

Maker with Rame Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Conservation Committee held at 7pm on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at the Old Ship Cawsand

Those present: Cllrs Ferguson, Fox, Green and Sutcliffe.

In attendance: County Cllr Ewert and 3 members of the public.

Item 1 Welcome

Cllr Green welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Item 2 Apologies

None.

Item 3 Declaration of Interest

None.

Item 4 Appointment of Vice Chair

Cllr Ferguson nominated. Proposed by: Cllr Green. Seconded by: Cllr Sutcliffe.

Item 5 Recap on environment and conservation community dialogue process

Cllr Green recapped on the format of the meeting held on 9th August. A report had been produced that described the process undertaken and listed the issues identified as being important by those who had attended. This included a list of quick wins and high priority actions. The report has been published on the Maker with Rame Parish Council's Website and can be found in the 'news' section.

The Environment and Committee now needed to discuss which of the quick wins and high priorities actions should be put forward as recommendations to the Full Council.

Item 6 Quick Wins

Declare a climate and ecological emergency - agreed. Declaration should be made at the Full Council in November to coincide with COP26.

Communicate green initiatives and opportunities to local community - agreed.

Action: Cllr Ferguson and Green to be given admin access to the Council's facebook page.

Set up Communication Working Group.

Produce green guide - agreed. For distribution to all households in the parish. The guide will be A4 size and approximately 24 pages long.

Action: Cllr Ferguson to get quotes from local graphic designers and printers.

Contact Millbrook PC and local councils about sharing the production costs or offer them a PDF version for them to use.

Review Council contracts from a green perspective - agreed.

Action: Cllr Ferguson to investigate the possibility of adapting Cornwall Council policies for adoption by the Parish Council.

County Cllr Ewert suggested that the Parish Council might also want to consider having paperless meetings; all Cornwall Council meetings were now paperless.

Extend ReFILL scheme - agreed. Include water fountain in proposed toilet refurbishment.

Dark Skies Initiative: switch off streetlights after midnight/1am - this is a decision for Cornwall Council and unlikely to be a quick fix. County Cllr Ewert agreed to investigate. MwRPC can investigate in parallel.

Item 7 Recommendations to take forward to full council and timeframes

In addition to the quick win actions the following high priority actions were discussed:

- **Integrate focus on environmental sustainability ambitions in the NDP review (2022)** - County Cllr Ewert advised that due to the amount of work and cost involved in producing the NDP it was unlikely that Cornwall Council and the other local Parish Councils would agree to a review within the next few years.
- **Begin dialogue with local landowners/users on regenerative land management practices** - need to establish small groups to focus on specific/niche issues. AONB are currently extremely busy. Host/facilitate open forum events to enable best practice learning.
- **Establish Marine Conservation Working Group** - agreed.
- **Consider making Pigshill and Clarrick Woods CIC a beneficiary of the Parish Council precept or perhaps a grant beneficiary due to promotion of public access and benefit** - agreed.

Item 8 Establishment of Parish Action Groups to feed into committee decision-making. Timeframe and role

Look to establish Parish Action Groups (or working groups) covering land management (and within this woodland management) and marine conservation. Parish Council to lead on communications, ReFILL scheme, dark skies initiative, carbon off-setting schemes, paperless meetings and environmental purchasing.

Item 9 Meeting close

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.