



Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Climate Change and Resilience Committee held on Monday 31st July 2023 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall

Present: Cllr S Bush (Chairman), Cllr B Fish, Cllr B Bagetelas, Cllr C Berry, Cllr D Wulff, Cllr T Bridger, Cllr T Wheeler, Cllr P Hill and Cllr J Lejeune

In attendance:

001	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr S Bush was elected as chairman. There were two nominations for the position of vice chairman, Cllr B Fish and Cllr C Berry. The votes resulted in a tie, requiring the chairman to cast his vote. Cllr C Berry was therefore elected as vice chairman.
002	Non-Elected Members It was agreed that the following would be invited to attend meetings on a non-voting capacity: Mr A Perris Ms J Carter Ms S Chapman Ms A Padfield
003	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr B Holdman (sickness) and Cllr L Kennedy (family). Cllr D Broom turned up after the meeting had closed. Apologies were accepted.
004	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interests were made at this stage of the meeting
005	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 th February 2023 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
006	Matters Arising No items
007	Democratic Period No items

008	<p>Emergency Planning for Flooding</p> <p>Mr Chris Khan, the Flood Risk Engagement Officer for the Environment Agency gave a very interesting illustrated talk on flood prevention. He showed slides of serious flooding that had occurred in Tiverton over the years. At present the town council has an emergency plan, but it does not go into depth in relation to actions to be taken in relation to flooding. We do however have a flood warden who deals with local issues. Mr Khan mentioned an organisation called Devon Communities Together who can provide information and funding towards setting up emergency planning. Mr Khan stated that he can provide plans and other information to us.</p> <p>Members thanked Mr Khan for his interesting talk.</p>
009	<p>Flood and Snow Warden Report</p> <p>Cllr S Bush, who is our warden, reported that there had not been any major problems over recent times. Two garages are rented from MDDC to contain equipment for either flooding or snow problems. It was suggested that the volunteer list be updated.</p>
010	<p>Town Welfare</p> <p>Cllr P Hill explained the resilience forum had operated very successfully during the Covid-19 pandemic period. It was generally felt that there was still a need for some coordination of services within the town. One area that was highlighted was young people who were missing out on school meals due to poverty. It was felt that a survey should be conducted. Cllr T Bridger agreed to lead on this.</p>
011	<p>Further Activities</p> <p>It was felt that more speakers on a range of useful topics would be useful. This would not necessarily require a formal meeting setting to arrange.</p>
012	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.30pm</p> <p>Monday 23rd October 2023 at 6.15pm</p>