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### **Environment Committee**

**Core Membership:** Cllr B. Bawden, Cllr J. Broom, Cllr B. Larcombe MBE, Cllr P. May, Cllr D. Ruffle, Cllr D. Sarson, Cllr R. Smith, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner

Notice is given of a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at the **Guildhall, Bridge Street, Lyme Regis** on Wednesday 6 July 2022 commencing at 7pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:

John Wright  
Town Clerk  
01.07.22

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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. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

To allow the committee to receive nominations and elect its chairman and vice-chairman for the council year 2022/23

#### **2. 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*

**3. Apologies**

To receive and record apologies and reasons for absence

**4. Minutes**

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 4 May 2022

**5. 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.

**6. Dispensations**

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

**7. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 May 2022**

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.

**8. Update Report**

To inform members about progress on significant environmental developments

**9. Carbon Literate Organisation Accreditation**

To confirm the decision to become a Carbon Literate Organisation and to apply straight to the Silver level

**10. Lyme's 'Green' Reputation – progress report since the climate and environmental emergency declaration in 2019**

To summarise progress since 2019, celebrate the efforts to become more 'green' in Lyme Regis and propose several important priorities for the remaining term of the council

**11. 2030 Vision Community Conversation – update report**

To update members on the 2030 Vision project – presentation to be given at meeting

**12. Exempt Business**

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 6 July 2022

**Title:** Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

**Purpose of Report**

To allow the committee to receive nominations and elect its chairman and vice-chairman for the council year 2022/23

**Recommendation**

- a) The committee receives nominations for the chairman of this committee and elects its chairman for the council year 2022/23
- b) The committee receives nominations for the vice-chairman of this committee and elects its vice-chairman for the council year 2022/23

**Background**

- 1. The terms of reference for the council's committee structure state each committee will elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership.
- 2. Consequently, nominations are sought for the chairman and the vice-chairman of this committee.
- 3. The relevant standing orders that inform and govern the election of chairmen and vice-chairmen are detailed below.
- 4. Standing order 3.t states:

'Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on any question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave their vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda. If at least two members request, voting may be by signed ballot.'

- 5. Standing order 8.a states:

'Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chairman of the meeting.'

6. Standing order 8.b. states:

‘As the first business of a council is to elect a chairman (the mayor in the case of Lyme Regis Town Council) who is also an ex-officio voting member of all committees, they are in a position to open and chair a sub-committee meeting temporarily, with the benefit of a casting vote, until a committee chairman is elected. In the Mayor’s absence, the Deputy Mayor could officiate in the same way, The town clerk or other officer cannot open or chair a committee or sub-committee meeting.

7. The election of the chairman and vice-chairman of the Environment Committee will be reported to the Full Council on 27 July 2022.

John Wright  
Town clerk  
June 2022

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2022

**Present**

**Chairman:** Cllr B. Bawden

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

**Officers:** M. Adamson-Drage (operations manager), A. Mullins (support services manager)

**Other members:** Cllr G. Turner

**Absent:** Cllr T. Webb

**21/60/ENV Public Forum**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**21/61/ENV Apologies**

Cllr C. Reynolds - appointment  
A. Bristow (Turn Lyme Green rep)

**21/62/ENV Minutes**

Cllr B. Bawden said there was a spelling mistake in minute number 21/58/ENV as 'insulation' was spelled incorrectly.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr R. Smith, the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2022, with the above amendment, were **ADOPTED**.

**21/63/ENV Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were none.

**21/64/ENV Dispensations**

There were none.

**21/65/ENV Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 16 March 2022**

**Lyme 2030 Vision Community Conversation**

Cllr B. Bawden said she needed clarification on the discussions between the town clerk and the chief executive of Lyme Regis Development Trust as she had had different reports.

**21/66/ENV Update Report**

**Turn Lyme Green**

L. Davis was invited to give an update on Turn Lyme Green (TLG). She said the group had been attending lots of fayres to talk about the environment and about Boomerang Bags, and they had led beach cleans which had been well supported. She said they were doing a lot of work with businesses in the town because most places had Boomerang Bags, many were allowing people to refill their plastic bottles and were trying to get rid of non-biodegradable materials.

