

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2022

Present

Chairman: Cllr B. Bawden

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

Officers: M. Adamson-Drage (operations manager), E. Pawsey (senior administrative assistant)

Other members: Cllr C. Aldridge

Guests: A. Bristow

21/36/ENV Public Forum

There were no requests to speak in the public forum

21/37/ENV Apologies

Cllr B. Larcombe MBE - illness
Cllr C. Reynolds – illness
Cllr T. Webb

21/38/ENV Minutes

Cllr R. Smith asked for an amendment to minute number 21/32/ENV as the end of the last paragraph should read 'next 80 years'.

Cllr B. Bawden asked for an amendment to minute number 21/33/ENV. She said Bridport Town Council had offered up to five places on the training course for people from Lyme Regis and Charmouth and that the proposal was being formally considered by Bridport Town Council.

Proposed by Cllr B. Bawden and seconded by Cllr R. Smith, the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2021, with the above amendments, were **ADOPTED**.

21/39/ENV Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

21/40/ENV Dispensations

There were none.

21/41/ENV Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 26 January 2022

Water Quality on the River Lim

The chairman invited members of Turn Lyme Green to update the meeting.

J. Breeze said the testing kits had not yet been delivered.

21/42/ENV Update Report

Totally Locally

The chairman said Totally Locally would be promoted on social media with the videos that were filmed during the last Fiver Fest in October but would not print the map. She would also be writing to local businesses.

Updates for Community Organisations

J. Breeze from Turn Lyme Green said there would be a business networking meeting on 17 February 2022 in the Baptist Church to see if Turn Lyme Green could help local businesses. This would be a regularly scheduled meeting every four to six weeks. She said there would be a litter picking event for volunteers on 20 February 2022 at 10am, meeting at the RNLI shop.

A. Bristow from Turn Lyme Green/Plastic Free Lyme Regis said they were holding a seed swap event on Saturday 29 January from 11am to 1pm in the Driftwood Cafe.

21/43/ENV Additional Committee Members

The chairman said A. Bristow from Turn Lyme Green/Plastic Free Lyme Regis had been nominated to join the Environment Committee.

Cllr J. Broom said as A. Bristow was unknown to him, the committee should have had a CV on who he is, what he intended to do and what he had done, and that he should not be nominated without this.

The operations manager agreed to provide such information in future but A. Bristow was present and could introduce himself before voting.

The chairman invited A. Bristow to introduce himself.

A. Bristow said he had lived in Lyme Regis for 10 years, was recently retired and that he joined Turn Lyme Green as he had worked for Transport for London and been involved in similar environmental projects in London and now wanted to get involved with the local community.

Cllr J. Broom said the committee should have seen information about A. Bristow in writing.

Proposed by Cllr R. Smith and seconded by Cllr J. Broom, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to co-opt Alan Bristow, nominated by Turn Lyme Green/Plastic Free Lyme Regis, to the Environment Committee, with the agreement that in future the procedures of co-opting non-members are tightened up to include a CV of the nominated person.

A. Bristow was then invited to join the members at the table.

21/44/ENV Community Energy Champions

Cllr G. Stammers asked how the champions would be selected and whether they would have to provide information on who they were and in what capacity they would be undertaking the training.

The chairman said the training had already started with those that came forward and she had sent out the proposed training programme. They would be two-and-a-half-hour sessions, once a month, over six months. There were only three people who had come forward for five places so the full amount might not be required.

Cllr G. Stammers asked the chairman if members should see the content of what the training involved and how projects would be initiated before any decision was made. She asked if they would have targets to achieve and if members could see some sort of structure on how the public would be engaged; this would preferably be in person, as well as on social media.

The chairman said there might not be actual projects during the training but perhaps a presence at the Fossil Festival, for example. There could be a table with information on, for example, energy efficiency measures, advice on grants for renewable energy installation and what support was available for anyone in fuel poverty.

Cllr G. Stammers said she did not object to funding and how contact would be made with people was important, as well as the manner of approach.

The chairman said perhaps an open day at Woodmead Halls would be appropriate.

The operations manager suggested information could go on the town council website.

Cllr G. Stammers said there would need to be outside stalls, which could be seen by everyone.

