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Environment Committee

Core Membership: Cllr S. Cockerell (chairman), Cllr P. May (vice-chairman), Cllr C. Aldridge, Cllr M. Denney, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr A. Wood

Notice is given of a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at the **Guildhall, Bridge Street, Lyme Regis** on Wednesday 23 April 2025 commencing at 7pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:

John Wright
Town Clerk
11.04.25

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Members are reminded that in reaching decisions they should take into consideration the town council's decision to declare a climate emergency and ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 and beyond.

AGENDA

1. Public Forum

Twenty minutes will be made available for public comment and response in relation to items on this agenda

Individuals will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each to address the committee

2. Apologies

To receive and record apologies and reasons for absence

3. Minutes

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 12 March 2025

4. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that if they have a disclosable pecuniary interest on their register of interests relating to any item on the agenda they are prevented from participating in any discussion or voting on that matter at the meeting and to do so would amount to a criminal offence. Similarly if you are or become aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at this meeting which is not on your register of interests or is in the process of being added to your register you must disclose such interest at this meeting and register it within 28 days.

5. Dispensations

To note the grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March 2025

To update members on matters arising from the previous meeting that are not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda and to allow members to seek further information on issues raised within the minutes of the previous meeting.

7. Update Report

To inform members about progress on significant environmental developments

8. Environment Committee – Objectives

To allow members to review progress of the committee's 2025-26 objectives

9. River Lim Action Group Report

To allow members to receive a report from the River Lim Action Group

10. Action Plan for Achieving Net Carbon Zero Emissions by 2030

To allow members to consider a populated version of the action plan for achieving net carbon zero emissions by 2030

11. Lighting in the Lister and Langmoor Gardens

To allow members to consider a draft business plan for the installation of a metered electricity supply to the footway lighting in the Lister and Langmoor Gardens

12. Exempt Business

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025

Present:

Chairman: Cllr S. Cockerell

Members: Cllr C. Aldridge, Cllr P. May, Cllr M. Denney, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner

Other members: V. Elcoate, G. Barr

Officers: K. Newman (administrative and community engagement assistant), P. Williams (acting operations manager), J. Wright (town clerk)

24/59/ENV Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

24/60/ENV Apologies

Cllr A. Wood
Cllr S. Larcombe
J. Breeze

24/61/ENV Minutes

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr M. Denney, the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2025, were **ADOPTED**.

24/62/ENV Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

24/63/ENV Dispensations

There were none.

24/64/ENV Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 January 2025

Carbon Literacy Organisation Accreditation

A member asked how the rate for Speak Carbon Collective compared to the previous rates paid to the Dorset Climate Action Network (DCAN) and where the funding was coming from.

The town clerk said he would circulate information on DCAN costs. He said the funds would come from the training budget.

Use of Biodiesel/HVO in council vehicles

A member asked if the biodiesel tank had been delivered yet.

The acting operations manager said it was due for delivery within the week.

24/65/ENV Update Reports

Electric Supply to Gardens Lighting

A member said this had been ongoing for months and asked if the deputy town clerk could prioritise it.

The town clerk said he would bring an update to the next meeting, together with a costing report based on consumption and estimated works' costs.

24/66/ENV To receive the minutes of the Bathing Water Quality meeting on 14 January 2025

Members discussed the draft Environment Agency plan on cleaning up Church Cliff Beach, which had been welcomed by the River Lim Action Group as it required South West Water to improve water quality.

It was noted an excessive amount of sewage had spilled in January and February 2025 and was ongoing for 12 days. Some of the spills carried on for more than 24 hours and 48 hours after it had stopped raining and were outside of the definition of a 'legally allowed spill'. The Environment Agency would monitor this weekly during the bathing water season.

It was noted cleansing works were due to take place at Gun Cliff the following week.

Concerning the overall management of bathing water quality meetings, the town clerk said there needed to be an agreement about organisations' roles and responsibilities.

Proposed by Cllr S. Cockerell and seconded by Cllr P. May, the minutes of the bathing water quality meeting on 14 January 2025 were **RECEIVED**.

24/67/ENV Review of Environment Policy

Proposed Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr C. Aldridge, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to amend the Environment Policy to add a clause to the introduction at 1.2 as follows: 'Lyme Regis Town Council would also seek to enhance biodiversity and promote nature recovery on land managed and/owned by the town council'.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr C. Aldridge, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to amend clause 7.2 of the Environment Policy to include 'internet (e.g. Teams)'.

