

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2021

Present

Chairman: Cllr B. Bawden

Members: Cllr J. Broom, Cllr B. Larcombe, Cllr D. Ruffle, Cllr D. Sarson, Cllr R. Smith and Cllr G. Stammers,

Officers: M. Adamson-Drage (operations manager), K. Weekley (administrative assistant)

Guests: D. Picksley, senior coastal advisor (Environment Agency)

21/26/ENV Public Forum

J. Breeze

J. Breeze from Turn Lyme Green (TLG) updated the committee on initiatives TLG was working on. This included Boomerang Bags, which she said had had a good uptake around town and were now in guesthouses and libraries, along with businesses in Broad street. She said more bags were being made. She said the second initiative was 'Going Green Is Good For Business' and TLG was working with approximately 70 businesses in the area and talking to them about energy costs, reducing transport and plastic use. J. Breeze talked about a litter pick which had recently taken place and thanked the council for its help in disposing the rubbish. She said TLG was hoping to run more litter picks in and around Lyme Regis in the new year. She thanked the Regatta and Carnival fund and the council for the funding of eight test kits for the monitoring of the River Lim, which would arrive in December. She said an outing of 13 volunteers took place in early-November to identify monitoring sites and to carry out an initial survey. She said data has been uploaded to the West Country Rivers data system which would be a monthly test to be reviewed after six months. J Breeze said South West Water were working with them and would be releasing a report in the new year.

21/27/ENV Apologies

Cllr C. Reynolds – illness

Cllr T. Webb

Cllr S. Williams – illness

21/28/ENV Minutes

Cllr B. Bawden said changes should be made to the paragraph Our Future Town in the update report. The word 'council' should be 'Lyme Regis Development Trust' and in the same paragraph on the final line it should read as follows: 'the council could just go ahead'. The words 'and do it itself' should be removed.

Also K. Ellis needed to be removed from the agenda as she was no longer a councillor.

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr B. Bawden the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2021, with the above amendments, were **ADOPTED**.

21/29/ENV Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

21/30/ENV Dispensations

There were none.

21/31/ENV Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 6 October 2021

Queen's Green Canopy

Cllr B. Larcombe asked if a response had been received from Magna Housing regarding the potential planting of trees near the Polish Airforce Memorial.

The operations manager said there was nothing yet, but he was aware of the time constraints and would contact them again.

Our Future Town – RCA Project

Cllr B. Bawden updated members on Our Future Town and said a grant application had been submitted to the National Lottery for 'together for our planet'; this was to kickstart community engagement for community climate action.

Cllr B. Bawden talked about the environment information for the town council website and said this would be populated in January.

Food Waste to Living Soil Project

The operations manager said he had looked into the Strawberry Field site for this project but it had been deemed unsuitable.

Cllr R. Smith said Emma Greenward of Grovlav had found a more suitable place and would contact local businesses soon.

Water Quality on the River Lim

The operations manager said the pipe which had caused the initial problem had now been removed. He had written to South West Water for an update as he understood there were other problems.

Agenda item 8 was brought forward on the agenda.

21/32/ENV Environment Agency – Coastal Flooding

Dave Picksley, senior coastal advisor for the Environment Agency gave a presentation on the potential coastal flooding due to climate change.

Mr Picksley showed clear evidence that climate change and the warmer temperatures along with the increase of wind and rainfall, was changing the Dorset coast. He said it was predicted that wetter winters and hotter drier temperatures in the summers would lead to an increase of one metre in sea levels over the next 100 years.

Mr Picksley showed a video of the changes of what had happened in the past and what would become of the coast if predictions were correct. As part of the presentation, Mr Picksley showed a shoreline management plan and talked about a national strategy, which is available from the government website. He said the policy would be to hold the line for Monmouth Beach for the short term, which would be about 20 years.

21/33/ENV Update Report

Additional Committee Members (non-voting)

Cllr B. Bawden talked about additional committee members from the community and said this was discussed at a recent Turn Lyme Green meeting. She said many people had other commitments, but they were hopeful there would be future uptake.

Co-Cars Electric Hire Car Scheme

Cllr B. Bawden updated members on the new electric charging points.

Members discussed the different types of charging around the UK and the possibility of a specified time to spend in the spaces, agreed that this would need to be addressed at a later time.

Lyme Regis Development Trust – Community Energy Champions

Cllr B. Bawden said Bridport Town Council were going to train people about sustainable energy so they could spread the word throughout the community. She said she had asked Bridport Town council for five places on this course for people from Lyme Regis and that was being considered.

21/34/ENV Lyme Regis Town Council Achieving Carbon Literate Organisation Status

Members talked about the training that had taken place recently and the forms that needed completing if the town council was going to work towards a silver accreditation as an organisation. It was reported two half-day workshops were booked for January.

Cllr G. Stammers suggested a talk about the forms beforehand to avoid any confusion as she said they were quite confusing.

Proposed by Cllr B. Bawden and seconded by Cllr D. Sarson, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve the town council working towards Carbon Literacy accreditation as an organisation.

Cllr B. Larcombe left the meeting at 8:47pm.

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21/35/ENV UN Conference of Parties 26, Glasgow – Update

Cllr R. Smith had attended the conference and showed a video presentation about climate change and the finance needed to be committed to reduce climate change.

Members discussed the global emissions during the lockdown and how the pandemic only changed emissions by 3%.

Cllr R. Smith talked about droughts and famines around the world and heat waves which would be too hot to live and work in. He said global warming needed to be reduced.

Cllr B. Larcombe said companies would only switch away from fossil fuels if it was financially attractive.

Members discussed the implications of climate change.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.