

Chairman of the Committee: Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson

Clerk: Katrina Baker MBE

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

MINUTES of the meeting held at Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre on Monday, 6th December 2021 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson
Councillor H Unwin
Councillor S Unwin
Councillor J Creed
Councillor V Holt
S Fisher

In Attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

CC2021/031 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson, opened the meeting and welcomed members, thanking them for attending on such a cold evening.

CC2021/032 APOLOGIES

G Johnson	Personal Circumstances
1. <i>My wife and I have been married for 15 years. We have two children, a 10-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter. I am the primary breadwinner, and my wife is a stay-at-home mom. We live in a suburban neighborhood with a large yard and a swimming pool.</i>	1. <i>I am a 35-year-old male, single, and have been in the United States for 10 years. I am currently a graduate student at a local university, pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration. I have a Bachelor's degree in Economics from a different country.</i>
2. <i>I am a 45-year-old male, married, and have been in the United States for 20 years. I am currently a senior manager at a large corporation. I have a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from a different country.</i>	2. <i>I am a 28-year-old female, single, and have been in the United States for 5 years. I am currently a graduate student at a local university, pursuing a Master's degree in Education. I have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from a different country.</i>
3. <i>I am a 55-year-old male, married, and have been in the United States for 25 years. I am currently a retired teacher. I have a Bachelor's degree in Education from a different country.</i>	3. <i>I am a 32-year-old male, single, and have been in the United States for 8 years. I am currently a graduate student at a local university, pursuing a Master's degree in Computer Science. I have a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from a different country.</i>
4. <i>I am a 65-year-old male, married, and have been in the United States for 30 years. I am currently a retired engineer. I have a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from a different country.</i>	4. <i>I am a 25-year-old female, single, and have been in the United States for 3 years. I am currently a graduate student at a local university, pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work. I have a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from a different country.</i>
5. <i>I am a 75-year-old male, married, and have been in the United States for 35 years. I am currently a retired doctor. I have a Bachelor's degree in Medicine from a different country.</i>	5. <i>I am a 22-year-old female, single, and have been in the United States for 2 years. I am currently a graduate student at a local university, pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health. I have a Bachelor's degree in Public Health from a different country.</i>

CC2021/033 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no additional declarations to be recorded over and above the registered list.

CC2021/034 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th OCTOBER 2021

It was proposed by Councillor S Unwin and seconded by Councillor Holt, all were in favour and it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

CC2021/035 MATTERS ARISING NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

All matters have been included on the agenda.

CC2021/036 CARBON LITERACY TRAINING

Stuart Fisher had attended the three evening training events to represent Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council. Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson had also attended representing Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council.

Stuart gave a presentation on information gathered at the sessions. 13 keys points from the Carbon Literacy Training Sessions were:-

- Reduce energy demands
- De-carbonise power production
- De-carbonise heating (both domestic and industrial)
- Reduce significantly short journeys

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- Move from carbon-based vehicles to electric including the provision of EV charging points
- Changing attitudes to air travel
- All new buildings to be net zero, local sourced building materials
- Alter consumption patterns – more locally based and reuse
- Increase recycling rates – need to achieve at least 65% to create a circular process
- Alter diets to be less meat based / dairy based and less waste, eat local foods
- Better manage land use and how used
- Actively utilise carbon storage solutions – more trees and using timber in construction.

The need to increase electric supply from renewables from current levels to 2030 levels (between 2.5x to 3.5x current demands) requires significant investment and clever utilization of both land and building space. Maps outlining the land areas that can be used for both wind and solar were presented, highlighting that several differing objectives and possible objections to projects that would need to be balanced. (The maps specifically excluded buildings, due to the various ownership questions that would apply but that this aspect should not be overlooked – for example buildings on Stafford Park.)

Small changes made by both the public and companies/organisations can and do add up to large numbers and therefore the quantity of changes does matter.

With the amount of investment needed in renewables it has been suggested that working as a partnership with both unitary and regional authorities could make sense. In that ensuring all investments can be linked across a borough may not only improve quantity of installations but also quality. It was therefore suggested within the session that there should be an active push to ensure as many publicly owned buildings are fitted with renewal energy projects including warehousing and community facilities.

CC2021/037 WEBSITE

The Climate Change Page is now live and the Parish Council will be including regular updates on our work and in particular useful tips for residents.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Useful tips and advice will be promoted from the Climate Change Working Group on social media, for use by our residents.

CC2021/038 WHAT HAVE WE DONE AND WHAT NEXT?

All staff now give consideration to our Climate Change Agenda before making a decision with regards to purchasing any materials for use in our Buildings.

A log of decisions and considerations has been created and will be regularly updated.

Members considered purchasing rechargeable power tools for use by the Landscape Management Team. We are particularly interested in a strimmer, hedge trimmer and blower. It is unlikely that a rechargeable lawn mower would be satisfactory for the work of the Parish Council.

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Members agreed that this would send out a positive message to the residents and therefore further consideration should be given in preparation for next Season (Spring 2022). A cost / benefit analysis will be produced as part of the process.

The Parish Council is currently looking for a supplier of recycled or recyclable large and small bin bags.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Chairman will call a meeting in the New Year when more information is available.

SignedDate