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Minutes of the Climate Change Committee held on Monday 25th October 2021

Present: Cllr S Bush (Chairman), Cllr A Hendy, Cllr B Holdman, Cllr A Hendy, Cllr S Knight, Mrs V Pelaou and Mr A Walker

In attendance: Mr J Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk)

63	Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr A Perris and F Armstrong
64	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interests were made at this stage of the meeting
65	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 09 th August 2021 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
66	Matters Arising There were no matters arising.
67	Democratic Period No items
68	Tree Team Update Details of activities of this group had been widely circulated
69	MDDC Update Cllr B Holdman informed the meeting that Cllr Wright was now the chairman of the Environment Committee and Cllr Heal was chairman of the Planning Committee. Planting of trees would take place near to Morrisons on the 4 th December and Allies had planted 25,000 daffodil bulbs, with new planting dates to follow. Jason Ball was the new Climate Change Officer at MDDC.
70	Open Spaces The Town Clerk had obtained a list of open spaces within the town which would be circulated to members of this group. The group also felt that apart from planting trees and plants the idea of a community garden could be explored.

71	<p>Water Refill Points</p> <p>Some examples of possible water refill points had been circulated. It was hoped that S106 or CIL money could be used. It was felt that possibly the public toilets at the Market could have a water point. The town clerk was not sure if the water at that location would be fit for drinking; but would find out from MDDC.</p>
72	<p>Electric Bikes and Charging Points</p> <p>A Facebook survey had taken place following the last meeting. The town clerk read out some of the responses to the survey. Generally it was felt that there needed to be a better infrastructure of cycle ways in the town before any electric bike system could be introduced. It was agreed that there was a need to lobby both the County and district councils to improve this facility.</p>
73	<p>Plastic Free Tiverton</p> <p>No information had been received regarding the possible wording of this policy</p>
74	<p>Green Business Award Scheme</p> <p>The meeting discussed this scheme and wondered if there was any special funding for such schemes. Awards could be made for good examples of climate change implementations like recycling and being eco-friendly. Innovative use of energy and websites could also be a category for an award.</p>
75	<p>Flood Risk Prevention</p> <p>The committee understood that in the main the Environment Agency took the lead together with the County Council and the district council, however it was felt that parish and town councils could have a better understanding/ offer suggestions and be more proactive regarding flood defence systems.</p>
76	<p>Further Ideas for Climate Change Committee</p> <p>The committee felt that more could be done to improve recycling within the town and noted the trial at present being undertaken by MDDC regarding waste and recycling collections. Some members felt that the TTC website could be improved.</p> <p>At a future meeting a person would talk about a proposal for a cycle route between Tiverton and Bickleigh on the former railway line.</p>
77	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Will be arranged for the new year.</p>