



Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Climate Change and Resilience Committee held on Monday 29th January 2024 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall

Present: Cllr's S Bush (Chairman), P Hill, B Holdman, C Berry, D Wulff, D Broom and J Lejeune and Ms S Chapman

In attendance: Town Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), one member of the public and two District Councillors

025	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's L Kennedy, T Bridger, T Wheeler and B Fish. These apologies were accepted.
026	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interests were made at this stage of the meeting
027	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 23 rd October 2023 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
028	Matters Arising No items
029	Democratic Period A parishioner reported that he was alarmed to learn that out of 164 district councils MDDC ranked 85 th on the Climate Action Scorecard. Whilst not being the worst Devon council, this going to Torridge (149 th), they compared poorly with Exeter (3 rd), Teignbridge (6 th) and East Devon (16 th). Cllr D Wulff stated that that the present league table does not reflect fully the current MDDC position The parishioner also asked questions regarding modular homes in Cullompton which was answered by Cllr Wulff. Details not show here as not appertaining to Tiverton.
030	Emergency Planning for Flooding and Emergencies Cllr J Lejeune had started to work on a template plan. He would continue to work on this with assistance from other members of this group. He would circulate the document.
031	Tiverton to Exeter Cycleway Town Clerk would provide the contact of the gentleman from Bickleigh who

	is willing to come and talk to councillors regarding getting this project up and running
032	<p>Tiverton Parkway Bus Link.</p> <p>The officer responsible for bus transport at Devon County Council had been contacted, and we are awaiting a response. Cirencester are understood to operate a shuttle bus service to connect with GWR services at Kemble, and they will be contacted to find out how they operate that service. .</p>
033	<p>Net Zero/Wildlife Gardens/Green Open Spaces</p> <p>Sustainable Tiverton have arranged a forum at the Town Hall on Wednesday 7th February, commencing at 7pm, with the heading of making Tiverton more sustainable</p>
034	<p>MDDC Biodiversity Plans</p> <p>Cllr D Wulff stated that MDDC now has a climate and sustainability specialist and that the canal had been awarded Green Flag status. MDDC now sources 100% of its electrical energy for its estates from renewable sources and that recycling had improved through 2023.</p>
035	<p>Further Activities</p> <p>Cllr C Berry reported that he was awaiting dates for talks. There is a community garden in Cullompton which is operating very successfully, so might be worth looking into. Sustainable Tiverton meeting on the 7th February would be the next activity.</p>
036	<p>Flood and Snow Warden's Report</p> <p>Cllr S Bush reported that he had been kept reasonably busy with providing sandbags for possible flooding during the recent heavy rain period. He was however pleased to report that there had not been any significant issues. He had also provided grit during the cold period. He had arranged for salt bins to be replenished as necessary.</p> <p>He had dealt with the board collapsing on the entrance to the market in Fore Street. It was hoped that Bampton Street would reopen later this week.</p>
037	<p>Town Welfare Issues</p> <p>Cllr Berry spoke about the possibility of a water monitoring system being installed in the river to detect levels of pollution. The cost of this would be in the region of £10k. It was felt that possibly the council might be able to contribute but that the Environment Agency and South West Water should pay most of the cost. .</p>
038	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.15pm</p> <p>Next meeting scheduled for Monday 22nd April 2024 at 6.15pm</p>