



# Tiverton Town Council

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## Minutes of the Climate Change Committee Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 in the Mayoralty Room of the Town Hall.

**Present:** Cllr's A Hendy (chairman), Cllr B Holdman, Cllr S Bush, Cllr P Hill, Mrs S Chapman, Mr A Walker

**In attendance:** Town clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Mr C Shears (MDDC), Ms F Armstrong (Sustainable Tiverton), Miss N Verpetinsraite, Ms I Ogborne and Mr M Partridge ( Tiverton High School Students).

<b>08</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Dr Pointing, Cllr A Perris, Mrs Pelaou and Cllr A Mulligan
<b>09</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record; and were signed by the chairman.
<b>10</b>	<b>Presentation</b> The booked speaker, Phil Turnbull, did not appear, however Chris Shears from MDDC provided the meeting with an overview of the Hydro project for Tiverton Weir. The proposal would be to have two Archimedes screws which would produce a total of 150kw of electricity. There would also be improvement the fish pass at the weir. If agreed MDDC could be the first authority to not have to rely on the National Grid for energy. Apart from providing power to the MDDC HQ at Phoenix Lane it may be possible to provide lighting along Rotary Way. An application has been made to the Environment Agency together with outline planning permission to MDDC. The cost would be in the region of 814K, plus 5.6K annual costs, however the savings would be in the region of £65K per year. A presentation will hopefully be made to the MDDC Cabinet meeting in March, with hopefully a decision being made by May.
<b>11</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> Tiverton High School are committed to the reduction in the use of plastic and are also planting trees around the school grounds. They are also looking at sending food to the food bank that would normally be disposed of. They have become involved in the recycled bottle awareness scheme. Finally they have received an agreement that environment issues can be included in the

	fortnightly world studies sessions.
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Tree Planting Initiative</b></p> <p>Franny Armstrong, from Sustainable Tiverton informed the meeting that there had been, to date, four planting days, with an average of 4,000 trees planted per day. Funds had been obtained from crowd funding. On one day there had been 71 volunteers. They were now looking for areas around the town to plant trees. She stated that MDDC have given permission for tree planting in non-development land areas. There was a need to set up a plan for tree planting in the town. It was suggested that every town councillor could identify areas in their ward for possible tree planting. The group had also been involved in teaching primary school pupils in five schools how to plant and maintain trees.</p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Mid Devon Climate Change Working Group</b></p> <p>Cllr B Holdman Informed the meeting that Cllr Wainwright, who had been the chair of this group had been elevated to the cabinet as the Climate change lead. They would shortly elect a new chairman of the working group.</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>Climate Change Committee Action Plan</b></p> <p>A document had been forwarded to the clerk today. He commented that there were some good ideas in the plan, however he suggested that the committee concentrated on the areas in which the town council had either control or influence. This would be discussed at the next meeting</p>
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 5pm</p>