A member asked when council's performance against its environment policy was last reviewed and by whom.

Cllr S. Cockerell said he would investigate this and report back at the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. P May and seconded by Cllr M. Denney, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the review period of the council's environment policy be amended from one year to three years.

Proposed by Cllr C. Aldridge and seconded by Cllr P. May, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the environment policy is amended to add 'business community' in paragraph 1.1.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr C. Aldridge, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to ask officers to look up a more accurate description of 'scope 3 emissions' and correct it in the environment policy so it was better clarified.

24/68/ENV The establishment of a working group for the achievement of net zero carbon emissions by 2030

The town clerk said if the working group was formed, the committee needed to decide if non-members would be allowed to vote at those meetings. He said the working group wouldn't be making direct recommendations to Full Council and felt non-members should be allowed to vote.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr C. Aldridge, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that non-members are allowed to vote at working group meetings.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr C. Aldridge, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the Environment Committee establishes a working group aiming to help Lyme Regis Town Council establish net zero emissions by 2030 and beyond and that the town council adopts the terms of reference, with all members being able to vote.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** Cllr P. May, Cllr S. Cockerell, Cllr C. Aldridge, V. Elcoate, and J. Breeze be appointed to the working group for the achievement of net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

24/69/ENV Climate Action Plan

The town clerk said the plan hadn't been fully populated but it would be populated with actions for the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr M. Denney, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the council adopts the draft Climate Action Plan and the activities proposed within it, and to instruct the newly created working group to continue to develop this plan and to ensure the council achieves net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and beyond.

It was requested that comments on the climate action plan are sent to the acting operations manager to be discussed at the next working group meeting.

24/70/ENV River Lim Action Group Report

It was requested that someone from the town council attended the group's invitation only event on 21 March 2025.

24/71/ENV Biodiversity Assessment Report

The acting operations manager said he was satisfied with the recommendations for introducing biodiversity into the town's green spaces.

There were concerns the report didn't give a clear picture of what the baseline data was and, therefore, how actions could be measured. Members agreed the report wasn't a proper biodiversity baseline assessment, and that one was still needed.

It was proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr G. Turner that the town council commissions a biodiversity baseline assessment of the town council's gardens, parks and green spaces and wider operations funded from the £5k budgeted for biodiversity improvements from 2025/26 budget.

The motion was not voted on.

The operations manager said a more in-depth ecological survey could be carried out if members felt it was necessary, but this would be expensive.

Members asked that officers obtained more information about carrying out a biodiversity baseline assessment of town council land, including scope and costs so members could make an informed decision.

The town clerk suggested putting this forward as an objective for 2026-27.

It was noted Great Big Dorset Hedge did free hedgerow surveys and could do one for the town council.

The acting operations manager said the council could make a start and order 10 bat boxes and 10 bird boxes and create a small nature pond, using funds from the £5k budget for 2025-26. He said the already established woodland walk area would be a good place to implement some of the recommendations from the report.

A member suggested planting more wildflowers in the scrub and grassland areas as well as the night scented plants area.

The acting operations manager said the council needed to consider how it wanted the gardens to look throughout the year because wildflowers looked good for a short time but then went on to look untidy. He said that the night scented plants area could be enhanced with minimal effort and the signage and QR codes in the gardens were already planned for 2025-26.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr M. Denney, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the town council should pick up on the words from the conclusion of the biodiversity assessment to determine its priorities and research the costs and methodology that would result in a more comprehensive biodiversity survey across the council's assets.

24/72/ENV Solar Roofs Project

It was suggested this project now needed to move towards organising a public session and inviting residents and solar roofing contractors, but resources were needed to be able to do so.

The town clerk said office staff would be able to assist with the design of leaflets.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the council supports the solar roof scheme initiative led by DCAN and commits to use the town council's communication channels to help with its promotion and publicity.

The town clerk said the first edition of the resident's magazine would likely be released in May and that a write-up of the event could be included to promote the solar roof scheme to residents.

The meeting ended 8:09pm.

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Committee: Environment

Date: 23 April 2025

Title: Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March 2025

Purpose of Report

To update members on matters arising from the previous meeting that are not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda and to allow members to seek further information on issues raised within the minutes of the previous meeting.

