

Clerk: *Katrina Baker MBE* CiLCA

Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

Chairman of the Committee: Councillor Farrar

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RESOLVED that Councillor H Unwin be re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Climate Change Committee for 2026/27.

CC26/06 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor H Unwin read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, this was witnessed by the Clerk.

CC26/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members confirmed the registered list of declarations.

CC26/08 TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was proposed by Councillor Farrar and seconded by Councillor H Unwin, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference be confirmed until May 2027.

CC26/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27th OCTOBER 2025

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

CC26/10 MATTERS ARISING

Active Travel Project

This project, at Hollinswood Primary School is now in place and two walking bus initiatives have taken place. It had been noted that more families walk to school, even on the days the walking bus is not in use.

Working Towards Zero 30

Further to the information at the last meeting regarding the removal of gas from Hollinswood & Randlay Centres, which would mean changing the cookers to electric, it was confirmed that this is a priority due to the standard gas charges and this is included on this agenda for consideration.

Similarly, more information and data is now available regarding the use of solar panels on our buildings. This also appears on this agenda for further consideration regarding the installation of batteries at Randlay Community Centre.

CC26/11 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SURVEY

The Survey can be seen on the website, it has been updated to include the improvements made to each of our community buildings with regards to heating and cooling, solar panels and the removal of gas boilers. This is a live document which is updated regularly.

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Staff were asked to clarify the current carbon footprint and also, to investigate our bank partners with reference to their green initiatives.

CC26/12

REMOVAL OF GAS CONNECTION

Members were already aware of the 'waste of funds' currently occurring because of the gas connections at Randlay Community Centre and Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre. There is minimal use of the gas cookers by hall users.

Members recalled the project, and the information available in the Environmental Impact Survey and it was proposed by Councillor J Creed, seconded by Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson, all were in favour and thus it was

RECOMMENDED that Finance & Audit Committee considers viring the £5500 required for the change to electric cookers and disconnection of the gas.
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CC26/13

THE PAVILION SOLAR PANEL REPORT

Members recalled that questions were asked as to how efficient and how much benefit would be gained from the solar panels at The Pavilion building. It was good to hear that the system is very efficient and that the building is run for around 75% of the time off-grid.

Consideration is being given to the times when it would be of most benefit to charge the van.

CC26/14

RANDLAY COMMUNITY CENTRE - PHASE TWO

When considering the 2026/27 budget, members had previously agreed that the provision and installation of batteries at Randlay Community Centre could be considered when the financial position of the Parish Council was clear following the Annual Audit as funding had not been included in the budget for this project. It was, however, recognized that this is important in order to get the most benefit from the project, as a whole.

It had been confirmed that a 9 battery system, with inverter power unit, would be the most suitable for Randlay Community Centre. A figure of £20,000 was considered.

Stuart was able to provide data and statistics regarding the usage, importing and exporting of the power generated and other information and taking this into account members wanted the additional information in order to bring forward the next phase. It was proposed by Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson, seconded by Councillor Creed, all were in favour and thus it is

RECOMMENDED that the Finance & Audit Committee considers viring £20,000 into the budget from general reserves.

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OTHER MATTERS

None

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

26th October 2026

7pm

Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre

The Climate Change Working Group will continue to offer an update at Full Council Meetings throughout the year.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm, thanking everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting