

# BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



Cottingley Community Centre, Littlelands, Cottingley, Bingley, BD16 1AL

## MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD AT COTTINGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 5:30PM

Start: 5:30pm  
Finish: 7:00pm

<b>Councillors present:</b>	Brazendale (part of meeting), Simpson and Williams
<b>Councillors in attendance not a member of this committee:</b>	None
<b>In attendance:</b>	Ruth Batterley, Town Clerk
<b>Non Councillor members of the sub-committee</b>	Chris Dickerson, and Ruth Quinn
<b>Members of the public:</b>	None

### 1920/20 Apologies for Absence

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

**Resolved** to note the reasons for absence for Councillor Dawson.

**Resolved** to note the reasons for absence for Councillor Drucquer

### 1920/21 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.

### 1920/22 Minutes of previous meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October are a correct record.

### 1920/23 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

### 1920/24 Updates and reports

**To receive updates and reports on the following and consider any action to be recommended to the full council**

- a) Local energy hubs. No further action is to be taken on this for the time being.

- b) Information to Emergency Planning sub-committee and Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. **Resolved** that Councillor Williams will take the following points -- require homes be built on council land to be energy efficient, using the Passivhaus standard or similar, reduce the need to own and use a car through managing developments in the local plan, identify areas suitable for renewable energy in the local plan, require the integration of renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps in local authority developments and, as much as possible within private sector developments to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, cross-ferencing with the relevant points in the Friends of the Earth document (1920/25 below). **Resolved** that Councillor Williams will take the following points -- identifying the most vulnerable people in the areas most at risk of flooding, high heat levels and target adaptation policies, actions and spending to these areas - to the Emergency Planning subcommittee.
- c) Bus routes. It was agreed that the WYMetro maps were more useful than those produced in-house. Consideration will be given to including a link on the BTC website and in newsletters.
- d) Bingley venues and energy use/sustainable energy. **Resolved** to write to Incommunities Housing Association about Crossflatts Older People Welfare Association, to re-email the two community groups/schools that had not responded and to revisit the list in one year.
- e) Cycling. **Resolved** that Councillors Brazendale and Simpson will develop a Survey Monkey questionnaire on cycling and car sharing for the January Working Group meeting.
- f) Bradford Council policy on wildflower planting, weed killer and grass cutting. The reply from CBMDC Parks department was noted. **Resolved** to write asking for clarification of when glyphosate will be phased out.

Councillor Brazendale arrived at 6:00pm.

#### **1920/25 Friends of the Earth**

- a) To receive the Friends of the Earth document 'actions parish and town councils can take on climate and nature emergency'. The document was received.
- b) To consider any actions for recommendation to the full council. **Resolved** that Councillor Williams will write to the Bradford Council Tree Officer with suggestions of where new trees can be planted.

#### **1920/26 Bradford Council**

- a) To receive an update on Bradford Council's climate emergency policy. It was noted that a paper has gone to the Senior Management team at Bradford Council. **Resolved** to request from full council that it writes to the Bradford Council Parish Liaison meeting requesting that Climate Emergency be a standing item on agendas for this meeting.
- b) To consider the Better Homes Yorkshire scheme and any action to be recommended to the full council. Information is awaited from Bradford Council.
- c) To consider the Enterprise Car Club and any action to be recommended to the full council. The Enterprise Car Club is a business. Enquiries will be made about including information about the scheme on Bingley Town Council newsletters.

#### **1920/27 Communications with and involvement of residents**

- a) To consider arranging a climate conversation with local groups. **Resolved** that Ruth Quinn will scope out a Climate Emergency conversation event that could be held in March 2020 and that Councillor Simpson will complete a risk and resource assessment for the full council on such an event.
- b) To consider the option of a regular e- newsletter. **Resolved** to include paragraphs on Climate Emergency issues in the existing e-newsletter.

**1920/28 Finance**

- a) To consider the proposed Climate Emergency budget for 2020-2021. The Working Group was advised of the Climate Emergency item that is included in the draft budget.
- b) To consider grant schemes to support action on climate emergency. It was noted that undertaking a review of the current grant scheme, including amendments about Climate Emergency, will be tabled at the December Finance and General Purposes committee meeting.

**1920/29 Engagement with and support from the Member of Parliament**

To request action on:

- Onshore wind energy projects
- Peat in garden compost
- Increased rate of tree planting

**Resolved** to recommend to full council that following the general election a letter be written to the local Member of Parliament requesting action on the above.

**1920/30 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 Working Group be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, both starting at 6:00pm.