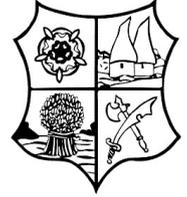


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Town Clerk: Mrs Leah Coney

6th June 2022

To: Councillor Graham Hill
Councillor Ginny Boxall
Councillor Graham Titterington
John Hubbard
Phinna Brealey

You are hereby summoned to a **meeting of the CLIMATE CHANGE SUB COMMITTEE** in the Town Hall, Market Square, Alton on **Wednesday 15th June at 9.30am** when the under mentioned business will be transacted.

Yours sincerely

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Leah Coney
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2022
4. Updates
 - a) Town Hall Retrofitting Update
 - b) EV Charge point at Anstey Park and Jubilee Fields
 - c) E-Cargo Bike demonstrator and “Recycle your Bicycle” scheme
 - d) Cycle Hoop installation ATC Public Open Spaces.
5. Updates from ACAN and Energy Alton
6. Public Water Station – Jubilee Fields
7. Other ATC Properties - 13 Market Square and 16 Market Square.
8. Clean Heat Guide and Resilience Fund Leaflet (Fuel Poverty)
9. Feedback from Councillor Hill Zero Carbon Britain Seminar (26th/27th May)

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15TH JUNE 2022

REPORTS BY THE TOWN CLERK

ITEM 4 UPDATES

FOR INFORMATION

a) Town Hall Retrofitting update.

The outstanding work for loft insulation which was delayed due to the appointed contractor, recommended by Basingstoke Energy not turning up to undertake the work, an alternative contractor was sourced by Basingstoke Energy and the works carried out on the 1st June. The only remaining item on their list for completion is the replacement of the mechanical ventilation units in the toilet areas. It is proposed to revisit the air source heat pump concept next year, once EHDC have progressed their low carbon draft local plan as currently there is no ability to obtain agreement from the Conservation Officer to have such a device on a listed building due to policy constraints. As discussed with Councillor Boxall and Councillor Hill, the contact for the secondary glazing, approved by Full Council has been stopped due to their inability to work to our time scales – with installation, despite a 50% deposit upfront, not due before February 2023. The work will be retendered, which may result in a delayed timescale but as the terms of the original tender were not adhered to the contract could not progressed as other companies may claim they would have tendered for the work had they known installation could have been later.

b) EV charge points. Despite confirmation from the EV company that they were happy with the proposed sites at Anstey Park and Jubilee, the site visit to determine the exact location of the bays has yet to be carried out despite repeated approaches to secure a date. This will be followed up again this month. In the meantime, there is an emergency trickle charger in the Market Square and one being installed at Finnimore, fronting the car park.

c) E-Cargo Bike Hampshire County Council have confirmed that they have now been able to source an alternative e-bike for the Town Council. It is not the cargo bike we wanted but as an e-bike, it will at least be able to be used and hired out for trials. The large cargo bike originally delivered is being swapped out for this replacement which is due to arrive mid-June. We are still awaiting confirmation of the Bikeability sessions in the school summer holidays and, on that basis, have deferred the “Recycle Your Bicycle” scheme until we know we have an outlet for the refurbished bikes.

d) Cycle Hoop Installation. These are scheduled for installation on Monday 13th June.

ITEM 6 PUBLIC WATER STATION JUBILEE FIELDS

FOR DECISION

A request has been received from a local resident as follows:

My son uses the skatepark at Jubilee Fields a lot (most days!) and loves it! I am just writing to ask about the possibility of installing a drinking fountain nearby. He takes a water bottle which needs refilling as (like many users of the park) he's there for hours on end. The sports centre staff are 'hit and miss' about whether they let skateboarders through the barriers to refill their bottles there.

It was just a thought and I told my son I would email the town council to ask about the possibility of having a drinking fountain installed nearby. I know these things cost a lot of money but I'm sure it would be used a lot by the skateboarders and also dog walkers, runners etc..

Thanks for reading.

This was an aspirational item which was looked at pre-covid for the town centre after the refurbishment of the “other” Miss Bells Fountain in the Public Gardens and the launch of Refill Alton. Details had been retained (and now updated) from a company which provides a number of options for such public water stations, either free standing or fixed on either a purchase or rental basis. Details are included in your bundle. If free standing we would need to source a plumber to spur off a water supply; but if fixed to say, the pavilion, could be installed by the supply company.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Committee is therefore invited to consider the options to determine if they wish to proceed.

ITEM 8 FUEL POVERTY AND CARBON REDUCTION

FOR DECISION

Following the last meeting, I confirmed back to John that the distribution cost of a flyer to advertise the Energy Alton Clean Heat Project across the GU34 postcodes would currently be £1,041

We have recently been discussing with the Alton and District Community Resilience Fund that whilst the fund is set up to provide emergency relief to people, it would open the floodgates if we accepted applications from those in fuel poverty but there may be a way in which the fund could support the promotion of measures to help offset energy price rises by being more aware of energy consumption and reducing costs through measures such as line drying rather than tumble drying – noting the physical saving.

Officers would therefore like the committee to consider if there would be a synergy in working with the Resilience Fund on such a project to give every household this information alongside promoting the Clean Heat Project, with both contributing to the cost. It is proposed this could be circulated before the autumn.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Committee is therefore invited to consider approval of the proposal.