

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 15th MARCH 2021 via the Zoom Platform

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr P Davies

Councillors: T Bellamy, D Gould, R Hogley, J Roberts, S Sheard

Co-opted Members: C Anstey, F Bennett, S Barker, G Bradley, A Colwill, C O'Halloran, A Morgan, J Queening, M Tulley,

Climate Emergency Co-ordinator: Michelle Brown

Officers: R McGill, Deputy Clerk

Welcome

Public Question Time

One Councillor was present for the Public Session but chose not to speak.

2021 51 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded. The Officer was recording the meeting in video format through Zoom for upload to the Council's YouTube channel.

2021 52 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Firth was not present.

2021 53 To receive Members' and Officer's personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

None were received.

2021 54 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None had been received.

2021 55 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

RESOLVED: No items to be heard in private session.

2021 56 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee meeting held on 16 December 2020, numbered 2021 43 – 2021 50 inclusive were approved.

2021 57 Resignation of the Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee

The Committee noted that Cllr Glyn Barker had resigned from the Parish Council, and therefore from the Committee, and from the post of Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: Given that this was the last Climate Emergency Standing Committee meeting of the Council year, and a new Committee was to be formed after the Annual Council Meeting, Members resolved that a new Vice Chairman for the Committee would not be sought at this point.

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2021 58 Climate Emergency Standing Committee Expenditure Against Budget

NOTED: The Committee noted the RFO's report on projected expenditure against budget for the year to end March 31st, 2021.

2021 59 Mobilisation Sub-Group

- Climate Action Mobilisation
 - o The Committee Chairman reported on the work of the Mobilisation sub-group to coordinate and drive forward the climate emergency agenda. The Chairman reported that he was very encouraged by the work of the sub-groups and that of the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator. He also reported that Kirklees Council was extremely interested in the work of the Holme Valley Parish Council regarding the climate emergency and would be involving the Parish Council in development of the Climate Emergency Roadmap for Kirklees. He reported that the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator had been working with Kirklees Council to set up an online Climate Emergency Festival for young people.
 - o The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator reported on her co-ordination work, partnership working, and on the work of the Committee as a whole, summarising all the positive developments since the Committee had formed:
 - Videos for social media
 - Standalone Climate Emergency Website
 - Social media, - new Twitter page
 - Co-working with the Holme Valley Climate Emergency Partnership, River Holme Connections
 - Water fountain
 - Repair Café
 - Energy Audit
 - Developments with transport
 - o The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator reported on the need to get young people involved in the climate emergency.
 - o Copies of the Climate Emergency Action Plan were to be sent to local businesses.
 - o Members reported that the work of the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was a great asset.

2021 60 Authorisations to spend

Members considered a request from the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator for an authorisation to spend up to £300 from the Mobilisation budget on publicity and prizes for an online competition to foster engagement with the public on green issues.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved to authorise expenditure of up to £300 towards an online competition.

Members considered a request from the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator for an authorisation to spend £500 from the Mobilisation budget on publicity and pull-up reusable banners for a "Foz-Free Friday", - a fossil-fuel-free day.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved to authorise expenditure of up to £500 towards a "Foz-free Friday".

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Members considered a request from the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator for an authorisation to spend up to £1000 from the Mobilisation budget on Website modifications and new graphic modifications including a Carbon Calculator to calculate how much carbon is saved by swapping one activity (say, driving to work) with another (say, walking or cycling to work).

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved to initiate partnership working with the Kirklees Council team on carbon neutrality before committing to expenditure. Hence, the request for authorisation to spend was deferred to a later date.

Cllr T Bellamy would supply contact details to the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator of people involved within the Peak District National Park Authority on the promotion of walking and cycling in that primary authority area.

Members considered a pending request to consider an authorisation to spend £1500 from the Mobilisation budget on design work and new graphic images for the website.

RESOLVED: Members resolved to defer this request to a future meeting.

