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WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **26th November 2020** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present

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

- 1. Welcome and Introductory remarks**
Cllr Lowe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Declaration of Interest**
None received
- 3. Apologies for absence: Cllr John Alvey and Cllr John Latter**
Accepted
- 4. To confirm the minutes from the last meeting 12th November 2020**
Cllr Paul Davis confirmed and seconded by Cllr Lowe
- 5. Matters Arising from Minutes from 12th November 2020**

ACTION: PA forwarded email from Cllr Healy with requested details to CEC. **Closed.**

ACTION: PA sent details to CEC of ideas for locations for tree planting from Councillors. **Closed.**

ACTION TO FOLLOW UP: AL to draft a response and send to Gavin Onions (cc Adrian Corney and all Wellington Councillors for information).

ACTION: AL drafted content for WTC website about the CEC including mission statement and is awaiting feedback.

ACTION: PD to speak to Deb about the CEC page on the website. PA to send PD details and introduction to Deb. PD to look at information sent by AL and amend where necessary before uploading to CEC page.

Cllr Giles Luter arrived at this point.

Discussion followed about the heat carbonisation pump and it was decided that it would not be possible at The Bowring Park Café. A project of that nature needs thorough support.

ACTION:AL will inform Cllr C Healy of our decision.

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

AL said that Harj will provide more detail about this. PD suggested we circulate a questionnaire to businesses to find out what plans they have regarding climate change, asking a number of key questions. PD to ask Deb if possible to put on the WTC website (A Green Questionnaire). WTC want to know how green Wellington is and what sort of green plans are being considered by businesses going forward.

AL requested that this is put on as an Agenda item in 2 weeks: drafting of a questionnaire to put on WTC website asking people to what extent they're already engaged with climate change agenda. 6-8 questions. Ask them where they have funding issues.

GL suggested we could use this to try and focus on where people require funding.

PD to also ask for email addresses.

ACTION: PD and AL went through Issues and Options to 2040 and this needs to be submitted as the CEC response by 8th January.

AL has done this and given his responses to the CEC.

PD would like to note that he passes on his thanks to AL for going through the document. AL says that once CEC are agreed, the answers will be submitted by PD before deadline.

GL has been through the document, from a planning perspective and their ideas will be compiled and submitted.

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

ACTION: PD to speak to Deb Shaw about website details (as above) and also to discuss about including links to relevant grants

It was noted that there were an excessive amount of emails going back and forth, so PD suggested we don't want to be overloaded, so maybe we have more correspondence at the meetings.

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. (regen meeting on 25/11). **PA has done this and ordered the bags.**

Pilot of a refuse bin in public realm in Newport "recycling on the go" about to take place. Will measure plastic, cans, and glass as well as general refuse. Quantities, contamination levels etc will be monitored to provide good info for forward planning. Has been raised by T&W scrutiny committee and a project is being scoped to collect recycling from Telford Town Park. Project contact is Molly Hooper who hopes to have some results by year end.

PA's ideas for schools to have a day where you "bring a packed lunch with no single use plastic" – to be looked at from Feb 2021 onwards.

6. Issues and Options to 2040 – covered.

7. Discuss ideas around Climate Emergency grant funding from WTC –

At the last meeting, PA suggested if a grant could be requested from WTC. PD would like to provide an incentive and AL has had initial discussions regarding this matter.

PD found a company - Zero Waste - using laser cut recycled timber. PD might be able to produce a "green key" that we can award to businesses showing climate initiative. Potentially we could have some Christmas decorations that are sustainable.

ACTION: AL to discuss budget for forthcoming year to aid CEC objectives.

GL – it's important we support the businesses and not penalise companies who are unable to make these changes for financial reasons.

PD has said WTC need to show leadership with the green issue and support all residents and businesses who wish to become greener.

PD asked if we can point people in the right direction to a service that is already there – identified as Joy McGeown at T&W to speak to about grants etc.

PA mentioned that Sally Themans is requesting the possibility of T&W making their emails concerning grant details more social media friendly, so that they can be shared instantly.

8. Discuss T&W Climate Change Champions scheme

PA suggested that we promote this for our Wellington residents. GL asked what was required. PD replied it was for people who expressed an interest in climate change. The T&W team are very supportive and we would like to acknowledge any residents who are champions. GL and PD both in agreement that we could link them with the Street Champions and perhaps do a litter pick and recycle the litter. GL can we link the Climate Change Champions with the tree planting?

Any other business:

AL noted that we now have stats from

- the energy saving from LED lights in the leisure centre
- the heating of the swimming pool using the solar panels
- Air quality statistics
- Electric recharging update from Heather Bolton: T&W going out to tender for a provider to install, manage and operate charge points across the Borough.

PD suggested that this be put on the website in some form and that can be promoted on social media.

PA attending a meeting with XRTelford and has been in correspondence with Jane Bundy. Their meeting tonight is about carbon neutral Wellington. They are organising a Christmas Toy Swap on 11/12th December. PA to find out more details and see how we can help to promote this incentive.

GL to thank PD and AL for the work they're doing.

AL asked for an update on the communications with the CEC page on the WTC website to be put on the next agenda.

9. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 10th December at 6pm via Zoom