

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: L Agabani, S Briton (Chair), P Crummay, S Cursley, O Hartley, A l'Anson, J Osman (Mayor and Vice-Chairman), P Welch (Deputy Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Town Clerk/RFO: S Luck
WCC Cllrs: J Linsdell, J Rust
County Cllr. T Munt
5 members of the public

19/11CEC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Town Clerk: F White
Cllr C Rees

19/12CEC DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

19/13CEC MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH JULY 2019

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

19/14CEC MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i) Cllr J Rust requested information on who were the organisers of Wells Climate Strike.
- ii) Dan Briggs (member of the public) introduced himself, explained he was an energy consultant and offered his help to the committee.
- iii) Members of the CEC agreed that further comments during the meeting from members of the public through the Chair would be welcome.

19/15CEC CEC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The meeting considered the draft WCC CEC Implementation Plan in detail and agreed to recommend its adoption to Full Council. The chair thanked Cllrs Crummay, Cursley and Hartley for their contribution to this.

19/16CEC WELLS CLIMATE STRIKE SEPTEMBER 20TH

The Wells Climate Strike organisers had invited a speaker from the committee to address their meeting describing the actions by WCC since the CE motion. Sarah Briton asked for a volunteer, it was agreed that she would represent the CEC.

19/17CEC CEC WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

a. **Transport**

Cllr Linsdell requested the formation of this and the CEC agreed. Cllr Linsdell offered to develop the working group in discussion with others over the next month and report back.

b. **Cycling** (facilitated by Cllr S Cursley and Matt Gilson)

Matt Gilson reported on the aims of the group which currently include Wells becoming a Cycle Friendly City, progress with the Strawberry Line, improvements to road junctions etc., development of funding options and joint working with other councils.

- c. **Energy**
Sarah Briton requested the formation of this, facilitated by herself and Stewart Crocker (Chair of Avalon Community Energy). Dan Briggs offered his assistance which the Chair accepted, with thanks. The Solar Street Wells project is to be launched at a public meeting in the Town Hall on October 17th at 7pm. Stewart Crocker will represent the Energy group, Cllrs were asked to consider who else could be available that night.
- d. **Further groups**
- i) The Acting Town Clerk reported the Finance committee had agreed funding for a water bottle refill station outside the Town Hall. Members were shown details of the proposed machine which will be installed in the coming weeks. It was agreed that further discussion about the nature of the refill station would best take place at the Full Council.
- ii) John Dickson (member of the public) suggested the committee form a Biodiversity working group and offered his assistance. Items to be looked at could include future tree planting and Ash die back etc. Members agreed and suggested the MDC Tree Officer be invited to speak at a future CEC meeting.

It was agreed that Sarah Briton and Steve Luck would present reporting guidelines for CEC Working Groups to the next CEC.

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REPORTS FROM WELLS CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Representatives are: Cllr Welch (F & GP), Cllr Agabani (Open Spaces), Cllr l'Anson (Planning), Cllr Hartley (Staffing), Cllr Cursley (Archives). There were no reports.

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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.

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ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

None to report.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm, Thursday 24th October 2019