Members considered a suggestion to spend up to £500 from the Waste and Consumption Strategy budget on a push-activation system for the water bottle fountain at Holmfirth toilets to allow users to fill their water bottle without touching the fountain with their hands.

RESOLVED: Members resolved not to approve this proposed expenditure.

Members considered a proposal to spend from the Transport Strategy budget on a choice of 3 quotations to supply and install thirteen single-hoop bike stands. This would assist cycle-users to use local shops and services.

RESOLVED: Members resolved to approve expenditure of £1335.00 excluding VAT on 13 bike stands from PA Welding of Honley.

Project	Company Name	Price Quoted for 13 (<i>this is what we will pay</i>)	VAT	Price inc. VAT
BIKE STANDS	PA Welding	£1335.00	£265.00	£1600.00

Members of the Transport Strategy sub-group and the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator would investigate options for a means of permanently marking the cycle stands to indicate they were funded by the Parish Council and to emphasise the green, carbon-efficiency of cycling.

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2021 61 Climate Emergency Sub-Groups Feedback

Energy, Housing, Buildings

Sub-group Members reported on their work on the Home Energy Savings Booklet and the energy audit of Parish Council buildings (Civic Hall and Honley Library). The Council buildings energy audit would probably not be completed until May 2021. The Home Energy Savings Booklet was nearing completion. The text had been completed and the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was editing and formatting the final document.

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

Sub-group Members reported on their work about active transport, and electrical vehicle infrastructure. A meeting had taken place with Kirklees about electrical vehicle infrastructure, and the Parish Council had indicated to Kirklees that the Holme Valley would like to be considered as a pilot site for any infrastructure scheme developments that transpire. A bid to the Bright Green Community Trust had been successful and there will be a scheme in the summer to encourage people not to use their cars for short journeys with the tagline "If it's not far, leave the car." Work was also being undertaken with local organisers of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme to encourage young people taking the award to get involved with active transport. Two other projects are at a preliminary stage. First, Members are looking to do some co-working with a social enterprise working with primary schools encouraging pupils to walk to school. Second, the sub-group are looking to promote electric cargo bikes, - zero-carbon-emission electric cycles which have a space for shopping deliveries, - and to work with Kirklees Environment Ltd to establish a zero-carbon delivery service like a similar one in Hebden Bridge. Financial support from the Parish Council with these projects would be sought.

Waste/Consumption (recycling; minimising waste)

Sub-group Members reported on their prospective work regarding community hub recycling centres. They were awaiting more information regarding the Kirklees Council waste strategy following the recent consultation. Two sessions of the Repair Café had been run but had been hampered by the lockdown. The next session was to be on the 1st of May. The Facebook Holmfirth Freecycle page was also highlighted, as well as local schemes working with schools to "upcycle" clothes, and an upcoming Swap Shop.

Agriculture, Food, Environment, Land Use, Business Economy (land-use mapping; engaging farmers and landowners)

Members reported on the Land-Use Mapping Project. The Project had got matched funding from the Bright Green Energy Trust for the £5000 awarded by Holme Valley Parish Council. The project now involved Rob Dalby, Kirklees Green Space Officer, and Matt Taylor from the South Pennines Facilitation Group, and was trying to engage with local farmers. A pilot of the Mapping Project was taking place at Cuddy's Farm in the Upper Holme Valley.

Cllr Bellamy left the meeting at this point.

2021 62 Local Provision of Allotments

Members considered a report from Cllr Sheard regarding the shortage of local allotment provision.

RESOLVED: Members resolved that Cllrs Sheard and Gould would work with the Agriculture, Food, Environment, Land Use, Business Economy sub-group on a project plan for Holme Valley allotment and community-growing-area provision for submission at a subsequent meeting.

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2021 63

Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

NOTED: Members noted that Holme Valley Parish Council had resolved at its meeting 1st February 2021 to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and to carry out the following actions: 1) To Inform the Local Media of this decision, 2) To write to the local MP asking him to support the bill, 3) To write to the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill Alliance expressing our support.

Close 8:56pm

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Chairman