

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING held
Virtually via Zoom, on 9th November 2020, 7pm

Present:

The Mayor, Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr E Thomas
Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin	Cllr C Williams
Cllr H Perkin	

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

82.	Apologies for Absence None	
83.	Declarations of Interests None	
84.	Previous Minutes and Matters Arising It was proposed by Cllr C Williams, seconded by Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting dated 14 September 2020.	
85.	Community Gardening Projects Cllr C Williams noted that the Community Gardening project is still progressing at this current point in time. It was highlighted that the Community Gardening project will require a new grant application, which will be drafted by the Town Clerk. Cllr Williams noted the grant towards spring bulbs which were planted by a volunteer groups.	
86.	Tree Planting It was noted that with the new COVID-19 restrictions in place, previous plans to distribute trees during tree week needed to be re-thought. The trees had already been ordered and paid for so could not be cancelled. It was agreed to set up a separate meeting to agree how to distribute the trees safely. There are plans for webinars during Tree Week by the Faversham Tree group.	
87.	Electric Car Club Cllr Williams noted the meeting with Co-Wheels an electric car club scheme, which provides vehicles hired out by the local community. This could provide an answer to families requiring a second car or for those who only make occasional trips.	

	<p>Concerns about the scheme were raised, due to the lack of information and costs involved. It was thought the scheme might be better suited to the Borough Council.</p> <p>It was suggested by Cllr Williams that a survey be sent out to the residents to gather their thought about this scheme. It was agreed that 10 questions should be drafted by the Town Clerk.</p>	
88.	<p>Living Roof for Bus Shelters A meeting had been held with Clear Channel, who are responsible for the bus shelters in Newton Road, Stone Street and The Mall. There are two styles available, advertising and non-advertising and the estimated costs vary £11-12k and £7-8k respectively. It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact the responsible Swale Officer for guidance.</p>	
89.	<p>Review Budget 2020-21 and 2021-22 It was suggested by The Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin that the Climate and Biodiversity Committee should bid for the same amount of funding as the previous year.</p> <p>It was highlighted by Cllr H Perkin that the committee should consider putting some of the next year's budget towards online marketing and physical events.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr C Williams, seconded by Cllr H Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to request a budget of £10,000 for 2021-22</p>	
90.	<p>Let's Talk Travel from KCC It was noted that this item should be developed into another topic at a later point in time, as the deadline had passed.</p>	
91.	<p>Climate Coalition The brief and information were noted that it was free to join and was more of a pledge, but something that should be built into the neighbourhood plan.</p>	
92.	<p>Future Events It was agreed to see if we could host a Faversham World Environment Day on 5th June 2021 in the Rec.</p> <p>Cllr Williams noted that the previous Faversham Climate and Biodiversity Surgery was very successful and is very keen to set up another one.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin highlighted the importance of taking note of other potential Climate and Biodiversity events that could take place, for example – Faversham Tree Week, Plastic-free Faversham events. So that the committee can start to develop ideas in meetings to come.</p>	

93.	Items for Report It was proposed by Cllr C Williams, seconded by Cllr H Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to make the recommendation of that allotments become the responsibility of the Climate and Biodiversity Committee/.</i>	