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WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **1st April 2021** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present

Cllr Anthony Lowe (Chairman)	Cllr John Latter
Cllr Paul Davis	Paola Armstrong
	Apologies: Cllr John Alvey

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

4. To confirm the minutes from the last meeting 4th March 2021

Amendments to be made from Cllr Anthony Lowe about the resolution, as the wording was incorrect: this will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting. The wording should be as follows:

1. WTC agrees to put a member on the local plastics free Wellington Steering Group
2. WTC agrees to support all plastic free community initiatives in its area
3. WTC pledges to act by example and remove all single use plastic items from its premises and operations

Cllr Davis confirmed the minutes, seconded by Cllr Latter

5. Matters Arising from Minutes from 4th March 2021

PA sent a summary of objectives on 5/3/21 to obtain a plastic free status.
PA circulated the document received from Projects in the Community on 5/3/21.
PA has sent the above document to Sally Themans, Regen Board and it was discussed. It was asked to be added to the Regen Agenda (meeting 17/3/21).
PA has completed the first draft of the Climate Page on the WTC website and it is now live.

6. Update on Plastic Free Taskforce

The plastics-free resolution was not correctly passed at full council on 9/3/21 due to incorrect wording (see above), so has to be passed at next council meeting.

AL suggested that we all think of potential members for the Steering Group.

The group would be chaired by a member of the CEWG.

It was suggested we put some details about this on the WTC website (climate page).

ACTION for all: keep your ears and eyes open for potential members for the steering group and keep talking about it to people to see if they wish to be involved

ACTION: AL to put together some content for the WTC Climate Page

7. Climate Page on WTC website update

As discussed above. PD suggested that more content can go on the Refill section. It was discussed that members of the group to spend time reviewing the website and to bring ideas as an ongoing measure.

ACTION: PD will put some words together for the Refill section on the Climate Page

8. Content for climate pages for next edition of This Is Our Wellington

A discussion was had about how we can include climate news within the magazine and all members to keep an eye out for events taking place and to send on to PA with photos – in order to engage businesses, residents and community groups.

9. Projects for the community/Proposal for Climate Emergency Centre

Update with request to Regen Board. It was discussed, but it was too late to go on the Agenda, so the document has been circulated and discussed and it is to go on the Agenda for the next meeting in April (21st). PA has sent email to Town Clerk to double check it goes on the agenda.

10. Feasibility Report for solar panels on the Parade toilet block

A discussion was had regarding the costs and benefits of the above. A grant application has been made. Return on investment was also discussed.

ACTION: AL to propose the estimated costs for this at Policy and Resources Committee meeting next week

11. Any other business

PA has signed up to be a Climate Change Champion.

It was decided that the Minutes, once approved by the Chair, can be posted on the website, but will first be sent to the Climate Emergency Working Group.

A discussion was had about environmentally friendly Christmas tree decorations for 2021.

AL brought up Telford Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and it was agreed that this would be discussed and voted on at Full Council.

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

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at 6pm on Thursday 13th May 2021. This meeting began at 18:00pm and concluded at 19:35pm.

LIST OF ACTIONS

ACTION for all: keep your ears and eyes open for potential members for the plastic free steering group and keep talking about it to people to see if they wish to be involved

ACTION: AL to put together some content for the WTC Climate Page

ACTION: PD will put some words together for the Refill section on the WTC Climate Page

ACTION: AL to propose the estimated costs for the solar panels at Policy and Resources Committee meeting next week