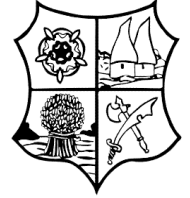


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10th October 2023

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 18th October 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
Active Travel representative: Chris Chappell
Youth Representative: Erdogan Ornek

Copied to all other Councillors for information.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2023
TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, ALTON AT 9.30AM

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements.
2. Apologies for absence received in advance from Cllr Treacher
3. Minutes - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th July
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. New Climate Change Committee Members
7. Updating the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan
8. Retrofitting the Town Hall and Assembly Rooms
9. Emissions Report
10. EV Charging – Instavolt.
11. Support for ACAN 2024

Date of Next Meeting: 7th February 9.30am

**CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2023
REPORTS**

ITEM 6 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

FOR DECISION

The Chair would like to extend a warm welcome to the newly appointed Active Travel Representative Chris Chappell and Youth Representative from Young ACAN -Erdogan Ornek and to update on an EHDC and business representative for the committee.

Members are also requested to consider a business representative, Janos Balazs Huszar from Laleham Health and Beauty joining the committee. Janos is a member of the company's "Eco-Logic Always" group and has said that he would be happy to attend the climate change group to support our activities.

In addition, EHDC has confirmed that they will also be able to send an officer to future meetings.

If agreed, this will be referred to Full Council for approval

RECOMMENDATION: Members are requested to approve the appointment of Janos from Laleham Health and Beauty as the Business representative for the group.

**ITEM 7 UPDATING THE CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY
AND ACTION PLAN**

FOR DECISION

A draft updated Climate Change Strategy prepared by Councillors Tansey, Hammond and Treacher, has been included with the papers for the meeting for review and discussion. For reference, the existing Climate Change Strategy is also included in bundles. Alongside this a draft updated Action Plan is also tabled.

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 the updated Alton Town Council Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. The revised draft to be tabled at the next Full Council meeting for approval.

ITEM 8 RETROFITTING TOWN COUNCIL OWNED BUILDINGS

FOR DECISION

Members are requested to consider the strategy and implementation means for the retrofitting of the Town Council's built estate.

RECOMMENDATION: Members are requested to approve:

- 1) a new workstream to retrofit the Town Council's built estate, through the creation of a Task and Finish Group.
- 2) Requesting that as part of the budget setting process for 2024/25, the Town Council looks to create an ear marked reserve for climate change, with an initial sum of £75,000 being allocated towards this project.

ITEM 9 EMISSIONS REPORT

FOR INFORMATION

Members are requested to receive the report from ACAN and PeCAN entitled East Hampshire District – Green House Gas Emissions (Based on the DESNeZ 29 June 2023 data release). It is anticipated that

Jenny Griffiths from ACAN will provide a briefing to Members of the Council on this matter on the 1st November.

ITEM 10 EV CHARGING – INSTAVOLT

FOR INFORMATION

The Assistant to the Town Clerk has contacted Allen Coppin, Business Development Manager for InstaVolt with suggested sites of Anstey Park and Juliee. InstaVolt are reviewing the feasibility of these sites.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is for information.

ITEM 11 ACAN REQUESTS

FOR DECISION

ACAN has requested that the Committee consider the following requests:

1. *Another grant in 2024/25 to cover ACAN's core costs – the Town Council's grant for this year was £2,800, for which we have been most grateful. As Mailchimp are now charging us and insurance costs have increased, our core costs are now £3,145 – see attachment.*

This has been discussed with the Committee Chair and with the Committee's agreement the increased amount will be added to the draft budget under the Climate Change Expenditure heading for this grant, which will then be tabled for Full Council approval in February 2024

2. *The continuation of Wendy's support for our work. From our point of view, this arrangement has worked well and made a real difference thank you, particularly as regards fundraising and events organisation. If Wendy herself is happy to continue (she and I have had a preliminary chat about it), we would be delighted if we could continue with this next year. I think our current arrangement comes to an end at Christmas?*

The previous Climate Change Committee approved funding for a one-year, fixed term contract to Wendy Simson from 1st December 2022 to 30th November 2023 to be able to provide administrative support for ACAN through the Council, primarily to assist with fundraising and event organisation such as Eco Fair. There is no funding allocation beyond this period for the remainder of the current financial year 2023/24; however, in discussion with the committee chair and Wendy, there could be scope to include some hours of support for ACAN within her Town Council role going forward, as an officially appointed Climate Change Lead Officer to reflect the Council's commitment to this workstream. As such this will be referred to the Staffing Committee consider.

3. *The future of 16 Market Square. We - especially Phinna - have worked hard to make 16 Market Square an appealing eco-information centre, and we are using it regularly for meetings, especially the twice-weekly Eco-Café sessions for the public on Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning. It would be great if this could continue in 2024.*

The Town Clerk has already confirmed back to ACAN that 16 Market Square will continue to be made available for the foreseeable future as a community space as Citizens Advice are also going to make use of the facility,(given it is next door to their office) Cllr Tansey and Wendy are currently working with both ACAN and CA in order to submit a grant application for an update and refresh of the unit to make it a professional, welcoming space for all.

RECOMMENDATION: Members are requested to approve:

- 1) a request to the Full Council (via budget workshop)to include funding for ACAN's core costs of £3,145 for 2024/25
- 2) a request to the Staffing Committee to give consideration to the appointment of the role of Climate Change Lead Officer, (to be scoped and submitted to the committee in advance of its next meeting) in recognition of the role.