

**MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING** held at  
The Guildhall, Faversham, on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.30pm

**Present:**

Cllr Williams

Cllr B J Martin

Cllr Saunders

Cllr Perkin

Cllr T Martin

**In attendance:**

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

37.	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Reynolds and Thomas.</p>	
38.	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> Cllrs Williams, T Martin Minute Ref 49 DNPI Abbey School</p>	
39.	<p><b><u>Comments from the Public Gallery</u></b> It was asked if there was an opportunity to amend the Local Plan to specify that all new developments are carbon neutral. The current plan cannot be amended, but SBC are consulting on a new local plan and have set up a Maritime Working Group to look at transport by waterways using sail rather than engines. Perry Court supermarket application now includes heat recovery on fridges, solar panels and additional EV points  The NHP for Faversham could also feed into the local plan. SBC's Planning Committee are taking comments from parish councils more seriously and any objections to planning will go to full committee.</p>	
40.	<p><b><u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u></b> It was confirmed that the Town Council had approved the budget for the C&amp;B Committee under one lump of £15,000.  Concerns were raised regarding SBC's use of Round-up. It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was <b><i>RESOLVED to write to SBC and the Environment Cabinet Member to look into using an alternative to Round-up</i></b>  Contact with schools regarding use of pesticides is outstanding.</p>	TC/AA

	It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was <b>RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	
41.	<p><b><u>Action Plan Review</u></b> The Annual Action Plan was reviewed and is attached to the Minutes.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was <b>RECOMMENDED that all food served by Faversham Town Council at events is 100% vegan</b></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was <b>RESOLVED to approve the Annual Action Plan 2020-2021</b></p>	
42.	<p><b><u>Bus Stops and Green Roofs</u></b> Cllr Saunders questioned whether this activity would provide as good value as others, which may be cheaper. It was agreed to defer the item until the next meeting. Cllr Williams to liaise with the Town Clerk to produce a proposal.</p>	CW TC
43.	<p><b><u>Cycle Fest</u></b> It was confirmed the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March was for dropping off bikes for the sale on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. The second week was Cycle Fest. Other activities for the week were agreed - 2 workshops to engage the community in cycling improvements in the town, invite KCC or/and SBC to give a presentation, Kent Safety for safer cycling for children and KCC Warden bike marking.</p>	CW JS TC
44.	<p><b><u>Environment Day</u></b> It was agreed a working group be set up with the new Rec Officer, Ben Simon, and Cllrs Perkin and Williams.</p>	TC
45.	<p><b><u>Sustainability of Festivals</u></b> It was agreed, that as this was now on the Action Plan, it would be a priority.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was <b>RECOMMENDED that applicants of the FTC Community Grant provide a sustainability plan and answer environmental mitigation questions as part of the application procedure.</b></p>	

	<p>Although compostable items were good, KCC are unable to recycle them, the Whitstable cup was noted and it was agreed to look at costings for a Faversham cup.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was <b>RESOLVED to draft guidelines for sustainable festivals</b></p>	
46.	<p><b><u>RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch</u></b> Several people reported their participation.</p>	
47.	<p><b><u>Active Transport</u></b> It was agreed to invite Caz of Cycle Chic to the next meeting to present findings on the psychology of people's movement.</p>	
48.	<p><b><u>FTC Newsletter</u></b> It was agreed to write an article on the planning season and bee friendly gardens.</p>	CW
49.	<p><b><u>Education</u></b> It was noted that the Abbey School will be planting 450 trees on 1<sup>st</sup> April. It was agreed that the Mayor should write to congratulate the school on completion.</p>	TC
50.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b> None</p>	
	The meeting closed at 9.25pm	