Recommendation

Members note the report and raise any other issues on the minutes of the previous meeting that they require further information on.

24/64/ENV – Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 January 2025

Carbon Literacy Organisation Accreditation

The all-inclusive cost of carbon literacy training provided by Speak Carbon Collective is £129 per person. Carbon literacy training provided by Dorset Climate Action Network is £60, plus £10 for individual certification.

Use of Biodiesel/HVO in council vehicles

A 3,500L pumped twin walled tank was delivered to site on 3 April 2025 and was installed and connected on 11 April 2025. Deliveries of fuel will commence shortly.

24/67/ENV – Review of Environment Policy

The following wording on scope 3 emissions is proposed for inclusion in paragraph 3.8 of the council's Environment Policy to provide a better clarified definition:

'Scope 3 emissions encompass indirect emissions from sources not owned or directly controlled by the reporting organization, i.e., the town council, but are related to its activities, such as those from suppliers, customers, and the use of products.

Scope 3 emissions cover both upstream emissions from suppliers and downstream emissions from product use and disposal activities.

Upstream emissions included purchased goods and services, capital goods, fuel and energy, upstream transportation and distribution, waste generated in operations, business travel, employee commuting, and upstream leased assets.

Downstream emissions include transportation and distribution, product use, end-of-life product disposal, and downstream leased assets.

Scope 3 emissions often represent the largest portion of an organisation's total carbon footprint, making it a crucial area for emissions reduction efforts.

Measuring and reporting Scope 3 emissions can be complex due to the need to collect data from various sources outside the organization's direct control and quantification may not be possible.'

24/71/ENV – Biodiversity Assessment Report

One of the objectives from this committee was to undertake a biodiversity baseline assessment on council land.

A report was compiled by Abbas Ecology in 2024 and brought to the previous meeting of this committee. The report was deemed not comprehensive enough so members requested a much more in depth report.

Officers have initially had talks with a different company (Darwin Ecology) to see if they are able to help us going forward. Darwin Ecology has suggested the best approach would be a three-step approach over three years at cost of £12-15,000.

Comparable quotes will also be obtained nearer the time.

As no budget has officially been set for this, officers recommend a report is taken to the Strategy and Finance Committee on 16 July 2025 as part of 2026-27 budget-setting discussions.

24/72/ENV – Solar Roofs Project

Feedback from committee members is, a meeting with interested residents and installers and a representative, Peter Bywater from Ridgewater Energy is scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 20 May at the Baptist Church Hal. Cllr M. Denney has been liaising with installers. The meeting will be publicised on the council's website and social media.

In addition, an A4 poster (below) designed by Kate Newman, administrative and community engagement assistant with input from Vicki Elcoate, has been included in the new council magazine and a smaller flyer will be delivered to residents by volunteers and posted on notice boards.

SOLAR ROOFS

INFORMATION EVENING



Do you want to reduce your energy bills and carbon emissions? Installing solar panels on your roof could increase the value of your home whilst decreasing your fuel costs at the same time.

Come and find out more at our community event on 20th May 2025, where you can talk to three local installers.

Competitive rates available for 20-40 local homes around Lyme Regis when committing to install PVs and/or batteries.

TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025 | 7PM
PINE HALL BAPTIST CHURCH,
LYME REGIS, DT7 3HR



Lyme Regis
Town Council



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John Wright
Town clerk
March 2025

Committee: Environment

Date: 23 April 2025

Title: Update Report

Purpose of the Report

To inform members about progress on significant environmental developments

Report

Updates from Community Organisations

Members of any local community organisations present at the meeting will be asked if they wish to update the committee on their initiatives. A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for each organisation to present to the committee.

Bathing water quality meeting

The next bathing water quality meeting will be held on 15 April 2025. The minutes of that meeting will be brought to this committee on 16 July 2025 but a verbal update can be provided at this meeting.

John Wright
Town clerk
April 2025

Committee: Environment

Date: 23 April 2025

Title: Environment Committee – Objectives

Purpose

To allow members to review progress of the committee's 2025-26 objectives

Recommendation

Members note the report

Background

1. During the 2025-26 budget-setting process, objectives were agreed for the year and a budget estimate identified against each project.
2. At the Full Council meeting on 3 April 2025, the objectives were formally assigned to committees.