L. Davis said TLG had been growing sunflowers to plant at the library and this would take place on Saturday morning, they had a stall at the May Fete, and a talk about wildlife, plant life and farms on 24 May 2022. She said they were pleased to be working alongside this committee to hopefully fulfil some of the things it was aiming for and they would welcome feedback from the council on what it would like people to get out doing.

**21/67/ENV River Lim Project Monitoring – April 2022 report**

V. Elcoate was invited to give an update on the project. She said the group recently met with Wessex Water to discuss releases in the River Char which had affected the beach in Lyme Regis. She said there was now a River Char monitoring group and Wessex Water was very proactive in engaging with the community and discussing with others their plans; unfortunately, they had not had a similar experience with South West Water. As such, she felt it would be helpful if the town council pressed South West Water too.

V. Elcoate said there was currently a government consultation on the Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan, the deadline for which was 12 May 2022, and she urged the town council to respond. She said there was a good briefing on the Surfers Against Sewage website which would help with any response. She said they were asking for more urgent action and that more money should be spent on it, and rather than it coming out of the public's pocket, it should come from the water companies.

V. Elcoate also spoke about the possible re-designation of Church Beach as a bathing beach, which in 2014 failed to meet the minimum water quality standard and following a government consultation, it was then taken out of the bathing water system in 2015 because it wasn't used very much as a bathing beach. She asked whether the council might consider championing the re-designation of Church Beach as a bathing beach. If there was any prospect of the council supporting this, she said the river monitoring group would work hard to get support from the public and various local groups, such as swimming groups.

Cllr R. Smith suggested that any letter to the West Dorset MP Chris Loder could inform him that the council wanted Church Beach to be redesignated as a bathing beach but to

do this, South West Water needed to perform better on sewage discharges in the River Lym.

Cllr B. Larcombe said the idea of any beach area being improved was beneficial. However, no matter what the quality of the water, it wasn't going to attract many people to swim because of the ledges and rocks.

The support services manager gave some background to the de-designation of Church Beach. She said the beach had continually been receiving poor water quality reports and this was generating bad publicity for Lyme Regis as it was being reported nationally, even though the water quality at Front Beach was much better. As a result, the council supported the proposal to de-designate Church Beach as a bathing beach because it would no longer be tested and reported. Although this didn't address the water quality issues, it protected the town's reputation.

The operations manager said if the water quality of the River Lim was improved, it would improve the situation on Church Beach because the river flowed into this beach.

V. Elcoate said the water quality at Church Beach was currently unknown because it was no longer monitored. She said she wasn't sure if there was the appetite for people to use it as a bathing beach but she asked if the town council would keep the door open to the idea while they did some research into this.

Cllr R. Smith said he was sure the council wouldn't want to open the beach for bathing if the water wasn't a sufficient standard, but he would like to see the water at a sufficient standard for this to happen.

Cllr B. Bawden suggested the council wrote to Chris Loder to say the council would like to work towards re-designating Church Beach as a bathing beach, therefore it would like Mr Loder to write to South West Water to help improve water quality on the River Lim to help achieve this.

Proposed by Cllr R. Smith and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the council writes to Chris Loder MP to say the council would like to work towards re-designating Church Beach as a bathing beach, therefore it would like Mr Loder to write to South West Water to put pressure on them to improve water quality on the River Lim to help achieve this.

V. Elcoate said there was also an issue with plastic pollution and packaging in the river. She asked who would normally clear rubbish from the river or whether the group could do this themselves. She also said there was a problem with Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed in the river, which was causing problems for the local ecosystem, and they would like advice on what could be done about it.

Cllr J. Broom said the riparian owners were responsible for the Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed and it was very difficult to get them to deal with it.

With regards to the rubbish in the river, the operations manager said as long as the river monitoring group had done a risk assessment, they could get in the river and clear it themselves. He advised them to inform the Environment Agency first.

## 21/68/ENV Community Energy Champions Progress report

P. May, one of the community energy champions, was invited to give an update. He said the champions were not claiming to be experts and they tried where possible to signpost people to other sources. He said they were focusing at the moment on sharing simple tips that would save energy, ranging from controlling thermostats to preventing moisture and damp building up.

