

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 AT 6.00PM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: L Agabani, S Briton, P Crummay, S Cursley, O Hartley, A l'Anson, J Osman (Mayor), C Rees, P Welch (Deputy Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Town Clerk/RFO: S Luck  
WCC Cllrs: J Linsdell, J Rust  
MDC Cllrs: T Ronan, C McKinnell  
County Cllr. T Munt  
14 members of the public

The Mayor, Cllr Osman opened the meeting

**19/01CEC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Town Clerk: F White

**19/02CEC DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**  
None.

**19/03CEC ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr Sarah Briton was proposed, seconded and elected as Chairman.  
Cllr J Osman (The Mayor) was elected as Vice Chairman.  
Cllr Sarah Briton took the Chair.

**19/04CEC MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Cllr J Rust raised the issue of membership of the committee and who was going to facilitate the meeting.

MDC Cllr T Ronan gave a comprehensive report which is attached to these minutes at his request.

Simon Dennis, from the group Sustainable Wells Group gave their support to the WCC climate change motion. He gave a brief introduction to the Centre for Alternative Technology's Zero Carbon Britain programme.

**19/05CEC TO DECIDE THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
It was agreed the Aims of the committee were those set out in the proposal to full Council.

It was agreed to set up a working party of Cllrs S Briton, P Crummay, S Cursley and O Hartley to work on a draft implementation plan setting objectives and to report back to the next CEC meeting.

**19/06CEC TO DISCUSS INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

It was agreed it was important to work with other groups in the City and the organisations suggested were, Sustainable Wells, Wells Food Network, Avalon Community Energy, Strawberry Line and the Secondary Schools in Wells.

Members agreed to take further comments from the members of the public present.

Stewart Crocker of Wells Food Network and Avalon Community Energy offered the support of both organisations.

County Cllr T Munt spoke about the County Council intent to work with the District Councils with a Task and Finish group soon to be established made up of two County Councillors, SCC Officers and two representatives from each of the District Councils.

Sarah Briton agreed to contact local media asking members of the public and organisations with skills, knowledge or special interest in climate change to consider offering WCC and the CEC their assistance.

**19/07CEC TO DISCUSS FUTURE BUDGET REQUIREMENTS**

It was agreed to consider budget requirements with the working group and report back to the next meeting.

**19/08CEC DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES**

To delegate authority to the Acting Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to decide any urgent matters arising before the next meeting.

**19/09CEC ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

1. The Acting Town Clerk reported the City Council Staff were working on a project to introduce two drinking bottle refilling stations, one at the Town Hall and the other at the Bus Station.
2. Cllr Hartley suggested a map of Cycle rack locations to be put on the Council website and was told work to do this was progressing.
3. Cllr l'Anson said it was important WCC and MDC encourage energy saving products on the new housing developments in and around Wells.
4. Members agreed one committee member should take responsibility to liaise with the other Council standing committees:-

Cllr Welch - F&GP committee  
Cllr Agabani - Open Spaces committee  
Cllr l'Anson - Planning committee  
Cllr Hartley – Staffing committee  
Cllr Cursley – Archives committee

**19/10CEC DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019**