Report

3. Members can review progress on the objectives at each meeting.
4. This committee's 2025-26 objectives, along with the allocated budget, completion date and lead officer, are at **appendix 8A**. Updates are highlighted in yellow.
5. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 14 May 2025.

John Wright
Town clerk
April 2025

APPENDIX 8A

| Objective | Budget | Lead officer | Committee | Target completion date | Updates/comments |
|---|--------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| To progress the 2030 carbon net zero plan | | SO | Environment | March '25 | <p>The action plan and a summary of what's been achieved was presented to the Environment Committee on 12 March 2025. The plan will be populated with further actions and target dates and presented to the Environment Committee on 23 April 2025.</p> <p>On 12 March 2025, the Environment Committee made a recommendation to the Full Council on 3 April 2025 to establish a working group for the council's strategic plan to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. One of the purposes of the working group is to monitor the delivery of the action plan.</p> |
| Support River Lim Action Group projects | 7,9 | SO | Environment | March | The council has approved annual funding of c.£7,000 to projects from April 2025 to 2030. |
| Migrate to electric hedge trimmers | 1.4 | SO | Environment | April '25 | |
| Undertake tree planting schemes | 5 | SO | Environment | TBC | |
| Follow up on EPC recommendations | 5 | SO | Environment | TBC | |
| Undertake a hydro feasibility study | 3 | SO | Environment | TBC | |
| Undertake biodiversity projects | 5 | SO | Environment | June '25 | <p>Projects identified in a biodiversity report considered by the Environment Committee will be undertaken by June 2025. A comprehensive biodiversity audit will be considered by the Environment Committee in June/July 2025 and with a view to putting it forward for consideration as a funded objective for 2026-27.</p> |
| Undertake further investigation into rainwater harvesting | 2 | SO | Environment | TBC | |
| Support River Lym improvement projects | 7 | SO | Environment | March '26 | |
| Install garden signs | 5 | SO | Environment | June '25 | |

Committee: Environment Committee

Date: 23 April 2025

Title: River Lim Action Group Report

Purpose of the Report

To allow members to receive a report from the River Lim Action Group

Recommendation

Members note the report from the River Lim Action Group

Report

1. The River Lim Action Group has provided a report on their latest activities. The report is attached, **appendix 9A**.
2. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 2 April 2025.

Pete Williams
Acting operations manager
April 2025

River Lim Action update for LRTC Environment Committee, April 23rd 2025

This is an update from the River Lim Action group covering the 2024 sewage discharge data into the river; levels of E.Coli pollution; work identified in the lower river; recent events organised by RLA and next steps.

Sewage discharge data 2024

Latest data from the Environment Agency on permitted spills of untreated sewage into the River Lim in 2024 showed big increases from the Uplyme Sewage Treatment Works and Horn Bridge Pumping Station, both up by a third.

This is despite rainfall for 2023 and 2024 being about the same – the overflows are only supposed to happen in exceptional rainfall.

The overall figure for spills into the river showed a decrease of about a third - 834 hours, down from 1287 hours the year before. But nearly all the apparent decrease was down to a single Combined Sewer Overflow at Mill Lane. The River Lim Action group will be asking South West Water about the data which has proved misleading in the past.

Some caution is necessary about the results as Event Duration Monitors (EDMS), the monitors that record discharges, can be unreliable. River Lim Action has previously questioned the accuracy of the data which led to previous data being revised. This year the CSO at Gosling Bridge appears to have been faulty so that actual spill hours are likely to be greater.

The group remains concerned about spills outside periods of exceptional rainfall. The Environment Agency has said it will investigate any during the bathing season if we can provide evidence.

