

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 3 OCTOBER 2019 AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr S Beresford in the Chair
Cllrs R Battye, A Cooper, D Hardcastle, D Knight, T Moores, A Munro and C Walters.
Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle

The Chairman invited nominations for Committee Chairman.

**ECC1 Election of
Chairman**

Resolved: To elect Cllr Munro as Committee Chairman for the year 2019-20.

Apologies were received from Cllr P Taylor.

**ECC2 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

No-one addressed the Committee in advance of the meeting.

**ECC3 Public
Participation**

Resolved: To hold the meeting in the public session.

**ECC4 Admission of the
Public**

Members noted the Committee's terms of reference and debated the merits of the following possible projects:

ECC5 Strategy

- Nature Improvement Plan initially in Kirkheaton, which could be used as a model for other areas. It was reported that Kirkheaton Future had organised a nature walk, to which Committee members were invited.
- Provision of water dispensers to reduce the use of plastic bottles.
- Tree planting.
- Education packages for primary schools.
- Renewable energy, particularly with regard to community buildings.
- Encourage a reduction in the use of pesticides.
- Planning & Development: To seek improvements and make positive suggestions in new developments when the Council is consulted with the aim of increasing biodiversity.
- To undertake projects aimed at increasing the number of bees / beehives in the area.
- Electric charging points.
- To explore the possibility of working with Kirklees Council on areas of mutual interest.

Members noted that there was a Climate Emergency public meeting at Holme Valley Parish Council on 13 October.

Recommendation: That the following members would research the subjects indicated, and supply information to the Clerk in time to be circulated with the papers for the next meeting.

Kirkheaton Nature Walk / Nature Improvement Plan: Cllr Walters.

Water Dispensers: Cllr Munro.

Holme Valley Climate Emergency /renewable energy in community buildings: Cllr Cooper.

Education packages: Cllr Knight.

Projects aimed at increasing the bee population: Cllr Hardcastle.

Recommendation: To invite Mr Rob Dalby, Kirklees Environmental Protection Manager, to a future committee meeting.

Members noted the information provided with regard to co-options, and the legal framework, which applied to co-optees.

ECC6 Procedure for Co-options

Recommendation: That the Committee would elect a maximum of 3 co-optees per Council year, with the choice of people / organisations being dependent on the projects being undertaken at the time. Also, to consider making co-options at the next meeting.

It was noted that it may be necessary to change the co-optees during the year.

Recommendation: That the Management & Finance Committee includes £15,000 in the budget for 2020/21.

ECC7 Proposed Budget 2020-21

Resolved: To hold meetings on a quarterly basis and the Clerk to liaise with the Chairman on meeting dates for the year.

ECC8 Meeting Dates

The Chairman then closed the meeting.