

**Minutes of the CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Corfe Mullen on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Harrison - Chairman

Cllrs	Barron (late)	Honeyman
	P Holland	

Officer in attendance: Katrina Blee (Clerk).

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

There were no members of the public present.

**19/236 Election of Chairman**

Cllr P Holland nominated Cllr Harrison, with Cllr Honeyman seconding the nomination.

**19/237 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence. The Clerk reported that Cllr Lortie had decided on reflection not to be a member of the sub-committee. It was felt important to have 5 members, therefore Full Council will be asked in October to appoint one more member.

**19/238 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**19/239 Action Plan**

The following actions were agreed:

- a) The declaration by Full Council made on 27<sup>th</sup> August be put on the website and Facebook page with a note to say this sub-committee has been formed.
- b) A climate change statement of intent be drafted for adoption by the Parish Council. The Clerk will find examples from other councils.
- c) The sub-committee will consider what actions the Parish Council can take itself to reduce its carbon footprint.
- d) The sub-committee will work with the community, schools and businesses to promote action on climate change.
- e) The sub-committee to identify key themes and priorities for action on climate change.
- f) A community engagement event to be planned to ask people for their ideas on the themes identified.
- g) The member of the public who spoke at Full Council about climate emergency be asked to attend the next meeting to assist the council in identifying themes and priorities, and to have input to a draft statement. The Clerk will contact him.

It was felt particularly important to engage with young people and Cllr Barron offered to engage with the schools and the youth club with a view to going to talk them.

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**Initial discussion on actions the Parish Council might take**

The following were identified as potential areas where the Parish Council itself can contribute to mitigating the effects of climate change:

- Solar panels on Parish Council buildings and the Village Hall
- Use green energy – but important to agree what type of green energy
- Reduce use of single-use plastics as much as possible
- Purchase land for a solar farm
- Harvest wind energy at Parish Council sites
- Plant more trees and shrubs, particularly those which have high CO<sub>2</sub> absorbency
- Include on Council agendas statements on the impact of decisions on climate change
- Replace all conventional lighting with LED alternatives
- Move where possible to electric vehicles
- Upgrade Parish Council-owned streetlights to LED
- Install electric vehicle charging points on one or more of its sites
- Promote the use of public transport and consider funding improvements to public transport services
- Liaise with DAPTC, other parish and town councils and Dorset Council on climate change actions;
- Review all Council policies to ensure that climate change is reflected therein
- Promote planning policies for the new Local Plan which will reduce the effects of climate change
- Find out key facts about Corfe Mullen such as traffic volume, air quality, flooding etc.

The Clerk was asked to research the above, find out what other councils are doing and prepare a report.

The Clerk was also asked to find out about the Low Carbon Dorset Programme.

It was suggested that Bournemouth University may be interested in assisting the Parish Council on some projects.

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting were agreed as Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.