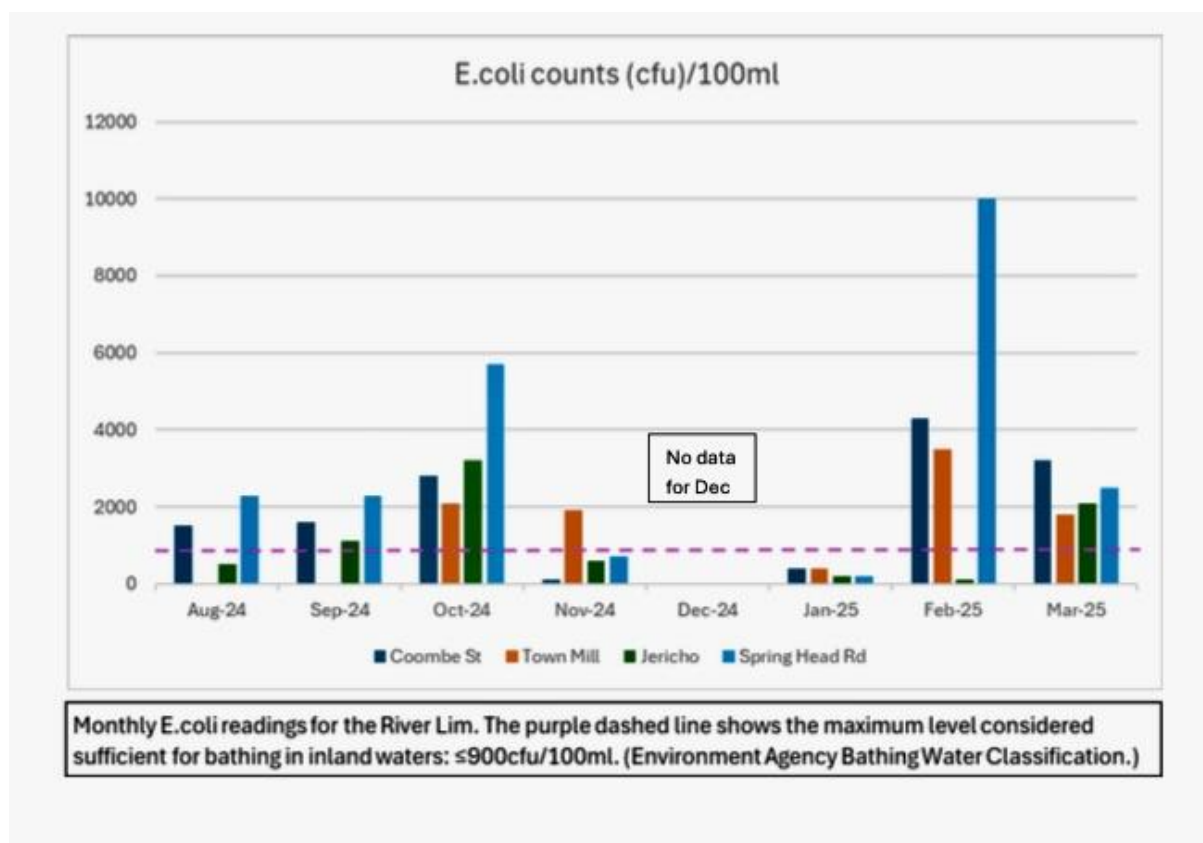
| Previous years - hours | | | Uncorrected | Revised | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|---------|------|------|------------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | |
| Cobb Gate | 8 | 22 | 8 | 8 | 30 | 32 | not included in totals |
| Gun Cliff | 102.52 | 72.89 | 5.34 | 5.34 | 54 | 75 | |
| Horn Bridge | 5.70 | 130.29 | 68.68 | 68.68 | 230 | 305 | |
| Jericho | 0.00 | 7.7 | 628.40 | 30 | 14 | 12 | |
| Mill Lane | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 653 | 1 | |
| STW | 231.24 | 468.54 | 1492.51 | 1096 | 332 | 440 | |

Suggestion:

Could the Town Council consider writing to South West Water with concerns about the data uncertainty and increases of discharge hours at the Sewage Treatment Works and Horn Bridge?

E. coli levels

The RLA's monitoring team has continued measuring E.coli levels in the river over the winter (this is not carried out by any statutory body outside the bathing season). The results show consistently high results – the bathing water line is an indicator or what would be the maximum on an inland bathing water in the bathing season (mid May- end September).



Work to address sewage pollution

South West Water has committed to a 90% reduction in permitted discharges from Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) into the Lim by 2027. The EA has said that all the CSOs that discharge into the River would need improvement to achieve better bathing water quality at Church Beach (currently poor) and has included this aim in the draft improvement plan for Church Beach which will come into effect in May.

The Environment Agency has also confirmed: “Investigations undertaken by the Environment Agency have identified several contaminated surface water outfalls that discharge to the River Lim in Lyme Regis. These outfalls have been shown to increase levels of faecal bacteria in the River Lim during dry weather”. Surface Water Outfalls should only carry rainwater. South West Water has been carrying out a programme of work in the lower river to address some of these problems. A further report will be available after the bathing water quality meeting on April 15th.