P. May said the five energy champions had met a couple of times as a group and they were continuing to meet with the Bridport champions to get ideas. He said they were creating a questionnaire that they could give to residents and were also intending on purchasing thermal imaging cameras to carry out surveys on properties to find out where the most heat was being lost from. He said they probably needed three cameras and were looking for funding for these.

P. May said the champions had been at the Fossil Festival recently and intended to be at the May Fete. He said the biggest challenge was knowing what grants were available to residents, as national schemes seemed to lapse and change quite quickly. He said any help the town council could give them in getting to that information would be gratefully received.

Members asked questions about insulating homes, eliminating drafts, eliminating moisture, local contractors, and how energy efficiency affected property value.

Cllr D. Sarson asked for more information on the questionnaire the champions intended to give to residents.

P. May said it was intended to use the questionnaire at community engagement events, such as the May Fete because they didn't have the resources to go door-to-door. He said the Bridport energy champions had used Bridport Town Council as their entity but they had decided to do it on an individual basis.

Cllr R. Smith asked if they intended to become a group, remain as individuals or become part of another group.

P. May said at this stage they didn't know but for now, they had decided to remain as individuals, covering Lyme Regis, Uplyme and Charmouth. He said they recognised the cameras were valuable and had decided how they would manage this.

The operations manager said the thermal imaging cameras were £370 including VAT and he asked if the council was minded to purchase one for the community energy champions to use.

P. May said the model referred to by the operations manager was a standalone device so it wouldn't require a mobile phone to operate and it was an entry level device just to get a snapshot of a house. He said they were applying for grants to purchase another one and would also approach Uplyme and Charmouth Parish Councils.

The operations manager clarified that the council would own the camera but the community energy champions would loan it.

Proposed by Cllr R. Smith and seconded by Cllr D. Sarson, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to purchase a thermal imaging camera for £370 from the climate action budget, to be loaned to the community energy champions.

**21/69/ENV United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report 2022**

The operations manager said there was a lot more movement in the green environment among the nations to tackle the issue of climate change but as yet, the manifestation of major changes in the world's climate were yet to be experienced.

*The meeting closed at 8.05pm.*

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**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 6 July 2022

**Title:** Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 May 2022

**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.

**Report**

**21/67/ENV – River Lim Project Monitoring**

The operations manager has written to Chris Loder MP for West Dorset to ask him to write to South West Water about pollution in the River Lim, with the ultimate aim of the re-designation of Church Beach as a bathing beach.

**21/68/ENV – Community Energy Champions**

A thermal imaging camera has been purchased for the Community Energy Champions which will be available at the meeting for members to view.

Matt Adamson-Drage  
Operations manager  
July 2022

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 6 July 2022

**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.

#### **Dorset Council Biodiversity Enhancements Funding**

Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) sent through information on Biodiversity Enhancements Funding at the end of May 2022. Under Dorset Council's Dorset Biodiversity Appraisal Protocol, compensation funds are secured, when appropriate and as a last resort, for the residual loss of habitat from development.

Dorset Council wants to ensure compensation funds deliver compensatory habitat such as hedges and grassland as close as possible to where the loss has occurred and that they contribute to ecological networks, achieving the best outcomes for Dorset's natural environment. Even small areas of natural habitat can provide important 'stepping-stones' of habitat across the wider landscape.

Compensation funds are collected for specific habitat types and therefore funds may not necessarily be available at the time of submission. However, the compensation officer will retain a list of projects so that should an opportunity arise in the future, the councils will be contacted.

Projects are assessed for suitability for funding by a part-time compensation officer with support from a steering group with representatives from outside the council.

Councils will be expected to sign a simple management agreement for grants of up to £50k to ensure funds are used correctly and the habitats will be retained and maintained in the future. For grants over £50k a more detailed management agreement is required.

Examples of projects could be:

- Restoration of grassland to a more species-rich grassland/meadow on a village green or recreational field
- Planting of hedges or small woodland copses adjacent to land owned by councils
- Match funding for a grant bid including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds for a larger project such as land purchase for a wildlife reserve, open green space

Projects could also include an element of project management and feasibility assessment.

