



# WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

### MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Location:** Micklethwaite Room, Wetherby Town Hall, Wetherby, LS22 6NE

#### **Present:**

Councillor Connor Mulhall (Chair)  
Councillor Galan Moss  
Adrian Balcombe  
Brian Taylor  
Luke Austin  
Ingrid Mclaughlin

#### **1. WELCOME**

Councillor Connor Mulhall welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received by Ward Councillor Linda Richards, Councillor Harry Chapman and Penny Stables.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS**

There were no declarations from Town Councillors

#### **4. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

It was **NOTED** All WTC leaflets will be in the house format. The climate working group updates will form part of the Quarterly Town Council newsletter. Councillor Mulhall will send the templates out to group members.

It was **AGREED** the quarterly newsletter would include 2 or 3 short paragraphs which will link to the climate change page on the WTC website.

#### **5. ECO CHARTER**

Adrian had previously circulated a 10 point Charter for consideration. Crowdfunding was suggested as a way of fundraising.

Councillor Harrington outlined the constraints of being a Town Council and its statutory obligations and the need to be pragmatic about the Town Council's sphere of influence whilst still encouraging local residents and businesses to engage with our aims.

It was **AGREED** that Brian and Adrian would re-configure the 10 points in the Charter into 8 bullet points which will be circulated by email ( by 24 June) to the group and it can then be sent by the Chair to the WTC Council meeting as an agenda item for discussion by Town Councillors.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

It was **NOTED** the eco fair is planned for the 24th September to tie in with Great Big Green Week.

It will be held in the Methodist Church and Town Hall as before .Adrian has already submitted an application for a grant for £2000 for publicity materials etc.

The idea is to showcase what local groups are doing and for key speakers to address issues such as how individuals can reduce their energy usage cope better with the current energy crisis.

Councillor Harrington pointed out that at least one member of the town council should be on any small working group.

It was **NOTED** no application has been submitted in relation to the Lidl development but that the leaflet was a fact finding mission for the developer to find out the level of support from the residents.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

It was **AGREED** the next meeting would be 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**The meeting concluded at 8.04PM**