

# Wellington Town Council

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## WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **29<sup>th</sup> October 2020** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present

Cllr Anthony Lowe (Chairman)	
Cllr Paul Davis (Deputy)	
Cllr John Latter	Paola Armstrong
Special guest: Cllr C Healy	Apologies: Cllr Giles Luter

- 1. Welcome and Introductory remarks**  
Cllr Lowe welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllr Carolyn Healy to the meeting.
- 2. Declaration of Interest**  
None received
- 3. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Giles Luter  
Apologies accepted.
- 4. To confirm the minutes from the last meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
Cllr Davis confirmed and seconded by Cllr J Latter
- 5. Matters Arising from Minutes from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

AL was reassured that single use plastic is no longer being purchased at WTC office and expressed an interest in looking at how to get the message to the residents of Wellington and to the businesses.

**ACTION:** PA to invite Carolyn Healy to the next meeting, for an informal discussion for about an hour [PA sent Zoom invite](#).

**ACTION:** PA to ask Andrew Roberts to ask the Borough to identify all non LED lights throughout the 7 wards of Wellington and to find out how many lights remain to be done and what is the timing for works to be completed. [PA contacted AR and he has sent the request, but also forwarded the link – which states the Wellington has a status of COMPLETE for LED lightbulbs](#)

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20482/street\\_care\\_and\\_cleaning/3310/street\\_lighting\\_-\\_led\\_upgrade](https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20482/street_care_and_cleaning/3310/street_lighting_-_led_upgrade)

**ACTION:** Cllr Davis to circulate this document to all members of this committee PD circulated the document during the meeting

**ACTION:** PA to liaise with ST that having declared a climate emergency, we would like to post on LW PA spoke with ST on 15/10/20 and where the posts fit in with the branding of Love Wellington, this will be fine.

**ACTION:** All members to attend The Peace Garden on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 11am (to bring a plant) for a photo to be taken. This has been done.

**ACTION:** PA to let Cllr Alvey know PA sent Cllr Alvey an email on 15/10/20

**ACTION:** PA to speak with Town Clerk to identify the jobs we have already ticked off e.g. stop use of single use plastic, reduced printing, repurposed unused stationery etc PA drew up a rough draft of jobs already undertaken and emailed to all

John L – went through PD's list. Links to grants would be something we could look at. Planting of more trees. Find a way of breaking through to people – perhaps try TCAT and New College. Important to bring people's attentions to Climate Emergency.

PD – take our lead from T&W. Sees our role as liaison. Leading by example and helping the community of Wellington to be more green. PD would like to see something on the WTC website about what the Council are doing

6. An informal discussion was had, led by Cllr Healy talking us through some of the things that the borough were looking at:

The 2 main areas that have the biggest opportunity to reduce carbon use: Buildings (heating and powering buildings) and travel.

Heat Decarbonisation Fund - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-sector-decarbonisation-scheme-psds> (Bowring Café, Ground Sourced Heat Pump).

Looking at putting in a combined bid across the borough, rather than individual parishes. Cllr Healy to send us the information.

Travel – getting people out of cars into electric vehicles or public transport. Improving the cycling infrastructure so that connectivity is better and it's safer and well managed. Also safe (lit and lockable) places to leave your bike (probably the station)

SMART live data bus shelters (e.g. when the next bus is due). Smaller bus shelters – have QR codes to provide information. Talking to Arriva to look at getting electric vehicles.

Electric vehicle charging points on council car parks and on other private car parks.

Would like to see town councils promoting local businesses who are eco-friendly, cafes that use refill cups, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand vintage shops etc

Tree planting – they have a number of schemes for parish council schools for free trees to plant this winter. They'll be promoting it this week – provide the trees at end of November. This would be a great starting point for engaging families to get more involved. Contact is Harj Rayet at T&W and Mark Latham at T&W for Dothill NR Park area off Crescent Rd could accommodate a lot of trees!

Apps for tracking individual carbon footprints.

AL – what else could we encourage the local businesses to do? Wellington branded reusable bag – that retailers stock – to encourage people not to use plastic bags etc. Moving to a green energy tariff. (PA mentioned that Love Wellington are currently getting quotes and designs for Let's Get Local for Christmas bags). Establishing a carbon base line 2020 for Wellington would be difficult as would require a lot of assumptions on housing stock and local business premises.

PD – asked for facts and figures for the Civic Offices – so that we can promote it. Cllr Healy to send details to PA.

AL – can we get any stats on Wellington recycling? Cllr Healy to send.

Cllr Healy mentioned about recycling litter bins. Environment Scrutiny Committee. Maybe we can talk to T&W about suppliers for special bins. There are some misunderstandings about what can be recycled (e.g pizza boxes with grease on, can't be recycled very easily).

A reminder of what you can and can't put in your bin. The cleaner the load – the better it is. Tetra packs can't be recycled unless it's a special bin. Collection points in the community would be better. Aspiration is to install bins in town centre to allow Wellingtonians to "triage" waste in the public realm, but may be unrealistic to reach acceptable clean loads.

T&W have started a Green Guide for helping people see what they can do and details of organisations that might be able to help. Contact: Chris Mercer.

AL mentioned Sustainable T&W parish and town councils working group (contact Katrina Baker, next meeting 18/11 at 2pm, AL to attend) and SCAP (contact Mark Fermor : AL to attend if/when possible)

Cllr Healy said it was good to stay in touch with all these groups, as it would be useful for providing help and information, but T&W covers many towns and it's easier to have their own T&W Climate Action Plan, not submerged into SCAP.

Air quality monitoring stations are around the borough. We could use that information to push better habits. Potential to buy smaller air quality test kits.

**7. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm via Zoom**