Matt Adamson-Drage  
Operations manager  
July 2022

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 6 July 2022

**Title:** Carbon Literate Organisation Accreditation

**Purpose of Report**

To confirm the decision to become a Carbon Literate Organisation and to apply straight to the Silver level

**Recommendation**

Members approve the proposal to seek Carbon Literacy organisational accreditation at Silver level

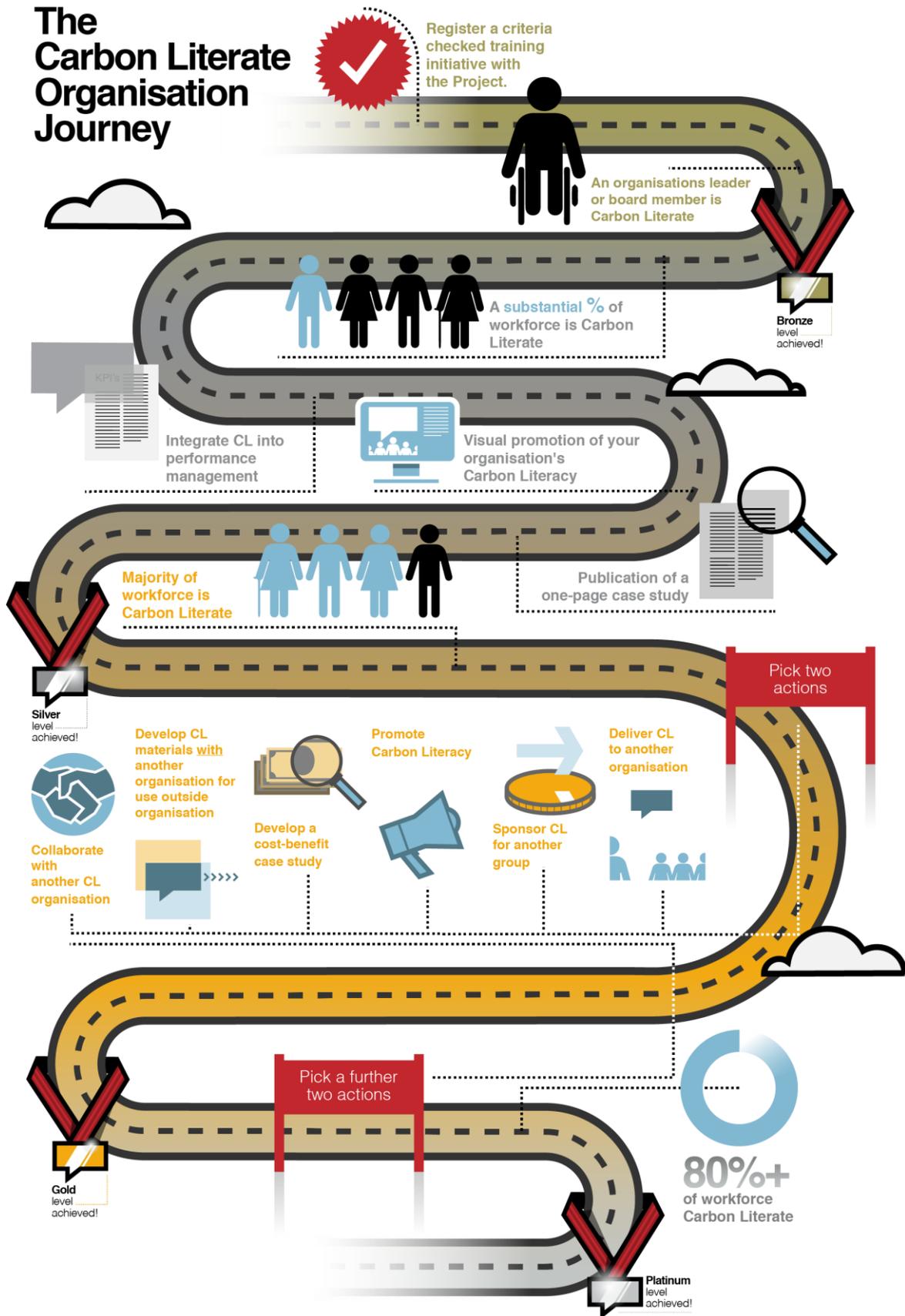
**Report**

1. *“An awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions on an individual, community and organisational basis.”*

In October 2020 and January 2022, Cllr Bawden offered all Lyme Regis town councillors and officers, alongside surrounding parish and town councils, the opportunity for free Carbon Literacy training as part of the national pilot of a toolkit for town and parish councillors. Councillors have now received their certificates accrediting them as Carbon Literate following submissions of evidence of personal and group actions to reduce carbon impacts.