Recent events

River Lim Action recently organised two events supported by the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme (East Devon National Landscape) and the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group. About 90 people attended a public awareness session in the Pine Hall and joined in interactive sessions of public enjoyment, wildlife and pollution. Leaflets went to every household in Lyme Regis and it was good to see a lot of new faces sharing their concerns about water quality.

The other event, at Hunters Lodge, was attended by 28 farmers and landowners. They shared their plans on improving water quality in the catchment and got information on how to access funding and information.

The RLA was pleased to welcome our MP Ed Morello to view a monitoring demo on the riverbank and share our concerns with him. He has been briefed on questions he can raise in Parliament about bathing water designation. The RLA also joined in a session at the Guildhall hosted by Ed Morello for local environmental groups.

Next Steps

The RLA is focusing on habitat improvements in the river catchment during the summer season. There will be four volunteer sessions per month from May to August to pull out Himalayan Balsam. Contractors have been secured to deal with Japanese Knotweed. The first fish passage feasibility study will be commissioned. In addition new Riverfly volunteers will be trained to join the team focused on invertebrate

monitoring, which provides the best long term indicator of ecological health. All this work is thanks to the Lyme Regis Town Council, without whose funding it would not be possible.

Committee: Environment

Date: 23 April 2025

Title: Action Plan for Achieving Net Carbon Zero Emissions by 2030

Purpose of Report

To allow members to consider a populated version of the action plan for achieving net carbon zero emissions by 2030

Recommendation

Members consider the report and suggest amendments to the plan

Background

1. Following a report to this committee on 22 January 2025, on 12 March 2025, this committee considered a 'headings', only action plan for achieving net carbon zero emissions by 2030; the plan had been informed by a meeting of members, non-members and officers on 5 March 2025.
2. The meeting on 12 March 2025 made the following recommendations to the Full Council:

 'that non-members are allowed to vote at working group meetings.'

 'that the Environment Committee establishes a working group aiming to help Lyme Regis Town Council establish net zero emissions by 2030 and beyond and that the town council adopts the terms of reference, with all members being able to vote.'

 'Cllr P. May, Cllr S. Cockerell, Cllr C. Aldridge, V. Elcoate, and J. Breeze be appointed to the working group for the achievement of net zero carbon emissions by 2030.'
3. These recommendations were approved by the Full Council on 3 April 2025.

Report

4. On 8 April 2025, the working group met and considered a populated version of the action plan for achieving net carbon zero emissions by 2030. The action plan is attached, **appendix 10A** for consideration and comment.
5. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 14 May 2025.

Pete Williams
Acting operations manager
April 2025

APPENDIX 10A

| Draft Climate Action Plan Ideas | Summary | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--------|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Town Council Management | | Budget | 30-Jun | 30-Sep-25 | 31-Dec-25 | 31-Mar-26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2029/30 |
| 1.1 Review vehicle & equipment needs and where possible move to electric machines. | Proposals already submitted to the environment committee | £1,400 | Purchase battery hedge cutter | Trial battery strimmer | Develop budget proposals for further battery replacement and electric vehicle replacement | | | | | |
| 1.2 Maintain an environmental monitoring system for the Town Council's business & operations, including tracking carbon use. | Introduce a monitoring system to track carbon use by July 2025 | | investigate monitoring systems | Report proposals to Enviroment Committee 16/07/25 | | | | | | |
| 1.3 Develop a system to monitor & review the Council's waste streams, with a view to reducing waste to XX%(to be agreed) of the baseline; recycle above 80%(to be agreed) of waste where reducing is impossible. | Introduce a policy and procedure by July 2025 | | | policy and procedure to Enviroment committee 16/07/25 | | | | | | |
| 1.4 Provide carbon literacy training for all LRTC staff and councillors and take the necessary steps to maintain accreditation status. | Training to take place end of May/ June. Training provider SSC. Aim to provide training for all employees and members. Training for trainers to take place in June/July 2025. | | online training 07/05/25 in-person training 15 & 22 /25 | Training the trainers by 30 July | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 1.5 Move to a fully renewable energy electricity supply contract for LRTC. | 90% our electric is from YU energy which is certified 100% renewable energy, 10% is supplied by EDF which is a major renewable energy company. | | Complete | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 1.7 Improve energy efficiency in all council buildings (or retrofit council buildings with energy saving measures) | Refurbishment and new builds comply with the latest building regulations on energy saving measures, i.e. Beach store, amenities hut and Cemetery lodge. Measures include, fitting PV panels to cover all electricity consumption and appropriate insulation in walls and loft cavities. | | Complete | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 2. Managing our built environment | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 Identify & implement energy reduction measures. | Replaced 39 streetlights to LED bulbs. Garden decrative lighting is LED. All newly refurbished and new buildings have LED lighting, sensor lights, electric heating fed from roof PV's and all buildings meet current building regulations for insulation | | Complete | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |

