

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADDINGHAM WORKING GROUP

26th June 2023

Present: Parish Council: Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Walsh
Civic Society: John Sykes, Rick Battarbee and Richard Walton
Parish Clerk: S Lloyd
Apologies: Jan Hindle and Cllr Tennant,

1. Chairman

Rick Battarbee was appointed to chair this meeting.

2. Approval of March minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were approved

3. Matters arising

- a) Feedback from Andy Fisher to be included in agenda item 9.
- b) Confirmation from Clerk that litter has been addressed with the managing agents for Townhead, Atkinson Associates.
- c) The Clerk shared a recent request from plot holders for the installation of mains water supply at each Allotment site. Council has refused this request on environmental grounds and will work instead, with plot holders, AEG and AA&GA towards a communal rainwater collection point.

4. Confirmation of TOR

The revised TOR were approved by the Parish Council during the Annual Council meeting in May 2023.

5. CAA Website

The landing page has been created by a Civic Society volunteer and the domain purchased for 2 years. More content will follow together with links to other sites.

6. Agree proposed CAA objectives.

A list of objectives was agreed. These will be circulated to PC and CS for approval. See Appendix A

7. Agree proposed CAA work programme.

Action: RB to contact Totolly locally and invite them to the next meeting.

Action: RB to draft a letter to be sent to all village organisations and groups inviting them to participate. The letter, once approved, will be sent jointly by the PC and CS chairs.

8. Agree roll out of CC questionnaire.

A draft questionnaire was considered and approved. The questions centre around attitudes and understanding about Climate Change. To generate a random sample of views, volunteers will knock on doors and invite residents to use a QR code and respond to the online version of the questionnaire.

It is hoped that results will be available to share with residents during the November public meeting.

9. Update on the Low Mill Pumping station issue.

The Clerk reported that Meedfleet and BMDC Highways have responded negatively to requests to fence the dangerous areas around the channel bed which contains untreated sewage.

RB and JW attended a Q&A session with Yorkshire Water entitled "Have your Say". Questions regarding the discharge from the pumping station and future restoration of the site were asked and a written response is awaited.

Action: RB to follow up with YW. If no response is forthcoming, to enlist support from Robbie Moore MP.

10. Update on bins and butts scheme

The Clerk reported that Council has approved a second scheme to distribute water butts, compost bins and food waste caddies to residents FOC.

11. Feedback from AEG weekend 10/11 June

The school field and Youth Centre were used this year to host the AEG event.

12. Plans for the Jumble trail

Zero Waste group are planning the event to take place on 24th September.

13. Update on Friends of Wharfedale Greenway

Jon has attended the first steering group meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. It would be useful to continue with plans to be ready when funding becomes available.

14. Date for next meeting

The next meeting to be held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7pm in the Hub.

Appendix A

Objectives

Carbon

- Reducing personal carbon footprints
- Improving home energy efficiency
- Decreasing fossil fuel dependence for home heating
- Increasing renewable energy generation
- Walking and cycling more
- Using public transport
- Increasing plant-based diets
- Sequestering carbon through tree and hedge planting

Waste

- Recycling more household waste
- Reducing food waste, including cooked food waste
- Reducing plastic and eliminating single-use plastic

Water

- Reducing use of tap water
- Reducing surface water runoff
- Slowing the flow of flood water

Biodiversity

- Creating wildlife friendly gardens and allotments
- Planting trees and hedges
- Increasing wildflower meadows
- Increasing numbers of pollinators
- Protecting red list birds
- Increasing hedgehog populations
- Creating wildlife ponds
- Restoring becks
- Eliminating use of plant and animal poisons
- Controlling invasive species