

# BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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

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### MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD AT COTTINGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

Start: 5:30pm

Finish: 6:45pm

<b>Councillors present:</b>	Drucquer, 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
<b>Members of the public:</b>	None

#### 1920/13 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 approve the reasons for absence for Councillor Dawson.

**Resolved** to approve the reasons for absence for Ruth Quinn.

It was noted that James Hinchcliffe had resigned from the Working Group and his replacement, along with the other non councillor vacancy, will be an item on the next full council agenda.

Councillor Drucquer arrived at 5:37pm.

#### 1920/14 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.

#### 1920/15 Minutes of the previous meeting

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

It was noted that Councillor Williams had been identified as investigating the Green GB Week, not Mr. Dickerson. Subject to this amendment:

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### **1920/16 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.**

There were no members of the public present.

### **1920/17 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. The summary report had been circulated and was noted.
- b) Report from Bradford Council Liaison Group meeting about Climate Emergency. The report was noted
- c) To receive the CBMDC Energy Team Manager's suggestions of actions to tackle Climate Emergency. **Resolved** that action point 11, identifying the most vulnerable people in the areas most at risk of flooding and high heat levels and target adaptation policies, actions and spending to these areas be recommended to the Emergency Planning sub committee. Items in bold i.e. 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 area 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 be used to influence the Neighbourhood Plan.
- d) To receive the CBMDC Energy and Environment Officer's suggestions of how to tackle Climate Emergency. The suggestions were received. There was discussion about Bingley bus routes. **Resolved** Councillor Williams will map the Bingley bus routes on Parish Online with assistance from Councillor Simpson.
- e) To receive the Hope for the Future research on local council actions. This was noted.
- f) Letters re: Sustainable energy. Information gathered so far is to be circulated by e-mail.
- g) Town Council allotments. **Resolved** that recommendations be made to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for next year's amendments to the allotment policy. The amendments are: tenants given permission to install sheds/greenhouses must install guttering and water butts, discouragement of the use of chemicals, on the allotments tenants are expected to use organic treatment of weeds/ pests wherever possible, any chemical used must be UK approved, targeting individual plants, rather than blanket coverage and must be kept locked up when in storage.
- h) Bradford Cycling Campaigns and CBMDC plans for connectivity. Councillor Brazendale was unavailable to provide an update.

### **1920/18 Correspondence**

- a) To consider the e-mail from Friends of the Earth. The e-mail from Friends of the Earth is to be tabled at the next meeting of the Working Group.

### **1920/19 Next Meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group**

To note the date of the next meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group as being Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm in the Board Room, Cottingley Community Centre.