2. The town council agreed to seek accreditation as a Carbon Literate Organisation. Cllr Bawden has negotiated with the Carbon Literacy team that the operation manager’s accreditation as the lead officer for environment can represent the requirement for the chief executive’s, which is a pre-requisite for the Bronze Level, and that members’ individual accreditations can be counted as staff, so that we have already reached part of the Silver Level criteria.
3. The image overleaf shows the pathway to becoming a Carbon Literate Organisation.

# The Carbon Literate Organisation Journey



3. The Carbon Literacy Project: Carbon Literate Organisation Standard Version 1.3 is attached, **appendix 9A**, detailing the requirements for each stage of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels. The Silver Level criteria are:

1. Have **met and evidenced each commitment** for the Bronze accreditation.
2. Have a **substantial percentage of the workforce certified** as Carbon Literate.
3. Have integrated Carbon Literacy into the performance management and assessment systems of the organisation.
4. Have demonstrated a **visual promotion** of your organisation's Carbon Literacy: e.g. CL listed as a preference on job adverts, CLO logo on main (or local presence page) of website etc.
5. **Publication of a one-page case study.**

4. Undertaking the Carbon Literate Organisation accreditation straight to Silver Level will involve the integration of Carbon Literacy into the performance management and assessment systems of the organisation, visual promotion of Carbon Literacy and the presentation of a one-page case study to use as a resource for others to learn from our reflections.
5. The fee for accreditation at Silver level is £1,000. This could be paid from the budget for climate and environmental emergency action.
6. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 27 July 2022.

Cllr Belinda Bawden  
July 2022

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 6 July 2022

**Title:** Lyme's 'Green' Reputation – progress report since the climate and environmental emergency declaration in 2019

**Purpose of Report**

To summarise progress since 2019, celebrate the efforts to become more 'green' in Lyme Regis and propose several important priorities for the remaining term of the council

**Recommendation**

Members note the report

**Report**

1. LRTC declared a climate and environmental emergency in 2019, agreeing to:
  - reduce greenhouse emissions to Net Zero by 2030 for its own operations
  - set up a One Planet Working Group to co-ordinate council and community collaborative efforts to reach Net Zero emissions
  - pledge support for and use guidance from the UN Sustainable Development Goals
2. The operations manager and Cllr Bawden both undertook the Foundation Certificate in Environmental Management and are Associate Members of IEMA (Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment), the professional association for those working in the environmental and sustainability sector. Both attend relevant webinars and use IEMA guidance.
3. The operations manager has written a detailed carbon reduction plan for the town council's own operations, which enables the target of Net Zero by 2030 to be reached. This remains on track for success.
4. In December 2021, the town council agreed a budget allocation of £75,000 over the remaining term of the council for engagement in the community to help the town reduce emissions to Net Zero by 2030. This work has begun with the '2030 Vision Community Conversations' project, run by the Lyme Regis Development Trust with 'Together for our Planet' Lottery funding. The council also allocated from the climate action plan's year one budget up to £2,000 for the consultation and analysis phases and a further £8,000 to the project development phase.
5. In October 2020 and January 2022, Cllr Bawden offered all Lyme Regis town councillors and surrounding parish and town councils the opportunity for free Carbon Literacy training as part of the national pilot of a toolkit for town and parish councillors. Councillors have now received their certificates accrediting them as Carbon Literate following submissions of evidence of personal and group actions to reduce carbon impacts.
6. The town council agreed to seek accreditation as a Carbon Literate Organisation. Cllr Bawden has negotiated with the Carbon Literacy team that the operation manager's accreditation as the lead officer for environment can represent the requirement for the chief executive's, which

