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Minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee which will be held on Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Cockcroft Room at Todmorden Town Hall

Councillors present: - Cllrs P Ripley, R Rea, G Kent, M Molteno, N Stocks and S Martin (Sub for J Williams)

Officers: Ms N Pugh (RFO/Minute Taker) and Ms R Toop

Members of the Public: 1

2024(CEC)043	<p>1. Apologies for Absence - Decision required. To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Apologies were received from Cllr J Williams.</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr P Ripley <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Seconded by Cllr N Stocks</p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the apologies of Cllr J Williams (Prior Commitment) and her reasons for absence are accepted.</i></p>
2024(CEC)044	<p>2. Declarations of Interests 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>Note: Members must generally declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he or she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.</i></p> <p><i>No declarations were received.</i></p>
2024(CEC)045	<p>3. Public Participation – Information only To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p><i>Note: No resolutions can be under public participation</i></p> <p><i>No public requested to speak</i></p>
2024(CEC)046	<p>4. Exclusion of Press & Public - Public Bodies (admission to meetings act) 1960 -</p>

	<p>Decision required. 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>Proposed by Cllr P Ripley Seconded by Cllr N Stocks <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the Members of the public are invited to stay for all the agenda items.</i></p>												
2024(CEC)047	<p>5. Minutes- for Decision To approve the draft minutes of the Climate Emergency Committee held on the 27th November 2025.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr N Stocks Seconded by Cllr P Ripley <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 27th November 2025 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman as such.</i></p>												
2024(CEC)048	<p>6. Climate Grants Feedback – Information only To note the current budget before considering whether to approve any grant applications enclosed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="359 1034 1484 1272"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref</th> <th>Applicant</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Purpose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6a</td> <td>Todmorden Community Energy</td> <td>£1250</td> <td>website, logo and publicity material</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6b</td> <td>Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub</td> <td>£3000</td> <td>Net Zero Living Festival/Todmorden Tomorrow event 2024</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Proposed by Cllr S Martin Seconded by Cllr N Stocks</p> <p>Resolved: <i>Members noted the feedback provided. The Chair asked for it to be minuted that the Committee really want to celebrate the stories of the grants they award and asked the Community Support Officer to support sharing news of successful awards and projects more widely. Members resolved that a letter should be written to Todmorden Community Energy to congratulate them on their excellent work.</i></p>	Ref	Applicant	Amount	Purpose	6a	Todmorden Community Energy	£1250	website, logo and publicity material	6b	Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub	£3000	Net Zero Living Festival/Todmorden Tomorrow event 2024
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2024(CEC)049	<p>7. Climate Grant Request – Decision required To note the current budget before considering whether to approve any grant applications enclosed:</p> <p><i>Note: The Climate Committee has the power to approve grant applications up to a maximum amount of £1,250 for any one individual application but subject to being within the overall budget set by Full Council. Any grants exceeding this threshold must be recommended to Full Council for approval.</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="359 1944 1522 2065"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref</th> <th>Applicant</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Purpose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7a</td> <td>Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub</td> <td>£2579</td> <td>Todmorden Tomorrow – Retrofit Special!</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Annual Budget for Climate Grants: £5000, remaining balance as of 19th February 2025: £1,744</i></p>	Ref	Applicant	Amount	Purpose	7a	Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub	£2579	Todmorden Tomorrow – Retrofit Special!				
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	<p>Proposed by Cllr G Kent <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Seconded by Cllr R Rea</p> <p>Resolved: <i>Members agreed to recommend this grant to Full Council for approval as it is over the committees delegated authority and agreed for the Town Clerk to realign the climate budget to ensure that the funds are available if Full Council approves it.</i></p>
2024(CEC)050	<p>8. Climate Newsletter article – Decision required To consider the next article for the Council newsletter.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr N Stocks <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Seconded by Cllr G Kent</p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the article provided by Cllr N Stocks is approved for publication in the Council newsletter.</i></p>
2024(CEC)051	<p>9. Climate Budget for 25/26 – Information only To receive a copy of the Climate Budget for 25/26.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr N Stocks <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Seconded by Cllr G Kent</p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the Budget is noted for the next financial year.</i></p>
2024(CEC)052	<p>10. Climate Assembly – information only To receive an update on the Climate Assembly event on the 25th March 2025.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr N Stocks <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Seconded by Cllr P Ripley</p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the Assembly would ask delegates to present one win they have had in the period since the last gathering and to think of ideas for collaboration. Cllr Molteno to provide the office with a draft letter of invitation for issue.</i></p>
2024(CEC)053	<p>11. Todmorden Tomorrow – Retrofit Special – information only To receive a update on the Todmorden Tomorrow – Retrofit Special event.</p> <p><i>Imogen Butler, Community Engagement Lead, Calderdale Retrofit Challenge at Todmorden Learning Centre & Community Hub spoke on the event plan.</i></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr S Martin <i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Seconded by Cllr P Ripley</p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the information provided was noted.</i></p>
2024(CEC)054	<p>12. Climate Project for 25/26 – Decision required To consider if the Committee will run the My Tree Promise project in 25/26 or if they want to do a project involving giving out water butts.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr M Molteno</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Seconded by Cllr S Martin</p>

	<p><i>Unanimously Approved</i></p> <p>Resolved: That the My Tree Promise scheme runs again in 2025/26 and the Committee give careful consideration to an alternative scheme for the following year. The options for an alternative scheme were decided as either water butts with further thought given to providing fully installed systems or working with a local group e.g. Forus Tree to fund a small area of woodland.</p>
2024(CEC)055	<p>13. Correspondence- Information only To receive and consider any items of correspondence for consideration.</p> <p><i>No correspondence received.</i></p>
2024(CEC)056	<p>14. Any items for discussion for a future agenda – Information only To consider future Agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update from Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub on their activities • An update from Forus Tree on their work. • A presentation from WYCA on their actions and aspirations around the greening of bus fleets in the region and specifically Todmorden. • A report on work being done by Officer’s of the Council to publicise the grants offered by the committee.
2024(CEC)057	<p>15. Date of the Next Committee Meeting The date of the next Committee Meeting is Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Cockcroft room at Todmorden Town Hall.</p>
<p>Meeting closed at 8.25PM</p>	