Cllr J. Broom asked why the council was being asked for money after the training had already started.

The chairman said it had been mentioned at the previous meeting.

Members requested an update report be brought to the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr R. Smith and seconded by Cllr B. Bawden, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to allocate up to £2,750, i.e. £500 for each person, for up to five people to train as community energy champions and £250 of optional funding for costs.

21/45/ENV Request for EV Panels on Roof of Chalet at 17 Monmouth Beach

Cllr R. Smith asked why this item had been brought to this committee and not the Planning Committee.

Cllr J. Broom said it had previously been resolved that requests for solar panels on chalets would be considered by the Town Management and Highways Committee.

It was further discussed as to which committee this item should go to.

Proposed by Cllr R. Smith and seconded by Cllr B. Bawden members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to defer consideration of the request to install EV Panels on the roof of a chalet at 17 Monmouth Beach to the Town Management and Highways committee.

21/46/ENV The 'Community Conversation' – Lyme's 2030 Vision

Cllr D. Sarson asked if the budget was within the £75,000 already allocated. The chairman said it was.

The chairman said one of the consultations would be at the Fossil Festival and that the organisers wanted to enable free entry, including to the museum, to pay for security for the marquees and potentially for a minibus between Lyme Regis and Charmouth to take people to different events.

The chairman then handed around graphics produced by the Royal College of Art during the 'Future Town' project for members to look at.

The chairman explained the free three-month trial of a Climate Heatmap with Commonplace, a leading provider of online community consultation platforms, as part of the Lyme 2030 Vision work.

Cllr R. Smith asked what the cost would be if the council wanted to continue after the three-month trial for the Climate Heatmap.

The chairman said it would be £5,000 for the remaining nine months and she would like the council to endorse the 2030 Vision project.

Members discussed how much of the annual budget would be used and that there would be no further money for the committee until April 2023 if all the funds proposed were agreed.

Cllr G. Stammers asked where these projects differed from the community energy champions and would there be an overlap.

The chairman said there would be an overlap but they were separate projects.

Cllr C. Aldridge asked if, when the three-month trial with the heatmap had finished, would the council still be able to get information from it.

The chairman confirmed the project would have the information after the trial.

Cllr C. Aldridge asked if the budget was agreed, could it be on an understanding that it would be broken down into the detail and brought back to this committee.

The chairman stood down from the chair at 8.12pm due to feeling unwell and the deputy chairman Cllr R. Smith took her place.

Cllr B. Bawden said a budget breakdown would be brought back to the committee.

Cllr G. Stammers asked how the £20,000 budget would be controlled.

Cllr. B. Bawden said the budget would be controlled by Lyme Regis Development Trust (LRDT). She explained the funding was needed in part to secure the involvement of the Royal College of Art who could help in designing the survey and create visualisations of people's visions of Lyme in a zero carbon future. The 'Future Town' stakeholders could later provide support to any relevant projects that emerged from the '2030 Vision Community Conversations'.

Cllr. G Stammers asked if LRDT needed to come and talk to the council about the detail of the budget.

Members went on to discuss the budget and the breakdown, what the council would be getting for the money and that feedback would be required from LRDT on how the project would be run.

Cllr B. Bawden said she would like the committee to support the Commonplace Climate Heatmap and endorse it with the council's logo.

Members said they had tried to look at the Heatmap but they were unable to load it from the internet hyperlink in the agenda.

Cllr B. Bawden said she had not been made aware it was not working.

Members agreed they would need to be able to use it before they could endorse it with the council logo.

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr R. Smith, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approach Lyme Regis Development Trust requesting a budget programme for the Community Conversation – Lyme's 2030 Vision project before the council gives funding of £10,000 in 2022-23 from the budgeted climate and environmental funding, followed by £5,000 in 2023-24 and 2024-25, as guidance; and to approve funding of £2,000 to the Fossil Festival for 2022, only from the budgeted climate and environmental funding to encourage increased resident participation in both the 2030 Vision 'Community Conversation' and the other festival events.

21/47/ENV To update members on the progress of Carbon Literacy Training

Members noted the report.

21/48/ENV To inform members of the Dorset Council Air Quality Action Plan

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.