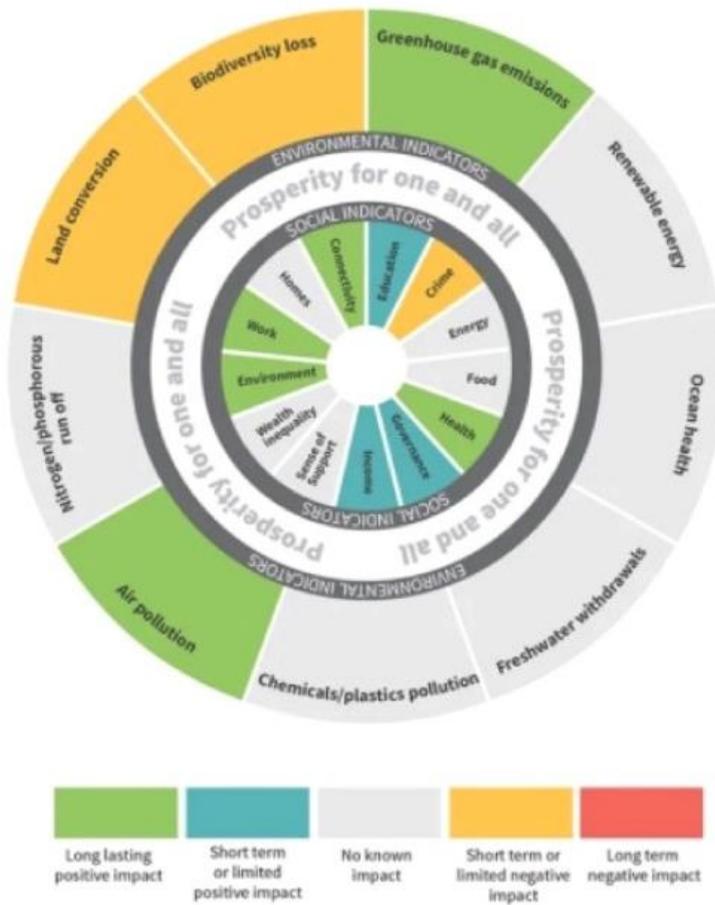
is a pre-requisite for the Bronze Level; and that members' individual accreditations can be counted as staff, so that, all being well, we will have already reached part of the Silver Level criteria.

7. A more detailed report on the further requirements for Silver Level accreditation as a Carbon Literate Organisation will be submitted separately. Achieving this will mean Lyme Regis Town Council will be one of the first town councils in the UK to do so.
8. Other achievements have been the participation by the operations manager and Cllr Bawden in the development and trialling of the [Impact Community Carbon Calculator](#), which was reported at previous Environment Committees. This toolkit enables reports to be produced at a keystroke detailing current emissions on a territorial and consumption (imported) basis at a parish and ward level, enabling councils and communities to identify priority areas for the greatest impact.
9. Almost half the Lyme Regis territorial emissions come from housing, so Cllr Bawden approached Bridport Town Council to secure places for volunteer [Community Energy Champions](#) from this area to join their training with the Centre for Sustainable Energy. The town council agreed to fund the training costs and, at the previous Environment Committee, buy a thermal imaging camera for the Energy Champion team to be able to identify priority areas in homes to insulate and draught-proof to reduce heating bills this autumn. The aim is for the five Energy Champions to have the use of three cameras covering Lyme, Uplyme and Charmouth/Char Valley areas.
10. Cllr Bawden has been part of the [NALC Climate Change Task and Finish group](#) which conducted a survey of all town and parish councils to assess the type of support needed from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to undertake climate and environment action planning. The group has developed into the NALC Climate Action Network and is influencing government policy as well as supporting town and parish councils with advice, guidance and examples of good practice.
11. The '[Future Town](#)' project with the Royal College of Art (RCA), Transport Planning Society and other major institutional and corporate stakeholders provided a wealth of qualitative data for the 2030 Vision work to build upon. It offered the year 12 art and design students at Woodroffe to learn about sustainability issues and put their creative minds to designing future transport modes for everyone's needs in the Lyme area. One of the students is now a passionate advocate of the need for young people to be engaged in planning for a sustainable future and will be studying design for sustainability at university.
12. Cllr Bawden was recognised by NALC as a Community Champion in the '[Make a Change](#)' campaign to encourage people to stand as local councillors as a consequence of the 'Future Town' study.
13. The RCA and other stakeholders continue to be involved in supporting Lyme Regis with community engagement, for example by advising the member team working with the deputy town clerk on the grant application for community minibuses, electric car club, cargo van and electric bike rental hubs to the Department of Transport in January 2022. It is hoped the RCA and other 'Future Town' stakeholders could retain interest in the 2030 Vision Community Conversation, which is our local response to the report and to the need to engage widely to identify key issues and community capacity to develop project proposals to make the transition to Net Zero by 2030.

