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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Held in the Cockcroft Room, Todmorden Town Hall, Bridge Street, Todmorden, on Wednesday 27 October 2021 at 7:30 pm

Councillors Present: Cllr A H Greenwood (substituting for Cllr L Thorpe), Cllr P Ripley, Cllr J Williams, and Cllr M Holmstedt (substituting for Cllr R Coleman-Taylor), Cllr L Levick (substituting for Cllr M Taylor) Cllr P Taylor (Mayor) Ex officio

Absent Councillors: Cllr The Revd G Kent (Chair), Cllr R Coleman-Taylor (Vice-Chair)

Cllr M Taylor, Cllr L Thorpe

Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee): None

Officers: C Hill, Town Clerk (minute taker) R Crane -Climate Officer

Members of the Public: Tod Flood Group – Sarah Jayne Robbins and Paula Marshall

2021(EC)031	<p><u>Election of Chair</u></p> <p>The Chair and Vice Chair were absent</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr M Holmstedt Seconded by Cllr A H Greenwood Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That Cllr J Williams be elected as Chair for this meeting.</i></p>
2021(EC)032	<p><u>ITEM 1. Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting noting substitutions at late notice will be allowed</p> <p><i>Apologies were received from Cllrs The Revd G Kent, illness, R Coleman – Taylor and M Taylor on vacation and L Thorpe prior engagement</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr P Taylor and Seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the apologies and the reasons given be accepted, namely Cllr The Revd G Kent for reasons of illness. Cllr R Coleman-Taylor and Cllr M Taylor on vacation, Cllr L Thorpe, prior commitment.</i></p>

2021(EC)033	<p><u>ITEM 2. Declarations of Interest</u> To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.</p> <p><i>None received</i></p>
2021(EC)034	<p><u>ITEM 3. Public Participation</u> To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p><i>The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak and it was agreed that representatives of Tod Flood Group may address the meeting under Item 9</i></p>
2021(EC)035	<p><u>ITEM 4. To approve the draft minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee meeting held on 1st September 2021 – for decision.</u></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr J Williams and seconded by Cllr M Holmstedt Unanimous</i></p> <p><i>That the minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee meeting held on 1st September 2021 be accepted as a true record and the Chair be authorised to sign as such.</i></p>
2021(EC)036	<p><u>ITEM 5 - Exclusion of Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960</u> To consider and confirm any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information.</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr A H Greenwood and seconded by Cllr J Williams Unanimous</i> RESOLVED: <i>That any public or press who may attend be allowed to stay for the whole of the meeting</i></p>
2021(EC)037	<p><u>ITEM 6 – Overview of Climate Emergency Committee Remit and proposals for web site improvement– for decision</u> To present to Members an overview of the remit of the Climate Emergency Committee and to provide a framework, seek agreement for the future actions and work direction of the Climate Officer and to agree content of the Climate Emergency Web page content.</p> <p><i>The Climate Officer, new in post, took the opportunity to present to Members an overview of her understanding of the CEC remit and how various strands of activity impact on delivering interventions at local level.</i></p> <p><i>The Climate Officer also presented an outline of content for a new section on the web site relating to Climate Change</i></p>

	<p><i>Members welcomed the overview and “Spider Diagram” framework and confirmed their agreement to moving forward to action different elements and to bring this back to future meetings for reference.</i></p> <p><i>Members also welcomed the web site content proposals and confirmed that the Climate Officer may progress along the lines agreed.</i></p> <p><i>Members unanimously thanked the Climate Officer for her presentation.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr J Williams and seconded by Cllr P Taylor Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the Climate Clerk be thanked for the presentation, that Members agreed the proposed web site content and the remit of work to be taken forward by the Climate Officer. .</i></p>
2021(EC)038	<p>ITEM 7 – Communication about the Climate Emergency Committee Actions - for Information</p> <p>To consider how the work of the CEC and its actions are promoted to its audiences.</p> <p><i>Members were advised that a mixture of ongoing press releases and social media intervention would be used to raise profile and especially the Climate Pledge as it develops.</i></p> <p><i>Members suggested that an event in May 2022 be considered to raise the profile of the CEC work.</i></p> <p><i>Action CO to develop formal communications plan and to work up outline proposals for a May 2022 event.</i></p>
2021(EC)039	<p>ITEM 8 – Climate Pledge – for decision</p> <p>To receive a presentation proposing how this Pledge should be taken forward.</p> <p><i>The Climate Officer presented on this matter and produced a leaflet regarding the Climate Pledge.</i></p> <p><i>Members thanked the Climate Officer for the presentation and supported the actions proposed to promote this further, including Member attendance on Market Stalls, once all promotional materials available.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr M Holmstedt made three further suggestions for inclusion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Use tap water rather than bottled water</i> <i>• Take shorter showers</i> <i>• Choose to buy “Green Energy”</i> <p><i>Cllr I Levick commented on the introduction being too formal and lengthy</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr J Williams and seconded by Cllr L Levick Unanimous</i></p>

