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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Held remotely on Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 7.30 pm

Councillors Present: The Revd G Kent (Chair), Cllr R Coleman-Taylor (Vice-Chair and Mayor), Cllr M Taylor, Cllr T Roberts, Cllr J Williams and Cllr P Ripley

Absent Councillors: None

Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee): Cllr M Carrigan

Officers: Mrs S Miles, Assistant Town Clerk (minute taker) Mr C Hill, Town Clerk (observer)

Members of the Public: Ms G Harris and Mr Baylis

2021(CEC)001	<p><u>Item 1. Apologies for Absence</u> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting</p> <p><i>No apologies received</i></p>
2021(CEC)002	<p><u>Item 2. Declarations of Interests</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 Declared</i></p>
2021(CEC)003	<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. Note: No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p><i>2 members of the public present.</i></p>
2021(CEC)004	<p><u>Item 4. Minutes</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee held on 11 November 2021.</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr M Taylor And Seconded by Cllr R Coleman-Taylor Unanimous</i></p>

Signed Chair:

Dated: 2 June 2021

	<p>RESOLVED: <i>That the draft minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee meeting held on 11 November 2020 be approved (providing a minor change to the meeting membership be made) as a true record of proceedings.</i></p>
2021(CEC)005	<p><u>Item 5. Exclusion of Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960</u></p> <p>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 J Williams and Seconded by Cllr R Coleman-Taylor Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p><i>That the agenda items for the meeting do not require the exclusion of the press and public and that they be allowed to remain for the duration of the meeting.</i></p>
2021(CEC)006	<p><u>Item 6. Review of the Moorlands Policy</u></p> <p>To receive draft Moorlands Policy</p> <p>Cllr M Taylor led the review of the draft policy and some changes were agreed. Cllr M Taylor agreed to incorporate these into the document. These included clarification, within the document, of the responsibilities of Calderdale MBC and Todmorden Town Council and the need to develop the working relationship between the two local authorities for the benefit of Todmorden. The life span of wind turbines and the disposal of their blades when no longer needed was discussed along with the desire to support small communities to have power supplied by their own wind turbines. There was agreement to specifically mention in the policy that any planning applications to open coal mines would not be supported by TTC.</p> <p>The Town Clerk agreed to take steps to affiliate Todmorden Town Council with the Open Space Society.</p> <p>There was discussion about the Committee meeting with The Calderdale Badger Group. It was agreed, in the first instance, that Cllrs M Taylor and J Williams would meet with the group and report back.</p> <p>Ms G Harris expressed concern that the Draft had not changed much from the 2007 version and that it did not include urgent action. She said that the actions discussed at the last meeting (where Robin Gray presented about peatlands) had not been included in the drafting of the Moorlands Policy. The actions discussed were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encouraging biodiversity by planting and restoration. 2. The need to consult with landowners to help them understand the methods and benefits of good land management. 3. Encouraging the introduction of natural flood defences. <p>The Town Clerk suggested that he and the Assistant Town Clerk could incorporate relevant elements of this into the draft Moorlands Policy.</p>
2021(CEC)007	<p><u>Item 7. Friends of the Earth 50 Actions for Councils</u></p> <p>To receive document</p> <p>Additional documents on wind and hydroelectric power were also received.</p>

<p>2021(CEC)008</p>	<p><u>Item 8. Climate and Ecological Bill</u> To receive documents from the CEE Bill Alliance and to decide whether TTC will support the Local Authority Motion</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr the Revd G Kent And Seconded by Cllr M Taylor Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Climate Emergency Committee recommends that Todmorden Town Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the principles of the Bill. 2. Joins the CEE Bill Alliance and supports the motion. 3. Incorporates, where necessary, relevant issues from the Bill in the Moorlands Policy.
<p>2021(CEC)009</p>	<p><u>Item 9. Correspondence</u> To receive and consider any items of correspondence for consideration.</p> <p><i>None received</i></p>
<p>2021(CEC)010</p>	<p><u>Item 10. Informal Meetings of Climate Emergency Committee 7 December 2020 and 18 January 2021</u> To receive minutes of the Informal Meetings and to consider what matters to take forward to the next meeting of the Town Council on 17 February 2021</p> <p>Minutes received.</p>
<p>2021(CEC)011</p>	<p><u>Item 11. Opportunity for Lottery Funding for Climate Related Projects</u> To receive Cllr Scott Patient's email suggesting collaboration.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Climate Emergency Committee should meet with Hebden Royd and Calderdale Councils to potentially collaborate on funding bids. The Assistant Town Clerk said that she had contacted Cllr S Patient to say that TTC would participate in a meeting to brainstorm climate emergency projects and requesting the meeting details when they are available. She also said that she had suggested that TTC and Hebden-Royd, Calderdale and other councils have a joint meeting to catch up and plan.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said that this could be an opportunity for Todmorden Town Council to work on large, tangible projects that could bring great benefit to Todmorden.</p> <p>The chair reported that an additional meeting was being sought with Hebden Royd, Calderdale and other local councils to share knowledge and updates and to plan to work together.</p>
<p>2021(CEC)012</p>	<p><u>Item 12. Terms of Reference</u> To review the current Terms of Reference in light of developing items for consideration.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said that he would amend the Terms of Reference to include the developing facilitating/enabling role of the Climate Emergency Committee and TTC.</p> <p>He said that the CEC had been working at a policy/general level so far and suggested that a 3-year action plan be developed from this. This could include some quick wins.</p> <p>The action plan would need to include the development of a new dedicated section on the TTC website and that this would provide links to relevant organisations.</p>

	<p>The Town Clerk said that the work requirements of the Climate Emergency Committee would need to be done within existing staff resources.</p> <p>The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk will produce an action plan for discussion at an informal CEC meeting in around a month.</p>
2021(CEC)013	<p><u>Item 13. To Agree Agenda for Next Climate Emergency Informal Meeting</u> To agree agenda for next working group meeting.</p> <p>This will be based on the action plan to be developed mentioned in Item 12.</p>
2021(CEC)014	<p><u>Item 14. Date of Next Committee Meetings</u></p> <p>The date of the next Informal Meeting is Monday 15 March 2021, 2-4pm</p> <p>The date of the next Climate Emergency Committee Meeting is Wednesday 2 June 2021 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The chair thanked Ms G Harris and Mr R Baylis for attending the meeting.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.40pm</p>