

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP (HPBC)

Meeting: Wednesday, 22 June 2022 at 6.30 pm in a Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chair)

Councillors A Barrow, J Collins, C Farrell, L Grooby, M Hall, I Huddleston, D Lomax, G Oakley, E Thrane and J Todd

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Ashton, T Kemp and K Thomson

23/8 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair confirmed that the meeting was being broadcast live to the internet via the Council's website and was capable of repeated viewing. The images and sound recording may be used for training purposes within the Council. All were asked to keep to the speaking guidelines which were outlined. Any views expressed by any speaker in the meeting are the speaker's own and do not necessarily reflect the views of High Peak Borough Council.

23/3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2022 be approved as a correct record.

23/4 ACTIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING - VERBAL (Agenda Item 4)

1. Carbon Literacy Training – there will be mop up training for Heads of Service of 27 June, together with Train the Trainers for Community Champions
2. Climate Change Grants – 6 applications have been received in round 1 which will be discussed by the panel before round 2 is opened up
3. Low carbon skills fund – phase 3, £14M nationally to help with the development of heat de-carbon plans for estates, if the bid is successful it will be used to fund consultants to advise on what can be done in respect of building conditions and the information will then be used to inform future bids to the decarbonisation scheme
4. Climate Change Event – 20 October at New Mills Town Hall, the purpose is to provide a formal update and launch of part 2 of the Climate Change Action Plan and to establish what support and groups are in communities, and to invite winners of grant funds to explain more

RESOLVED:

That the actions be noted.

23/5 INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT (ROGER CLARKE - HOPE VALLEY CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION GROUP)
(Agenda Item 5)

Roger Clarke from Hope Valley Integrated Transport Group provided members with an update on the Travelling Project which aimed to transform the way in which people travelled into and around Hope Valley. Hope Valley has been identified as a visitor hotspot and is estimated that 90% of visitors journeys are by car which leads to congestion, anti-social parking etc. The study has 3 strands, namely, to increase the amount of everyday recreation and cycling for short journeys by local and visitors, the provision of high quality public transport and to reduce the use of private vehicles. Funding had been received for year 1 from the Department for Transport and it was anticipated that the project would continue for between 3 – 5 years. During Year 1, initiatives to encourage walking and cycling were being examined including working with local schools and supporting the cycling for all rally and the introduction of lower speed limits. Regarding public transport, The County Council has identified Hope and Buxton as the focal point for a transport hub for integrated transport and the upgrading of the rail service was supported together with the continuation of an hourly service stopping at every station. Regarding cars, greater uptake of 3 charging points was supported together with a switch to electric vehicles, as well as other initiatives such as car sharing.

Regarding 20 mph zones, members were advised that DCC are trialling two new zones in Buxton and Long Eaton with further details to follow. Discussion ensued around 20 mph zones and traffic management including humps, and the view was expressed that DCC were lagging behind nationally in this matter. It was agreed that the Borough Council contact DCC to suggest that the introduction of traffic management alongside 20 mph zones would be counterproductive, to which members were advised that liaison was being undertaken with DCC.

RESOLVED:

That Roger be thanked for his informative presentation and update.

23/6 UPDATE ON PART 2 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION (GILLIAN WRIGHT)
(Agenda Item 6)

Gillian Wright provided an update to members around the results of the consultation exercise undertaken on part 2 of the Climate Change Action Plan. 33 responses had been received, and a summary of the results were set out for members (a copy of the presentation is attached).

The view was expressed that the limited response provided only a hint of any trends and ways in which participation could be increased were discussed.

Work was ongoing around analysing the baseline data to generate targets, which would be presented to an upcoming meeting of the Executive, with 6 and 12 monthly updates provided thereafter.

RESOLVED:

1. That the update be noted and further information be presented in due course;
2. That further information around Warmer Derbyshire be circulated to members.

23/7 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
(Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED:

On a date to be determined prior to the submission of the next report to the Executive.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm

CHAIRMAN