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WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **2nd September 2021** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present

Cllr John Latter (Chairman)	Apologies
Cllr Anthony Lowe	Cllr Giles Luter
Cllr Paul Davis	
Paola Armstrong	

1. Welcome and Introductory remarks

Cllr Latter welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Apologies for absence: Cllr Luter
Accepted

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 1st July 2021
Cllr Davis proposed and Cllr Lowe seconded

5. Matter arising from those minutes

AL: Solar panels will be fitted imminently on the Parade toilets – just waiting on a timeframe. JL would like to thank AL for all his work on this.

PA: The addition of the Wellington data and the Green Calendar is now on the Climate Page of WTC website.

PA: A minimum of half a page has been agreed in the next edition of This Is Our Wellington (but an allowance has been made for 2 pages).

PA contacted Town Clerk (email on 12/7/21) to add to the agenda of the next P&R meeting a request of funding of £1,000 for the climate emergency working group. For a P&R request for money, a detailed proposal is required.

ACTION: PA to put forward PD's proposals with details to P&R

OUTSTANDING ACTION: All to come up with designs for jute bags.

PA has had a Zoom discussion (22/7/21) with Susanne Bearblock (who was unavailable to attend this meeting) – to be discussed below on Agenda Item 6.

PA posted on social media for LW and WTC with regards to the feedback requested for T&W climate change consultation (deadline was 16th July). This has been done again before the new deadline of the end of July.

6. Suggestion of Climate Talks / Carbon Literacy Training

PA has spoken with Susanne Bearblock who has a wealth of knowledge (Masters in Environmental Sustainability and Green Technology) and is used to running workshops (delivered to primary schools in the borough on behalf of T&W) and giving talks etc to children and adults. She has set up a Sustainable Consultancy and can speak on a number of different areas but puts emphasis on social engagement and collaboration etc. Susanne is also a carbon literacy trainer. We discussed different talk subjects including plastic free steering group (she's the Vice Chair of Sustainable Newport) and 2 other topics.

AL is attending a course on Carbon Literacy in October (online).

PD also set up as a Climate Change Champion (as well as PA).

ACTION: PA to confirm costs with S Bearblock for a talk (weekday night) on Plastics Free Community and to check availability for early next year.

7. Plastic Free Community update (steering group selection)

JL has confirmed that Surfers Against Sewerage has given approval to the Council's motion to become a plastic free community.

JL went through the requirements for the Steering Group (from the given booklet).

It was decided that JL, AL and PD would form part of the Steering Group

ACTION: AL, PD and JL to contact any interested parties to become part of the Steering Group

8. PlasticFree feedback (PD)

PD chaired the last Plastic Free Taskforce meeting and gave an update. The Litter Pick in Wellington had been a great success and at that point, we were in the process of submitting our plastic free community resolution and that we had started engaging businesses to making changes.

9. Green Week (PD)

Green Week is 18th – 25th September.

PD is going to design and print out leaflets to explain what WTC (CEWG) are doing and about the Plastic Free Community status. AL and JL be at the Market Square on Saturday 25th September to hand out the leaflets and engage with the public (and will also ask GL.)

ACTION: PD will design and print leaflets for 25th September

ACTION: AL and JL will be in the square on 25th Sept and will ask GL

ACTION: PA to do 3 social media posts about Green Week, Plastic Free Community, and "Meet the CEWG team – go and have a chat"

ACTION: PA to confirm that just one gazebo is needed

10. Any other business

None

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

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at 6pm on Thursday 7th October 2021. This meeting began at 18:00pm and concluded at 19:27pm.

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