



## **Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting Held at 6 pm on Tuesday 10th October 2022 in the Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

### **MEETING MINUTES** **(\*responsibility for action)**

#### Those present:

Councillors R Buck (Chairman), J Mason, G Murray and V Hillier - 4.

Also in attendance: I Lacey, West Tisbury Parish Council and B Cornish (Clerk).

#### **EC 22.10.10.01**

##### **Election of Chair**

Cllr Buck was elected as Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the civic year.

- **JM/GM; unanimous**

#### **EC 22.10.10.02**

##### **Apologies – J Phillips**

#### **EC 22.10.10.03**

##### **Minutes**

Approval of minutes of previous meetings of the Environmental Working Group held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

- **Approved; RB/JM unanimous**

#### **EC 22.10.10.04**

##### **Matters Arising:**

- *TisPlan update* – GM provided an update to the Committee and will provide an update to the next Council meeting. PC meeting. Plan submitted on 25<sup>th</sup> July firstly for environment screening which started on 9<sup>th</sup> August. Steering Group has to complete any modifications before it goes to the Regulation 14 consultation with community. It will then go through what is called an 'appropriate assessment' where the whole plan is reviewed by officers. Wiltshire Council is also now saying that a new environmental assessment will need to be done, for which the Council already has the funding.

Work required from volunteers to help with the consultation, leaflet design and delivery.

Cllr Murray had finally got Wiltshire Council to agree to committing to a flow chart of what the team needs to do.

The map showing significant trees is in place in the NP.

- *Recycling* – RB said she had an idea from a climate alliance meeting about asking shops to help with recycling and also to approach the Nadder Centre to ask for its help.  
JM said the Co-op was sending crisp bags to Sussex. The Nadder Centre was already setting something up and he was meeting the manager shortly.  
The view was that a collection point was needed for pens, toothbrushes and cosmetics.  
Pressure was needed on Wiltshire Council to add food waste to its recycling collection.  
BC explained about community fridge.  
It was agreed that a piece on recycling should be written for Focus for the January issue and put on PC website and TisTalk including asking residents what they'd like to see recycled. Needs to be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> December. **\*VH to draft.**
- *ToRs for West Tisbury* – IL drafting 2 sentences – support the idea of working to stem climate change.
- *Ethical Investment of PC* - Clerk to investigate other parishes. **\*Clerk**

#### **EC 22.10.10.05**

##### **Plans for Public Toilets**

It was agreed that a public meeting would be set up to talk to residents about the greening plan. It was thought that giving them a choice of plans would be more productive than giving them a blank canvas.

BC to check source of funding for accessibility for toilets and whether it was still valid. **\*Clerk**

It was likely that a landscape architect would be required to draft plans because of the gradient of the ramp and its compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act.

#### **EC 22.10.10.06**

##### **Dark Skies Wardens**

It was agreed that the name should be changed from 'Warden' to 'Adviser' and that they could be councillors or members of the public but should be people who had some authority on the guidelines for dark skies. The aim was to speak to people who were contributing to more light pollution than was necessary.

It may be necessary to allay people's concerns about security.

There would be a cost involved in changing existing lighting.

It was agreed that the Nadder Centre should be challenged on its lighting.

Street lights already switched off – Clerk to check. **\*Clerk**

Recommendation to be made that Council takes into account Dark Skies and lighting on planning applications. The issue of roof lights and no blinds needs to be taken more seriously by planners. **\*Clerk**

VH suggested that a letter is sent to business of Tisbury including Nadder Centre advising that the Council has made conscious decision as PC to help with promoting the dark skies and if there were any objections that the Council asks that lights are switched off on nights to encourage people to turn their lights off. It was agreed that this should also be a recommendation for the Council to consider at the next meeting. **\*Clerk**

#### **EC 22.10.10.07**

##### **Fuel Poverty: link with Nadder Community Energy**

Nick Errington has been in touch with Alan Marion Davies regarding a warm pace at the Nadder Centre. NCE has some funds available for insulation.

NCE will provide information and provide volunteers to provide that information.

Recommendation to add an item on Warm Spaces to next pc agenda. **\*Clerk**

Considered infrared heating and how it compares with costs of existing energy. RB to take it to NCE meeting.

- **GM/JM; unanimous** Recommendation to add an item on Warm Spaces to next pc agenda. **\*Clerk**

#### **EC 22.10.10.08**

##### **Links with Natural History Society and Horticultural Society**

It was agreed that all arranged talks will be advertised on the Council's website.

#### **EC 22.10.10.09**

##### **Future talks:**

- Gareth Harris on recent Bat Survey to be held in Reading Room. On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. RB to confirm with him and expenses to be requested from PC. Item to be added to next Agenda. **\*Clerk**
- Dark Skies talk – possible Kevin Manning of CPRE. **\*Clerk**

#### **EC 22.10.10.10**

##### **Environmental Land Management (ELM) funding for rewilding.**

Rumours coming out of No. 10 going to be amended. JM to circulate The Guardian article. Defer to next meeting subject to HM Government announcements.

**EC 22.10.10.11**

**HM Government's new Investment Zones and ELMs and the potential for them to affect environmentally protected areas**

GM to draft a letter to Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murisson MP. Recommendation to add as item to next meeting Agenda.

**EC 22.10.10.12**

**Items for Future Meetings.**

RB reported briefly on an Environment webinar at Bath University. RB to circulate its series of webinars.

**EC 22.10.10.13**

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6 pm.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

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