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| 2.2 Identify options for reducing water use and harvesting rainwater. | LRTC have a water butt on the newly refurbished garden Pavillion, and plan to introduce water butts on the amenities hut and Cemetery lodge. Consideration will be given to move towards sensor taps | | Purchase two large waterbutts for these locations | | | | | | | |
| 2.3 Apply sustainability measures to all new and refurbished LRTC buildings. | LRTC will continue to introduce sustainability measures as part of our Enviromental objectives | | Complete | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 2.4 Support local initiatives to promote community renewable energy schemes or take up of renewables by residents and businesses. | LRTC will work with other organisations to promote schemes | | | | promote through our social media platforms, website and notice boards | | | | | |
| 2.5 Support local energy champions who carry out thermal surveys, promote better insulation and a switch away from fossil fuel useage in the home. | LRTC will work with and promote local energy champions | | | | promote through our social media platforms, website and notice boards | | | | | |
| 3. Protecting and enhancing the natural environment | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 Garden organically and limit the use of chemicals to the essential where organic gardening is not time or cost-effective. Glyphosate products will only be used to tackle invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed and mare's tail. | LRTC has an existing policy to ban the use of glyphosate. The policy has been set aside to tackle invasive species. | | Complete | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 3.2 Develop more drought resistant planting plans and continue to plant wild flower gardens and ensure plants in beds, borders and planters are pollinator friendly and where possible, sourced locally and grown organically. | LRTC currently source plants locally and employ drought tolerant planting | | Complete | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 3.3 Set a target to increase biodiversity on council land in line with current government targets. | LRTC needs to consider and understand the governments targets for 2030 and 2050, with a paper brought to this committee in July 2025 | | | | Consider biodiversity assesment as 26/27 project | | | | | |
| 3.4 Continue to plant more trees and identify sites for biodiverse tree planting and hedgerow restoration/enhancement. | LRTC have previously planted C500 whip trees gifted to us by The Word Forest Organisation, we have introduced wildlife corridors, supporting the great Dorset hedge and is due to embark on biodiversity projects. Opportunities for tree planting are limited on LRTC land. We will talk to other organisations about land availability. | | Lyme Regis Town Councils green spaces offer no further oportunities for tree planting however we will continue to work with other organisations | | | | | | | |

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| 4. Encouraging, educating and adopting environmental best practice | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.1 Support Dorset Waste Services to increase the household & businesses recycling rate in Lyme Regis. | Meeting arranged with DC, business association and members on the 17 March 2025. LRTC has agreed to repost workplace recycling requirements and is considering reopening the Broad Street bin store. | | Broad street bin store is being taken to TMH on 9 April 25 and will be considered at full Council on 14 May 25 | Contact DC to establish current recycling rates in Lyme Regis | | | | | | |
| 4.2 Work with community organisations like Turn Lyme Green and others to deliver community based environmental improvements. | We work, promote and fund community organisations | | Ongoing | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 4.3 Support public events aimed at raising awareness about opportunities for environmental improvements. | LRTC supports public events and uses its communicational channels to promote them | | Ongoing as good practice | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 4.4 Promote Lyme's status as a Plastic Free town and encourage more businesses to sign up. | LRTC supports a plastic free town | | Ongoing through our social media platforms, website and shall be introducing regular features in LRTC's magazine | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 5. Protecting local infrastructure | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.1 Develop an Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy to increase the number of charging facilities in LRTC car parks. | LRTC will contact National Grid to explore the possibilities of introducing additional charging points within our carparks | | Further work required to understand demand for EV charging points and to establish the National Grids capacity in Lyme Regis | Report to the Environment Committee on the 16 July 25 | | | | | | |
| 5.2 Support & encourage local businesses to put sustainability at the heart of their operations. | LRTC will promote and encourage sustainability through meetings and briefings | | Ongoing through our social media platforms, website and shall be introducing regular features in LRTC's magazine | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 5.3 Support the provision of a community town bus in Lyme Regis. | LRTC aims to have the community town bus operational by end of April 2025 | | Revised date for running The Town bus is 7 May 2025 | | | | | | | |

