

EHDC Councillor report

It's been a busy few months since the May elections with all councillors completing training and refresher training. All councillors are now allocated to the various committee meetings.

The biggest news is that at the July Full Council meeting EHDC passed an opposition led motion to pledge to become carbon neutral by 2035 or earlier if possible and a full carbon audit to measure our in-house carbon emissions was agreed.

A newly formed opposition led Climate Liason Panel will meet from September to help to produce a road map to a carbon neutral future.

I'm delighted that I was able to put in motion a meeting between ALFI , Jenny Griffiths and friends of Alton Station and EHDC officers to agree for new self-watering planters for soft planting for the station forecourt, a much-needed addition to provide for pollinators as well as creating a more inviting environment.

In October EHDC together with other stakeholders are holding a recruitment event for those thinking about volunteering called "New Directions" the event takes place at HSDC Alton College on Fri 27th Oct

Finally Drop-in sessions have taken place for potential rural grant applications. Grants of up to 50,00 which are available to rural businesses and community groups, the grants from central government and administered by EHDC are designed to foster the visitor economy and community inclusion, it is hoped there will good take up for these grants.

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