	<p>RESOLVED: <i>That the proposals to promote the Climate Pledge be supported and promotional items be progressed , that the three additional pledges be added to the leaflet and that the wording be revisited ahead of the event for Monday 1st November.</i></p>
2021(EC)040	<p>ITEM 9 Natural Flood Management Open Evening – for information To receive an update for this event to held at Todmorden Town Hall on the 1st November 2021 from 6.30pm</p> <p><i>Members received an update regarding arrangements for the event. Representatives of Tod Flood Group were also invited to address the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Focus from the group to Members centred on Natural Flood Management and the incremental nature of changes to slow the flow whether through uplands management and use of SUDS or localised actions such as water butts with a process to fill but drain out slowly.</i></p> <p><i>Simple advice such as when flooding events are happening to reduce the extent of water outflow into the main drainage system – an aspect that all residents whether directly affected or not can all play their part.</i></p> <p><i>Tod Flood Group agreed to provide some wording around this subject to be handed out on the 1st Nov event.</i></p> <p><i>The group also raised the potential of water turbine use noting the wild water flow around Walsden, Shade Chapel and Hollins Mill.</i></p> <p><i>Item 13b was also appropriate to be considered at this meeting and it was agreed that the Town Clerk and Climate Officer would liaise with Tod Flood Group to see if a joint BID could be put forward to purchase water butts for terraced property gardens in the higher risk flood areas</i></p> <p><i>Action: TC and CO to liaise with Tod food Group to see if joint Bid can be made CO to contact West Yorkshire Water re future potential for water turbine use.</i></p>
2021(EC)041	<p>ITEM 10 <u>Action Plan Priorities – for information</u> To review the Action Plan and to consider how to present the work of the Climate Emergency Committee and its action plan in a more professional and informative manner.</p> <p><i>The climate officer proposed to Members that the action plan may benefit from a different approach as to how the information is portrayed and that this could be included within a more professional booklet format outlining the CEC remit and actions proposed.</i></p> <p><i>Members were in agreement to take this forward</i></p> <p><i>Action : CO to work up booklet for approval</i></p>

2021(EC)042	<p>Item 11 Grant Applications – for decision To receive any grant applications</p> <p><i>No applications received</i></p>
2021(EC)043	<p>ITEM 12 Letter to Mayor of West Yorkshire About Hydro Electric Power- for information To receive copy of a letter sent on behalf of the committee</p> <p><i>Members received the letter</i></p>
2021(EC)044	<p>ITEM 13 Correspondence To receive and consider any items of correspondence for consideration</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Update from the Calderdale Badger Group on the actions they agreed at the informal Climate Emergency Committee meeting on 17 May 2021</p> <p><i>Members received the update provided by the Calderdale Badger Group and agreed:-</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I. <i>That if a planning application is received that makes any reference to Badgers that this be advised to the group</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">II. <i>That a section on Badgers be included within the Moorland Policy</i></p> <p><i>Action CO to take forward</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Lottery Funding</p> <p><i>Members noted the lottery funding opportunity and agreed as per Item 9 to explore a joint bid with Tod Flood Group</i></p>
2021(EC)045	<p>ITEM 14 Any items for discussion for a future agenda To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Action Plan – booklet outline, comms plan</i> • <i>Action Plan - progress update</i> • <i>Web site update</i> • <i>Climate Pledge – update</i>
2021(EC)046	<p>ITEM 15. Date of the next Committee meeting To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.30pm</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9 pm</i></p>