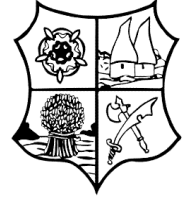


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19th July 2023

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 26th July at 9.30AM** when the under mentioned business will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

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Leah Coney
Town Clerk

To: Councillor Barbara Tansey (Chair)
Councillor Don Hammond
Councillor Matthew Kellermann
Councillor Janice Treacher

ACAN: Phinna Brealey
Energy Alton: Stuart Mills

Copied to all other Councillors for information.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 26th JULY 2023
TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, ALTON AT 9.30AM

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements.
2. Apologies for absence received in advance from Cllr Hammond.
3. Minutes - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May
4. Declarations of Interests & Requests for Dispensations - Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest. You must withdraw from the room when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.
5. Questions/Representations to the Committee including those received in writing (Public Speaking)
6. Committee Terms of reference
7. Climate Change Strategy Review
8. Climate Change Small Grants Fund Applications
9. ACAN Eco Streets – Project progression update.
10. EV Charging – Instavolt.

Date of Next Meeting: 18th October 9.30am

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 26th JULY 2023
REPORTS

ITEM 6 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR DECISION

Members are requested to review the terms of reference for the group, (included in meeting bundle); in particular the Chair would like to discuss the potential for expanding membership of the group to include other stakeholders. The Clerk has made a few minor modifications to the existing ToRs to reflect the current structure of the Council and these are shown as track changes on the document.

RECOMMENDATION: Members are requested to approve any revisions to the Committee Terms of reference. These will then be referred to Full Council for ratification.

ITEM 7 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY REVIEW

FOR DECISION

The Climate Change strategy for the Council was approved in 2020 following the resolution in October 2019 to declare a climate emergency. Members are requested to review the document to consider whether the “vision” contained within is still relevant and to consider the scope of the accompanying action plan.

Over the last 3 years a number of community projects have been undertaken through the action plan, all of which have been well received, however the group is asked to evaluate the wider benefits of the existing action plan and consider how measurable change can be achieved. Progress in decarbonising the Town Council’s own estate has been slow to materialise. Why is this? What are the challenges and constraints? What are the opportunities?

Should the ATC climate change action plan contain targets which are not within the remit or power of the Council to control, eg. improving the public transport network and delivery of the LCWIP? Should ATCs focus be on decarbonising its own estate, a lobbying role to higher tiers of local authority and central government for “big” changes, (global approach) or is it about advocating for personal action and behaviour change (local approach) and considering the level of resourcing required for each element. Is the Council best placed for advocacy work or should this be led by community groups?

Members are invited to review the current strategy and action plan and discuss the scope and content of any review. Once any review has been concluded and approved by the committee, it will be tabled to Full Council for ratification.

RECOMMENDATION: Members are requested to approve a review of the Alton Town Council Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, detailing the scope of the review and the focus of the action plan. The revised draft to be tabled at the next meeting for approval.

ITEM 8 CLIMATE CHANGE SMALL GRANTS FUND APPLICATION FOR DECISION

The last meeting of this Committee approved the scope and detail of a small grants fund of £10,000 set aside as part of the Town Council operating budget for 2023/24. A copy of the agreed policy is included in Members bundles. The committee agreed to review applications as they were received and as such Energy Alton has submitted the following, match funding application (matched through EHDC, pending approval) for £2,340

Included in Members bundles is:

- Application form
- 2022 Accounts
- Constitution - CIC Articles of Association

ITEM 9 ACAN ECO-STREETS PROJECT PROGRESSION

FOR REVIEW

This item was requested by the committee at the last meeting.

The ACAN Eco Streets project was awarded £18,316 by ATC from Neighbourhood CIL to deliver this community engagement programme. For the benefit of new committee members, a summary sheet for the project is included in bundles.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee is invited to hear an update from ACAN on the project and its outputs and provide any comments in respect of project progression/evaluation.

ITEM 10 EV CHARGING – INSTAVOLT

FOR DECISION

Eleanor Hill from ACAN has sent ATC details of the Instavolt charging programme.

<https://instavolt.co.uk/for-site-owners-partner-landlords/>

Members of the committee may recall that ATC has been liaising with another EV charging company (Equans) over the last 2 years in respect of increasing the number of fast charging devices available in the town. Jubilee Fields and Anstey Park have previously been identified and initial research indicated that a location just to the right of the entrance to Anstey Park, from Anstey Road might be suitable given its proximity to a suitable power source. The location was also favoured for being close to the A31 and at a site of good throughput, particularly at weekends for sporting fixtures. However, Equans have not replied to several emails from the Council and therefore this is no longer being actively pursued.

The current fast charging stations in Alton are in Manor Car Park and the Sports Centre.

ATC has installed 3-pin outside sockets at Anstey Park and the Town Hall and the Assembly Rooms for free to access emergency recharging (trickle charging only).

It is noted that EV companies generally offer to rent a space for a charger at c£1000 per annum or offer 10- 15% profits and will supply the charger at no cost to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION: Members are requested to consider an approach to InstaVolt and to identify their preferred location for installation.