



WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL

CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 21 January 2020
Time: 6.00 pm
Location: The Old Men's Parliament, Garden of Rest

1. WELCOME

Councillor Connor Mulhall welcomed the attendees to the meeting – 7 members of the public, plus Councillor Connor Mulhall (in the chair) and Iona Taylor (Town Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from David Frame, Kazia Knight and Kim Pengelly, all of whom said they would like to be involved in this Group.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr Connor Mulhall confirmed his relationship to Mrs Christine Gale, who is his Grandmother, and was subsequently elected as Secretary to the Climate Emergency Group Meetings (see point 6. below).

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Attention was drawn to the Terms of Reference document which had been distributed to all those present prior to the meeting. Copies were also available at the meeting.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

The Council representatives are: Councillors Harry Chapman, David Frame, Victor Hawkins, Connor Mulhall (Chair) and Dawn Payne.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Christine Gale be appointed Secretary.

7. REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

Points on the Action Plan were discussed. It was agreed that the Plan would be reformatted into categories. The Action Plan has been updated accordingly, and new points and people responsible for agreed Actions added to the Plan. See document "2nd version of Action Plan updated on 21.01.20." The Action Plan will be used as a working document, updated after each meeting by the Secretary or the Chairman and circulated with future agendas.

8. AGREE METHOD OF WORKING FOR GROUP

Tasks were informally allocated to Group members during consideration of the Action Plan.

It was agreed that someone should attend the next meeting of the Boston Spa, Wetherby and Villages Green Group to ensure that there isn't duplication of effort and to establish good links between the groups.

9. GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN – not discussed.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – there were no additional items.

11. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 February, 2020, at 7:00 pm. Venue to be confirmed.