



Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Climate Change Committee held on Monday 9th August 2021

Present: Cllr S Bush (Chairman), Cllr A Hendy, Cllr B Holdman and Mrs S Chapman

In attendance: Mr J Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk) and Cllr S Griggs

49	Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr A Perris, Cllr S Knight, Cllr P Hill, Mr A Walker, Mrs V Pelaou and Mrs T Pointing.
50	Election of Chairman Cllr S Bush was elected as chairman
51	Membership of the Committee by non-elected members It was agreed that the following would be co-opted on to the committee : V Pelaou, S Chapman, A Walker, T Pointing and F Armstrong.
52	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 22 nd February 2021 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
53	Matters Arising There were no matters arising.
54	Democratic Period No items
55	Tree Team Update It was understood that the orchard scheme was going forward and that the group were keen to involve more Tiverton residents in the project. Cllr Holdman would contact MDDC ward members to request areas of that council's land that could have trees planted on them. Action Cllr Holdman
56	MDDC Climate Change Committee Cllr Holdman informed the meeting that this group now had a new chairman. Cllr Wright, who was keen to move things forward. Cllr Bush asked if there was any update on the hydro scheme. Cllr Holdman would make enquiries on that project. Action Cllr Holdman
57	Open Spaces The town clerk stated that the Neighbourhood Plan team had collected a substantial list of open spaces that are in the designated neighbourhood plan

	<p>area. Cllr Holdman wanted to set up a working party to see if the town council could manage some of those areas, however it was agreed that the correct process was for the town clerk to contact MDDC to ascertain which areas they would be willing to either hand over or permit TTC to operate under license. The town clerk stated that the meeting had to take into consideration on-going maintenance costs of any areas they took over. He also mentioned that there would be a meeting of the People's Park trustees tomorrow (10th August) in which he understood a conversation regarding the possibility of TTC taking over parks and other areas may be discussed.</p> <p>Action Town Clerk</p>
58	<p>Water Refill Points</p> <p>It was understood that a number of establishments in the town had displayed signs in their windows informing people they were part of this scheme, however the number of outlets may have reduced because of Covid-19 restrictions, and maybe needed to be looked into. There was a suggestion that Weatherspoon might be interested in joining the scheme. Some towns had fountains. Cllr Bush would investigate this and report back. It was also suggested that a tap could be fixed to the outside of the market toilets if that water was deemed to be drinking water. Action Cllr Bush</p>
59	<p>Electric Bikes and Charging Points</p> <p>Exeter has introduced e-bikes for hire at various points in the city. You can hire a bike and place it in a docking area at the end of the hire period. This system could possibly extend itself to Tiverton Parkway station the college and the canal centre. It was agreed that we would ask people through Facebook if they would use this facility if it were made available. The Neighbourhood plan would highlight the requirement of charging points for cars and cycles on all new developments and the TTC planning committee should also make that point where applicable. Action Town Clerk</p>
60	<p>Sustainable Items</p> <p>It was agreed that the council would be provided with the criteria for registering the council as plastic free. Once this had been obtained it would be placed on the agenda of the council meeting. Action Town Clerk</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the TTC website. The town clerk made the point that there are legal requirements for a council website, and that we were compliant. It would be possible to have a climate page on the website and links to one place, one planet could be added to the site. Hosting of the site was normally done on a two yearly basis but he would look to see when it was next due for renewal. Members were going to look at other council sites to see if there were other ideas that could be included in the future.</p>
61	<p>For the Next Meeting</p> <p>The idea of some form of Green Business Award scheme would be explored at the next meeting</p>
62	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 25th October 2021 at 6.15pm</p>

