

Minutes of the Meeting of Climate and Biodiversity Committee
 Tuesday 26th January 2021, 7pm

Present:

Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Reynolds	Cllr Williams	Cllr Thomas
Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin	Cllr Perkin	

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

94.	Apologies for Absence None
95.	Declarations of Interest None
96.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting dated 9th November 2020.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas reported that Co Wheels had given a presentation to Swale Borough Council and the council was looking to pursue electric car hire. Cllr Williams noted that Clear Channel had surveyed the 3 bus shelters and a full quotation is awaited. However, delivery is likely to be around 40 weeks from order.</p>
97.	<p>Annual Action Plan Review It was noted that item 1 on the Annual Action Plan be amended to reference the 'Faversham Infrastructure Plan' and LCWIP to encourage active transport.</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Williams is developing a document - 'Guidelines for sustainable festivals and events'.</p>
	Cllr Perkin left the meeting at 19.30
98.	<p>Community Gardening It was noted that the tree giveaway had a powerful impact on the town and the map was shared. Cllr Williams had been liaising with the Kent Wildlife Trust regarding pesticide free town status and wilder town.</p>
99.	<p>Increasing Biodiversity in Residents' Garden It was agreed that a wild flower seed giveaway would be a good project,</p>

	<p>as we come out of lockdown in late Spring, which could be given away in another click and collect. The Committee could provide information and links to websites about what they could do, or alternatively produce a leaflet.</p> <p>Cllr Williams will liaise with the Town Clerk to investigate how this could be incorporated with the Seed Giveaway and will develop a proposal for the next meeting.</p>
100.	<p>Tree Planting Locations for 2021/22 Cllr Thomas suggested the planters at the entrance of Millfield could be replaced.</p> <p>Cllr T Martin suggested that the Brogdale Road, near the new housing development could be a potential area for tree planting.</p> <p>It was agreed to contact KCC to establish the type of trees they have previously planted within town, and to write to different organisations, such as local supermarkets and SBC regarding planting more trees in their car parks.</p>
101.	<p>Youth Engagement It was noted that both Lewis Monger (Faversham Rec) and Chris Staples (Oare Gunpowder) were good contacts for future Youth Engagement projects.</p> <p>Cllr Williams will go back to the Youth Working Group to discuss this item further with them.</p>
102.	<p>Pesticide Free Town Status Cllr Williams and the Clerk had met with Cllr Valentine of SBC to discuss pesticide free status. No contact had been made with the KCC Cabinet for Environment and the Clerk will contact the Cabinet Member for Highways who is responsible for the Pollinator Strategy.</p> <p>It was noted that the new contract for SBC was due for tender and we should ensure that non pesticide use should form part of it.</p>
103.	<p>Future Virtual Events It was agreed that the 2 focused virtual events for this year will be World Environment Day and Earth Day. Other environmental days will also be recognized throughout the year.</p>
104.	<p>Allotment Update The Allotment Report from the Facilities Manager was noted</p>
105.	<p>Any Other Business An increase in dog fouling footpaths was noted and it was agreed to highlight the issue through social media posts.</p>