

Minutes of the CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Corfe Mullen on Tuesday 21st January 2020 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Harrison – Standing in for the Chairman

Cllrs	P Holland
	Honeyman
Co-opted member:	John Van Breda

Officer in attendance: Katrina Blee (Clerk).

Invitee in attendance: Judith Proctor.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

The Chairman welcomed Judith Proctor to the meeting who had offered to come along to give her support and ideas to the sub-committee. There were no other members of the public present.

19/382 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

19/383 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19/384 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2019 were approved.

Nem Con.

19/385 Community Conference

The Clerk reported that the Council had made a provision of £2000 for climate change initiatives in the budget but that it would be necessary to obtain its permission for any sort of event run under the Council banner. This will go to Full Council on 28th January 2020.

The Clerk suggested that two events might be better, first a conference with speakers and workshops and a second later on in the summer which would be more of a community/family day with entertainment etc. The alternative would be a morning conference followed by a family afternoon.

John Van Breda outlined a rough agenda for the conference as follows:

1. Intro
2. Icebreaker: climate change pub quiz
3. Climate Outreach Talk
4. Climate Science Talk
5. Activity session: attendees given a selection of items and to identify what impact each of these has on climate change.
6. Talk from a councillor with ideas of pledges individuals can make, then councillors to declare their pledges.
7. Input from a school or Fridays for Future.

8. Talk from a local company on solar and heat pumps etc.
9. Talk on impact of practical solutions, tipping points etc.
10. Group activity – produce cards of actions and thoughts to take forward
11. Final wrap

Suitable breaks would be slotted into the agenda. Attendance (up to 90 people) would be free with refreshments only – possibility of using a local vegan caterer for people to buy lunch – alternatively they could just go to the Co-op or bring their own.

The Sub-Committee felt that the agenda was very good but that it would be a whole day, therefore it was decided to recommend to Full Council that the conference is all day on 23rd May and a further community event be held later in the year.

It was agreed that the sub-group working on the conference (Cllrs Barron, Harrison, Honeyman and John Van Breda) would off-line meet every couple of weeks to continue to plan the event. Next meeting 5th February, 7.00 p.m. at the office. Judith Proctor was invited to attend as she is keen to help plan the event.

Nem Con.

19/386 Council's Carbon Footprint

Cllr Holland reported that the sub-group had met and subsequently started populating the Low Carbon Dorset spreadsheet to identify where the Council could make the most difference. This is still being worked on and a report will go to a future Council meeting. So far electricity/gas/water are the areas which are most used. It was agreed to trial using the heat pumps in the village hall for a month rather than gas to see if it was effective.

Beyond this the Sub-Committee will need to look at the pros and cons of solar panels and even look at the possibility of a council-owned solar farm or the installation of turbines.

19/387 Carbon Neutral: aspirational date

It was agreed to ask Full Council on 28th January to consider setting a year by which it aspires that the Council will become carbon neutral.

19/388 Date and time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting will be arranged in due course.

The meeting closed at 8.13 p.m.