, her responsibility being sustainability. The Plan can include aspirations for future development, such as solar panels and water saving on new houses, but these will not be “set in stone.” The Plan could encourage the use of wood frame buildings rather than concrete, gardens and green spaces such as outdoor gyms.

She recommended websites such as Wadebridge Community Energy Network (WREN), Community Energy Plus, and the Cornwall Sustainable Building Trust.

6. The Great One Hour Share

Crystal Wakefield spoke on this, which was originally trialled as part of Transition Penwith some years ago, but received no funding to proceed. The idea is to set up action groups and provide training for volunteers in streets, associations, clubs and workplaces who would then provide the catalyst for general behavioural change. There was a long discussion on the best way to proceed, perhaps a leaflet to go out to households, and a noticeboard at the library. The schools and nurseries are involved, also housing associations, but sponsors will be needed. Andy asked those who had ideas on how to proceed to contact him.

7. Sustainable Pendeen event, 9 November

Constance said this had been a success, and thanked Ian for attending and providing literature, and Marna for bringing a board on which people could note their current actions and pledge to do others. A number of people had put their names down as tree-planting volunteers.

8. Any other business

Constance will send out the draft Action Plan to all members for consideration, so we can work on a full version.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 5 February at 5pm

Chairman's signature _____ Date _____