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| 5.4 Support the provision of a Park & Ride facility. | LRTC supports and underwrites the park and ride | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.5 Where practical, promote essential services are retained in Lyme Regis. | Where practical LRTC supports essential services e.g., grant funding for the Post office, town bus, park and ride and grant funding for the food bank from April 2025 | | Ongoing as good practice | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 6. Supporting Sustainable Tourism | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6.1 Continue to provide and maintain a beach equipment recycling box. | Agree | | Ongoing | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 6.2 Develop & promote a sustainable tourism vision for Lyme Regis. | LRTC will promote and encourage sustainable tourism | | | Produce a report to the Environment Committee, in consultation with TCP 8 October 25 | | | | | | |
| 6.3 Work with Dorset Council to improve signage that reduces traffic congestion in the town. | Officers will contact DC and work with them to introduce improved signage within the town | | To discuss at ward meeting on 29 April | | Consider as 26/27 project | | | | | |
| 6.4 Promote sustainable transport and safe walking in and around the town to reduce the need for visitors (and residents) to use cars. | LRTC will promote the use of the town bus and park and ride facilities within the town to minimise congestion | | Ongoing through our social media platforms, website and shall be introducing regular features in LRTC's magazine | | | | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering | Review to confirm we are still delivering |
| 7. Resilience & adaptation measures | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7.1 Maintain emergency plans to address and mitigate future challenges, e.g. Flooding, Storms, Power cuts, Blocked roads, Sea defence breaches | LRTC will continue to manage and review the emergency policy on a yearly basis | | | | We review and publish our Emergency plan in November | | | | | |
| 7.2 Work with partners to promote local food security, shortening supply chains and encouraging local food growing and production. | LRTC will encourage, advise and help promote local food growing and production | | Speak to members at meeting | | | | | | | |

Committee: Environment

Date: 23 April 2025

Title: Lighting in the Lister and Langmoor Gardens

Purpose of Report

To allow members to consider a draft business plan for the installation of a metered electricity supply to the footway lighting in the Lister and Langmoor Gardens

Recommendation

Members consider the draft business plan for the installation of a metered electricity supply to the footway lighting in the Lister and Langmoor Gardens and instruct officers accordingly

Background

1. At its meeting on 28 February 2024, this committee considered various ideas which might reduce this council's 'carbon footprint' and/or reduce its overall operational or running costs.
2. One idea was: 'A switch to a metered electricity supply for the many lights in the gardens to achieve a financial benefit for the council arising from the planned switch to low consumption lighting units. The supply is currently unmetered.'
3. The deputy town clerk has subsequently pursued this idea but, to date, has been unable to obtain a quote from National Grid for a new, metered supply. That quote is being chased but members at the last meeting asked that an indicative business case be brought to this meeting for consideration.

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4. Lighting supply costs on an unmetered basis for the calendar year 2024 amounted to £2,240. The average unit cost during that period was about £0.32 per KW/h and the standing charge about £2.80 per day (within a range of £2.29 to £ 3.21). On this basis, almost half of the council's charges related to standing charge rather than for actual consumption. The consumption itself has been dramatically reduced by the installation of LED light heads.
5. For a typical metered business supply, the unit and standing charge costs are currently £0.24 per KW/h and £0.53 per day, respectively.
6. Assuming prices remained unchanged, the annual cost saving of a switch to a metered supply would amount to about **£1,133**. (Annual consumption cost £913 compared with £1,218 and annual standing charge cost of £194 compared with £1,022).
7. Although not yet known, the likely cost of a new metered supply to the gardens lighting is likely to be in the range £10-12k, based on other quotes in broadly similar locations.
8. On this basis, the payback period would be around 10 years and the return on investment about 10%.

9. Whatever members decide, it should be noted that by far the largest financial saving and reduction in CO² emissions has come from the significant investment the council has already made in the change to low energy light units and the switch to 'green' energy suppliers.
10. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 14 May 2025.

Mark Green
Deputy town clerk
April 2025