



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Committee (CBEC)
2nd November 2021 at 7pm, Council Chamber, High St, Haslemere, Gu27 2HG

Chairman	*Cllr G Lloyd
Vice-Chairman	*Cllr C Matthes
Councillors	Barton, *Ellis, *Weldon, Whitby

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan
Dr Philippa Guest was in attendance representing Haslemere Vision.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Matthes nominated Cllr Lloyd as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Weldon.
RECOMMENDED: that Cllr Lloyd is elected Chairman for 2021-22.

Cllr Weldon nominated Cllr Matthes as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Lloyd.
RECOMMENDED: that Cllr Matthes is elected Vice-Chairman for 2021-22.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Barton was unwell and Cllr Whitby had a prior engagement.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Matthes disclosed a pecuniary interest in the project Dr Guest was going to be presenting after the committee meeting. It was agreed that she would not need to leave the room as the presentation was outside of the actual committee meeting and no decisions or recommendations were to be made.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

This is the first meeting of this committee, however the notes from it's former incarnation as a working party were noted.

5. REVIEW OF CARBON NEUTRAL ROADMAP

Cllr Lloyd had previously circulated the updated document and explained how it was set out. He clarified that Scope 1 items are those where the Council burns carbon itself, Scope 2 is where emissions are by third parties acting for the Council (such as Christmas lights), Scope 3 are indirect emissions, such as from groundscare vehicles. Some assumptions in the audit will need to be checked for next time. Cllr Lloyd will let the Town Clerk know what information is needed from their groundscare contractors.

The Town Council uses around 475kg of CO₂ per year. This could be offset by installation of solar panels on the Public Toilets, making the Town Council carbon neutral before its stated date.

Cllr Lloyd will speak with Martin Wellen about getting the installation done.

In regard to the Roadmap, the committee will need to investigate if the use of fossil fuels can be further reduced. Town Clerk to look into commissioning an EPC (Energy Performance Certificate). The new heating cooling system is in, perhaps there are steps that can be taken to reduce its use, for instance use of timers.

Christmas Lights – Cllr Lloyd to verify some data with the Clerk.

Carbon offsetting – any ideas relating to small local projects are to be given to the Chairman.

Cllr Weldon mentioned that money had been agreed for the 2022-23 budget for street trees and that Cllr Matthes had also put some money in other tree planting. This may now be able to be done within this financial year from existing budgets.

6. MOWING OF PUBLIC SPACES

This item was suggested by Cllr Whitby who was not at the meeting. The Town Clerk will ask him to put a proposal directly to the Amenities Committee.

Meeting ended 7.40pm

The committee meeting was followed by a presentation from Dr Philippa Guest on the HV Biodiversity project.