14. The face-to-face 2030 Vision Community Conversation phase involved six events in Lyme, one in Charmouth and a presence at the Uplyme Fete, alongside the Community Energy Champions and Turn Lyme Green. The 2030 Vision online community engagement website was launched on 20<sup>th</sup> June and is being promoted on social media and in LymeOnline. Members are invited to share their ideas and hopes for our decarbonised future!  
<https://lyme2030vision.commonplace.is/login>
15. All of these achievements, alongside the pro-active work of [Turn Lyme Green](#), [Plastic Free Lyme](#) and the reporting by Cllrs Broom and Bawden through [DAPTC](#), have raised the profile of the town council and the town generally as taking the climate and environmental emergency seriously. In addition, Cllr Bawden was one of the original four co-founders of the [Dorset Climate Action Network](#), an umbrella organisation of individuals and community groups working together to share ideas, experiences and expertise to enable safe and successful transitions to zero carbon futures throughout Dorset.
16. Special mention should be made of the work being undertaken in Lyme Regis by the litter-picking/beach clean group and River Lym Monitoring group in Turn Lyme Green, which is rapidly working alongside other more established groups e.g. the [Axe Vale Rivers Association](#), and supporting the newly formed [Lower Char Valley and Char Valley](#) groups (separate report submitted). The litter/beach clean group is liaising with Litter Free Coast and Sea on various initiatives and will update the next Environment Committee on its progress.
17. The former mayor and town clerk have also extended their involvement with other coastal town councils like Swanage, Weymouth and Sidmouth to share experiences and learn from each other on similar challenges. Sustainable Tourism is an essential part of any transition to Net Zero and will need co-operation between the businesses, councils and community.
18. There is much to celebrate in Lyme's growing 'green' reputation and the progress the town council has made since the climate and environmental emergency declaration in 2019. Inevitably, there is very much more to do.
19. Suggestions for the next phase of climate and environmental action planning include:
  - Working with the results of the 'Future Town' and 2030 Vision findings later this year to assess which projects the town council could adopt or take on in collaboration with Dorset Council; other neighbouring parishes and towns e.g. Axminster on transport links; and/or community groups and national bodies e.g. Sustrans, Living Streets.
  - Continue to pursue the agreed [Co-Cars](#) Car Club trial and electric bike rental hubs, probably in conjunction with Bridport, Seaton, Axminster Town Councils and neighbouring parishes who have or will have [Co-Bikes](#) and Co-Cars hubs soon.
  - Develop the electric community minibus, e-bike rental and car and van sharing options (as above) proposed in the Department of Transport grant application, linking Lyme, Charmouth, Uplyme and Axminster more effectively, especially for those with mobility and affordability restrictions.
  - Work with Dorset Council on the parking review to include a wider vision of future sustainable transport, traffic and parking measures to enable the residents to have much better access to the town's facilities and services and to minimise the misery of

traffic gridlock and parking mayhem. The 'Future Town' stakeholders could also help with this.

- Work with Dorset Council, the Community Energy Champions, Lyme Regis Development Trust, [Dorset Community Energy](#), Dorset Climate Action Network and others, alongside local installers to develop a community-based low-cost package of energy-saving measures e.g. insulation and draught-proofing, solar generation and retrofitting for householders and businesses to reduce their carbon impact and have more energy-efficient, warmer homes and premises. Lobby central government for funding and technical support through DAPTC and Dorset Council.
- Support the work of Turn Lyme Green, the [Seaside Store and Old School House Community Café](#) and others in reducing food waste and enabling better understanding of healthier, less damaging ways to use our land, grow and distribute our food and ensure no-one is left in food poverty.
- Support initiatives with schools, colleges, Dorset Council and the [Lyme Regis Development Trust](#) to ensure our young people have the education, training and skills needed for the transition to a zero carbon future, for example on retrofitting and insulation; on caring in a future of more volatile climate extremes; and in hospitality and the visitor economy to minimise any negative impacts and promote sustainable tourism, for example widening the availability of plant-based dietary choices.
- Undertake the Carbon Literate Organisation accreditation straight to Silver Level, involving the integration of Carbon Literacy into the performance management and assessment systems of the organisation and presentation of a one-page case study to use as a resource for others to learn from our reflections.
- Consider much more deeply the role and responsibility the town council could have in influencing procurement; in setting high standards for sustainability in lease agreements; and in ensuring any investments and the financial and auditing processes take full account of current and future climate risks e.g. [AAA1000](#) – the Chartered Institute of Auditors Sustainability Standard and [TCFD](#) in the corporate sector.
- Every decision taken by the town and parish councils needs to consider climate, environmental and social impact and keep the Net Zero targets in mind. The UK's [Climate Change Committee's](#) advice to the UK government is for a 78% reduction by 2035; LRTC has pledged to reduce to Net Zero by 2030.
- Methods to measure and monitor emissions reduction and environmental and social impact range from the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) to the Doughnut Model of planetary boundaries. As Dorset Council's new corporate director for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy is moving from Cornwall Council which has pioneered the [Decision-Wheel](#), based on [Doughnut Economics](#), it is possible this model could be adopted here.



20. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 27 July 2022.

Cllr Belinda Bawden  
June 2022

**Committee:** Environment

**Date:** 6 July 2022

**Title:** 2030 Vision Community Conversation – update report

**Purpose of Report**

To update members on the 2030 Vision project – presentation to be given at meeting

**Recommendation**

Members note the report and presentation.

**Report**

1. The Lyme Regis Development Trust (LRDT) is organised a series of ‘Lyme 2030 Vision Community Conversations’ as the consultation or listening stage of the Lyme 2030 Vision project, leading to the development of a 2030 Net Zero Plan for the town. Running alongside this will be a Climate Heatmap on the online Commonplace community engagement platform to identify key concerns and communicate the findings to stimulate further discussion.
2. The 2030 Vision Community Conversations were a series of open public events covering Lyme, Uplyme and Charmouth run by the Lyme Regis Development Trust and supported by Dorset Action, trained facilitators and local volunteers to listen to concerns, discuss climate and environmental impacts – known and predicted – and engage ‘hearts and minds’ in planning collectively how to shape our future.
3. At the Full Council meeting on 6 April 2022, Full Council resolved to allocate a budget of up to £2,000 for the consultation and analysis phases of the Lyme 2030 Vision Community Conversation project, and a further budget of £8,000 is allocated to the project development phase, which may or may not be carried out by the Royal College of Art, in line with the council’s financial regulations.

**Report**

3. The seven face-to-face public engagement events held from 9 April 2022 to the Uplyme Fete on 11 June 2022 showed clean rivers and beaches to be the most popular priority for those responding to some key ideas, with wildlife-friendly green spaces; warm, affordable well-insulated homes; and affordable, connected, green public transport also attracting strong support. Sustainable tourism and pre-school provision for Lyme Regis were also popular priorities.
4. Across all the engagement events, there was engagement from more than 100 people, ranging from age 4 to 90-something, including families and young people. The respondents were mainly residents, with some visitors including those who visit regularly.
5. Specific ideas suggested ranged from:
  - pedestrianising the Cart Road and Cobb Gate car park
  - indicators for all car parks in town showing available spaces
  - electric bike hiring hubs
  - a cycle path linking Lyme, Uplyme and Axminster

- better recycling facilities, including clothing
  - cooking workshops for children
  - a community enterprise like the Waffle House in Axminster
  - a wind turbine for community renewable energy
  - traffic restrictions and zoning for parking
  - signage to discourage engine idling
  - better education on the climate crisis for everyone
6. The next stage will be talking to the local schools and community groups and analysing the responses and assessing the potential to develop specific project proposals in time for the town council's budget setting process.
  7. The new Lyme 2030 Vision Climate Heatmap on the Commonplace community engagement platform was launched on 20 June – a demonstration will be given at the meeting. Members are encouraged to visit the website in the meantime and share their ideas for a cleaner, greener area as we plan our transition towards Net Zero by 2030.
  8. Visit <https://lyme2030vision.commonplace.is/> where you can pin your ideas onto a map, read and respond to others' ideas and catch up with the 2030 Vision project news.
  9. Any recommendations from this committee will be considered by the Full Council on 27 July 2022.

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