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WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **7th July 2022** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present	Apologies
Keli King	Cllr P Davis
Cllr Anthony Lowe	Linda Devey (Soroptomists)
Dave Taylor (Saturday Cycles)	Karen Wood (The Weldeck)
Cllr John Latter	Cllr G Luter
Jenny Flegg (Scout leader)	Kelly White (The Little Green Pantry)
David Staniforth	
Jane Bundy (Climate Action Hub)	Graham Hawes (St Patrick's)
Paola Armstrong	Mary Jennings (Ercall Wood)

- 1. Welcome and Introductory remarks**
Keli King welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 3. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Davis, Linda Devey, Karen Wood, Cllr Luter, Kelly White, Graham Hawes, Mary Jennings.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 9th June 2022**
David Staniforth proposed and Jane Bundy seconded.
- 5. Matter arising from those minutes**
PA will invite Ruth (Veolia) to the September meeting when a date has been confirmed.
PD to investigate the disposal of soft plastics – to be carried over
PD has submitted a full update regarding Plastic Free Community Status and this has been distributed to members of the CESC
Jane Bundy will chase up with Lesley's Larder and Sweets Galore tomorrow or next Tuesday. Jane has completed her application for Plastic Free status.
Linda to send Paola details (with photos) of the Soroptimists' event – Linda has sent a message to say the person dealing with this is currently on holiday
Karen has messaged to say she will collect the coffee granules the weekend before the Fun Day in August.

Cllr Lowe attended the Charltonbury festival last week – a performing arts events with food etc but the interest in climate emergency wasn't really the focus.

Jane Bundy – wanted to mention that the Climate Action Hub also attended the litter pick. PA apologised for missing this out on the last minutes.

A discussion was had about the success of the litter pick organised by Cllr Davis. It was very well run and well attended. It also got a lot of media attention and was in the paper.

6. Report on Youth Climate Summit 2022 in Ironbridge (A Lowe)

Cllr Lowe gave a brief run through of the all-day event that he attended with Kelly White (The Little Green Pantry). The quality of the speakers was exceptional – organised by Cllr Carolyn Healy and Ian Wykes – who recently joined T&W Council to lead the Climate Change team. Charlton and Ercall Wood schools were there (it was just secondary schools). Susanne Bearblock did an Action Plan Workshop. AL feels this highlights how seriously T&W Council are taking climate change.

7. Plastic Free Update

PD sent the update, which was circulated to all members. KK went through the update and spoke about the community allies. AL said we have 6 schools and is also due to see Ercall Wood next week.

Also discussed was an update on the businesses. KK will chase up the existing applications. Saturday Cycles gave an update on their status.

ACTION: KK to question Quillie whether the schools qualify as a community ally

**ACTION: AL to chase up the schools to encourage them to register
Send the sign up form out**

ACTION: JB to try and set up the Climate Action Hub to sign the pledge for plastic free as a community ally

ACTION: PA to add the plastic free update to the bottom of the minutes

8. Any other business

Nature Festival is on 9th August. JB ran through what they are going to be doing. Asking for plastic bottles and about 20 tetra packs, yogurt pots etc

DS – will ask if the Shropshire Cycle Hub can bring the rickshaw to give the kids rides around the park.

AL has asked Veolia if we could visit their site in Staffordshire – they do have a big back log of visitors but there is interest.

PA mentioned the plastic free awards <https://www.plasticfreeawards.com/> and spoke about nominations.

KK mentioned that Quillie had asked for Instagram reels about how the businesses reduce plastic and how people can make changes.

AL mentioned that there are 2 other groups he is a part of where he represents Wellington: Climate Change Borough Partnership (next meeting 14th July) and Plastic Free Taskforce / Sustainable Telford and Wrekin (28th July.)

9. Date and time of next meeting to be agreed.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Zoom at 6pm on Thursday 4th August 2022. This meeting began at 18:00pm and concluded at 18:50pm.

ACTIONS:

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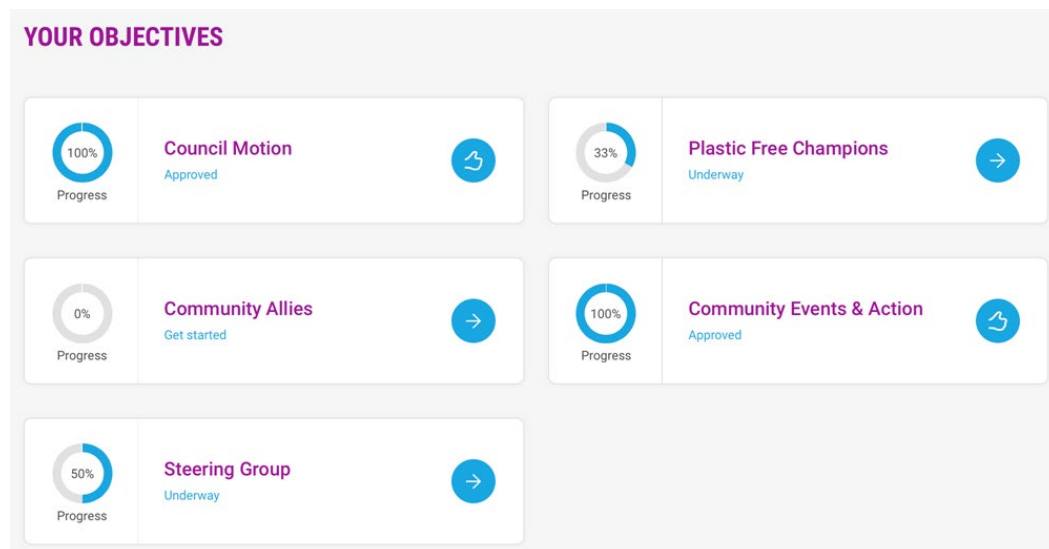
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Plastic Free Status Update:



Council Motion:

Needed additional evidence, which was submitted and is now 100%

Plastic Free Champions:

Quillie was contacted to chase up plaques and accreditations, See screenshot below for progress, massive congratulations to all those accredited and those in process. Can we get more?

Community Allies:

Significant work around this area is needed, if we have allies, pass details to PD so evidence can be provided, AL was talking to schools, so may have details

Community Events:

Submitted the recent plastic free litter pick as an event and updated the information around the street stall last year, both have been approved and we are now at 100%

Steering Group:

Intention to submit the approved minutes from the last meeting, once agreed this evening as evidence of the Steering group activity, this should be enough to take us to 100%

Edit existing businesses

This year's businesses

BUSINESS		STATUS	ACCREDITED DATE
Jane's Accessories	Edit	In progress	
Little Green Party Kits	Edit	Accredited	11 March 2022
Park Street Kitchen	Edit	Accredited	10 March 2022
Saturday Cycles	Edit	In progress	
Sweets Galore	Edit	In progress	
The Little Green Pantry	Edit	Accredited	4 March 2022
The Walnut	Edit	In progress	
The Welldeck	Edit	Accredited	11 March 2022
Wellington Orbit	Edit	In progress	

[→ Sign up a new business](#)

[→ Submit completed businesses for approval](#)