

**BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD AT COTTINGLEY
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Start: 4:00pm
Finish: 5.30pm**

Councillors present:	Brazendale, Dawson, Drucquer, Simpson and Williams
Councillors in attendance not a member of this committee:	None
In attendance:	Ruth Batterley, Town Clerk
Non Councillor members of the sub-committee	Chris Dickerson, James Hinchcliffe and Ruth Quinn
Members of the public:	None

1920/01 Apologies for Absence

- a) To note apologies for absence
- b) To receive and consider apologies for absence
- c) To approve reasons for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

1920/02 Disclosures of interest

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest.
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

None received.

1920/03 Terms of reference

The Chair explained that the terms of reference contain the work remit for the Working Group. The clerk explained that as this is a Working Group of the council, non councillors are permitted to vote.

1920/04 Public Participation

Members of the public are reminded that this is their opportunity to speak to the meeting on any topic relevant to the work of the council. However, they may not speak during the rest of the meeting unless specifically invited to do so by the Chair.

None Present

1920/05 Liaison with other councils and groups

- a) To consider the Parish Council Liaison meeting being held on 11th September. It was noted that climate emergency is an agenda item on the upcoming Parish Council Liaison meeting agenda. Councillor Simpson will attend the meeting.
- b) Meeting with Councillor Alan Clubb, Baildon Town Council. **Resolved** that Councillor Simpson and Williams will attend the meeting with Alan Clubb from Baildon Town Council on 10th September.
- c) To consider links with other groups locally working to the Climate Emergency Agenda. **Resolved** that Ruth Quinn will develop a list of groups.

1920/06 Climate Emergency actions

- a) To consider the report on suggestions for actions on Climate Emergency. **Resolved:**
 - To ask all venues that the council uses who their energy supplier is and whether a renewable source of energy is used and what energy saving measures are in place. Bradford Council is also to be contacted requesting the same information about CBMDC owned buildings in the parish
 - Write to Bradford Council about its policy for wildflower planting and weed killing/ grass cutting
- b) To prioritise any actions for recommendation to the full council

1920/07 Carbon calculation scheme

- a) To consider a carbon calculation scheme for recommendation to the full council

Councillor Simpson noted that there are many such schemes available and she was waiting for feedback from Muhammed Riaz, Utility Billing and CRC Reporting Officer at Bradford Council as to schemes in operation at Bradford.

Resolved that Councillor Williams will speak with the Beck Lane allotment site representative about storage and reuse of water on the site and use of pesticides, with a view to amending the allotment policy/ guidance and the tenancy agreement.

Councillor Dawson left the meeting at 4:55pm.

1920/08 Neighbourhood Plan

- a) To consider how to feed into Bingley's Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Dawson suggested that the Council's Neighbourhood Plan consultant be asked to investigate cycle routes and other transport issues.

Resolved that Councillor Brazendale will contact the Bradford Cycling Campaign and Bradford Council about cycle routes and plans for connectivity.

1920/09 Transition Network Website update

- a) To consider involvement in the Transition Network with any recommendation to be made to full council

Councillor Simpson explained that the Transition Network is spread across Europe and looks at how towns can have a low carbon future. **Resolved** that Ruth Quinn will put together a presentation about how a town or a specified area can become carbon free.

1920/10 MP

- a) To consider the letter from Philip Davies re: Climate Emergency. **Resolved** that Chris Dickerson will investigate the funding streams on Philip Davies' letter e.g. Local Energy Programme. Councillor Williams will investigate the Green GB Week.
- b) To consider a strategy for working with the local MP – Hope for the Future. This was noted.

1920/11 Air Quality monitoring e-mails

- a) To consider the e-mails regarding air quality monitoring. **Resolved** that Ruth Quinn will contact the Clean Air Monitoring campaign that works on monitoring.

1920/12 Next Meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group

To set the dates for the next two meetings of the Climate Emergency Working Group.

Resolved that the dates for the next two meetings of the Climate Emergency Working Group be set as Wednesday 16th October and Wednesday 20th November both at 5:30pm.