

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2020

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr P Davies

Councillors: Cllrs J Brook, D Carré, D Gould, S Sheard

Co-opted Members: Steve Barker, Frances Bennett, Alison Morgan, John Queening, Laura Tarlo-Ross, Matthew Tulley

Caroline Anstey and Andrew Colwill were co-opted as new Members at this meeting

Officers: R McGill, Deputy Clerk

Welcome

Public Question Time

Two members of the public attended and expressed an interest in joining the Standing Committee. These were Caroline Anstey and Andrew Colwill.

RESOLVED: That Caroline Anstey and Andrew Colwill be co-opted onto the Climate Emergency Standing Committee.

1920 17 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

As Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if any members of the public wish to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities can be provided. No one wanted to record the meeting.

1920 18 To accept apologies for absence

RESOLVED: Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs G Barber, J Brook and J Sweeney.

1920 19 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

None were received.

1920 20 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None were received.

1920 21 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

RESOLVED: No items to be heard in private session.

1920 22 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee meeting held on 10 December 2019, numbered 1920 01 – 1920 16 inclusive were confirmed.

1906hrs: At this point, Cllr Gould entered the Chamber.

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1920 23 To elect a Vice Chairman for the Standing Committee

RESOLVED: Cllr Barker had expressed an interest in this role but, since he was absent today, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

1920 24 Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: The Committee confirmed the Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee. The Deputy Clerk would keep this under review for the Standing Committee so that it was both fit for purpose and described the real way the Committee worked.

1909hrs: At this point, Cllr Carré entered the Chamber.

1920 25 Review of Committee Budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21

The Chairman reported on the process within the Parish Council through which the Standing Committee's budget was agreed.

NOTED: The Committee noted the budgets for 1) the current year and 2) the upcoming financial year. Committee Members noted that the Standing Committee would necessarily be subject to scrutiny by Councillors and the general public.

The Chairman reported that other Parish Councils and Primary Authorities are now seeking advice from Holme Valley Parish Council on how it so quickly developed the Climate Emergency Action Plan and is already at the delivery stage.

1920 26 Mobilisation regarding the Climate Emergency Action Plan

RESOLVED: To publish paper copies of the Climate Emergency Action Plan for distribution to community facilities, events, meetings, and so on.

RESOLVED: To purchase pop-up banners on a stand to publicise the Climate Emergency Action Plan and the work of the Standing Committee for use at future community events.

RESOLVED: To hold an engagement/mobilisation event to launch and publicise the implementation plan during the current Council year.

RESOLVED: For Members to contact local/regional/national celebrities who might wish to commit to supporting the Climate Emergency Action Plan and thus facilitate a Look North/Examiner news story.

RESOLVED: To build a Contact List/Mailing List for people who want to commit to the Action Plan, and to action on the climate emergency. This would be a task for the Co-ordinator role.

RESOLVED: Committee Members to send any ideas they have to Cllr Davies and Mmbr John Queening for actionable, fun climate emergency projects/resolutions/quick wins that members of the public can commit to through the engagement event.

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1920 27 The role of the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator

- 1) **RESOLVED:** The Job Description for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was agreed.
- 2) **RESOLVED:** The Person Specification for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was agreed. It was decided to remove the specification that said a candidate should be educated to degree level or equivalent.
- 3) **RESOLVED:** The salary for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was agreed.
- 4) **RESOLVED:** The recruitment timetable for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator role was agreed.
- 5) **RESOLVED:** It was agreed to only advertise through the Holmfirth Events website. Members were encouraged to use word-of-mouth to signpost good candidates they were aware of.
- 6) **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the interview panel would consist of three people.
RESOLVED: It was resolved that Cllr Davies would meet with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to discuss the administrative and line management aspects of this new role, and how best to submit the proposal to the Staffing Standing Committee.

1920 28 Climate Emergency Subgroups - feedback

Agriculture, Food, Environment, Land Use (engaging farmers and landowners; local focus)

Newly co-opted member, Andrew Colwill, reported on Cuddy's Farm and its commitment to sustainable farming, promoting local produce, green energy and repurposing of farmland. **RESOLVED:** Mmbr Alison Morgan and Cllr Sheard reported that they were going to visit food producers in Sheffield and then to develop an action plan for the Subgroup.

Energy, Housing, Buildings (home energy efficiency measures, renewables)

Mmbr Steve Barker reported on preliminary work with the Holme Valley Parish Council for the Council to set itself up as a good example regarding green energy. Mmbr Frances Bennett reported on how to engage with the public on energy saving advice. There was a suggestion that people who already have green energy projects (wind turbines, ground source heating &c) should be encouraged to attend the community engagement event. **RESOLVED:** Mmbr Steve Barker would be liaising with key people within Parish Council community buildings, - Holmfirth Civic Hall, Holmfirth Public Toilets and, when the asset transfer is complete, Honley Library, - to promote green energy practice. **RESOLVED:** The subgroup would be developing a booklet to advise people of simple, everyday actions they can do to save energy or to make energy more sustainable.

Transport/Travel (public transport promotion, electric vehicles, walking, biking)

Cllr Brook was absent so was unable to report on the Transport/Travel Subgroup. **RESOLVED:** Given that Cllr Brook works shifts in his job, it was decided that Cllr Davies and Mmbr Matthew Tulley would offer support to Cllr Brook with the Subgroup.

Waste/Consumption (minimising waste as well as recycling)

Mmbr John Queening reported on how the Standing Committee could enable other community organisations/groups/individuals, - mobilising the community to cut down on waste. Mentioned were engagement with 1) local schools; 2) fairandfunky community interest company; 3) food banks.

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Climate Action Mobilisation (public engagement; events/emails; reporting back)

The Chairman said that he hoped that the Subgroups would articulate the key actions as sketched out above for the upcoming mobilisation event.

RESOLVED: Subgroups to develop implementation plans for key actions over the next few weeks.

1920 29 Moving Forward

The Chairman encouraged Committee Members to network proactively to try to identify the best candidate for the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator role.

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Chairman