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WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **12th November 2020** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present

Cllr Anthony Lowe (Chairman)	
Cllr Paul Davis (Deputy) in part	Cllr Giles Luter
Cllr John Latter	Paola Armstrong

- 1. Welcome and Introductory remarks**
Cllr Lowe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Declaration of Interest**
None received
- 3. Apologies for absence: None**
- 4. To confirm the minutes from the last meeting 29th October 2020**
Cllr Paul Davis confirmed and seconded by Cllr Luter
- 5. Matters Arising from Minutes from 29th October 2020**

No facts and figures for Civic Office been sent to PA as yet. Still awaiting various information from Cllr Carolyn Healy

ACTION: PA to chase again for figures

AL had sent a number of emails to the group about the planting of additional trees via the T&W initiative. Discussed Dothill Nature Reserve, Bowring Park and Crescent Road site

ACTION: members of the group to think about ideas of potential sites for tree planting and to bring to the next meeting.

AL to draft content about the Climate Emergency Committee to go on the WTC website. PD would like to see links to relevant grants on the website. Discussion followed about updating the WTC website.

ACTION: AL to draft some content for WTC website about the CEC

AL said that the heat decarbonisation pump issue would be a T&W thing.
AL discussed the T&W Green Guide (Fliss Mercer)

ACTION: AL to find out a bit more about The Green Guide

A discussion was had about the Telford & Wrekin Issues and Options Consultation for 2040. AL suggested a coordinated response from WTC. GL is putting a response together from the Planning Committee. AL asked if it would be useful for this committee to also put forward a response. PD suggested he look with AL at relevant sections to Climate Change and provide a CEC working group response.

ACTION: PD and AL to go through the whole document to identify those areas relevant to where this working group should be responding. They will then consult with other members before submitting the CEC response.

6. Discuss and agree the objective of the Climate Emergency Committee

ACTION: AL to do a first draft and send to members

7. Discuss ideas on how to best communicate the climate emergency message

AL has already engaged Kath Howard "How Green is my Welly – Wellington Working For the Planet". JL thinks what we put out should go via WTC as CEC is a working group.

PD said we need to be a hub to collate and communicate information.

GL said we need to engage with the public via social media. Use what we have with the WTC FB page and need to improve content and encourage other groups to share the content.

ACTION: PD to speak with WTC about updating the website and WTC Facebook page.

At this point Cllr P Davis left the meeting.

8. Discuss ways to encourage reduction in use of plastic bags in Wellington

Discussion was had about how to encourage traders to reduce their use of single use plastic. PA suggested some sort of "award" to promote businesses that were already eco-friendly (or would become eco-friendly) as a way of providing positive encouragement to other traders.

9. Discuss Wellington branded reusable bags

A discussion was had about hessian bags/reusable bags being used within Wellington.

ACTION: PA to request funding from the Regeneration Board for 100 tote bags with "Let's Get Local for Christmas" as a walking campaign to encourage residents to shop local.

10. How do we facilitate triage of recyclable waste in Wellington?

AL has spoken to T&W about placing litter and recycling bins around Wellington. There is a pilot scheme being done within the borough to see how effective this is.

It was also suggested that Harj Rayet should be invited to a meeting, at a later date, when perhaps guidance would be needed on other ideas.

PA suggested an idea about contacting the schools in Wellington (perhaps next year) to instigate a day where the children would be encouraged to try and bring in a packed lunch that didn't have any single use plastics. This would create awareness (from a young age) about what alternatives there are etc.

11. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 26th November at 6pm via Zoom

ACTIONS

ACTION: PA to chase again for figures

ACTION: members of the group to think about ideas of potential sites for tree planting and to bring to the next meeting.

ACTION: AL to draft some content for WTC website about the CEC

ACTION: AL to find out a bit more about The Green Guide

ACTION: PD and AL to go through the T&W document to identify those areas relevant to where this working group should be responding. They will then consult with other members before submitting their responses.

ACTION: PD to speak with WTC about updating the website and Facebook page

ACTION: PA to request funding from the Regeneration Board for 100 tote bags with "Let's Get Local for Christmas" as a walking campaign to encourage residents to shop local.