

**ALTON TOWN COUNCIL  
CLIMATE CHANGE SUB COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 AT 9.30 AM  
Held in the Town Hall, Market Square**

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**Present:**                    **Councillor Ginny Boxall**  
                                  **Councillor Graham Hill**  
                                  **Councillor Pam Jones**  
                                  **John Hubbard (Energy Alton)**  
                                  **Philippa Brealey (ACAN)**

**In attendance in person:**  
                                  **Wendy Simson**                    **- Assistant to Town Clerk**

**01**    **Apologies for absence**

All member were present.

**02**    **Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded members of their obligation to disclose any pecuniary interest in items on the agenda. None were declared.

**03**    **Town Hall Retrofitting Update**

A price has been circulated with the papers, from D&D Drylining Developments for insulation in the Town Hall of £2,450, this has been approved and work starts week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Draft proofing of the windows has been superseded by the project to replace the windows at the Town Hall. The Committee asked if work to draft proof the front door could be investigated, WS to request quotes for draft proofing the Town Hall main entrance.

The Committee received quotes from two companies for replacing the windows in the Town Hall. The Committee asked about non wood alternatives and suggested Brackenwood, WS explained that they had visited and she would chase for quote. The Committee also asked for costs of secondary glazing and GH suggested Mitchell Dickenson as a possible supplier.

**04**    **Gumbi Alton Permaculture Paradise Project**

This project looks to support a village in Malawi where the main crop is maize but yields have decreased due to over farming. The project supports farmers to layer crops, mostly perennials, so ensure that if one failed that others would provide food.

Funding has also been provided to allow children to go to university and attend agricultural course, with 7 boys and 5 girls involved to date.

PB asked that ATC support the projects both with recognition and support for the work being done. Funding was also discussed and GH suggested the Community Fund would be the appropriate route for ATC, however WS confirmed that applications had closed on 30<sup>th</sup> November for the 2022/23 financial year. The District Lottery Funding was also suggested.

**05**    **Submission for ATC Budget Workshop**

The Committee discussed items listed as part of the agenda. WS informed members that the suggestion that a Climate Change Fund be set up and managed by the Climate Change Sub Committee was not legally permissible.

The Committee agreed that the following items be put forward to the Budget Workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> January,

- Windows for Town Hall – cost £46,750 in line with quote from R.C. Grant and Sons
- Solar supply and LED bulbs for The MUGA – cost est. £15,000+
- Air Source Heat Pump to replace gas boiler at Town Hall – cost £21,000 in line with pricing from Basingstoke Energy Services Co-operative.
- Technical assessment of heating system at Finnimore - £3,000
- Thermostats for heating to allow zoning at Finnimore - £2,000
- Electric Vehicle charging points at Finnimore were discussed but the Committee agreed these were not required as external sockets are available to allow a small charge to be accessed.
- Jubilee Bungalows, retrofit in line with Energy Alton assessment - £10,000 for each property.
- An Environmental Grant scheme - £15,000 total budget, administered in a similar was to the Community Grants.
- An allocation for training/marketing/improving awareness of Climate Change, JH explained that the Centre for Alternative Technology are holding workshops on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December and again in February to improve Carbon Literacy, the courses are £140 per person and are held over two half days. A £3,000 budget was proposed to support activities in this category.

The Committee discussed the Assembly Rooms, GB explained that ATC were planning to review the buildings use in the next 12-18 months.

The shop units at the Town Hall are all fitted with electric heating, it was agreed no further work was required.

The Community Centre is owned by EHDC and is leased to the Community Centre Association, they have been working with Energy Alton to install secondary glazing and are exploring an air or water source heat pump as the river runs under the property.

The two pavilions at Jubilee are end of life and there are plans to replace with a state of the art zero carbon building.

ATC fleet of vehicles include some hybrid models but the technology is not yet capable of delivering electric models of the large equipment required at affordable prices.

EHDC have suggested that they may circulate a copy of Energy Alton's "Clean Heat for Alton Homes" to all 12,000 properties in the town.

GH suggested that a voucher be given to all household to encourage residents to have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) assessment on their home. The cost is approximately £50 and it was suggested that £20 be offered to those wishing to complete the process. The Committee agreed that the funds would be better used to provide grants to groups such as Energy Alton to complete home assessments, the Grants are suggested to be administered as detailed.

## **06 Grant Funding Opportunities**

WS informed the Committee that ATC had been successful with the application to the Workplace Cycle Parking Grant and E-Bike Loan Scheme.

## **08 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am in the Town Hall.