

**ALTON TOWN COUNCIL
CLIMATE CHANGE SUB COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY 2024
Held in the Town Hall, Market Square**

Present: Councillor Barbara Tansey (Chair)
Councillor Don Hammond
Councillor Janice Treacher
John Hubbard (Energy Alton)
Rod Painell (ACAN)
Erdogan Ornek (Youth Representative)
Chris Chappell (Active Travel Representative)
Pennie Brown (Strategy Manager for Sustainable Growth, EHDC))

Apologies: Councillor Matthew Kellermann
Stuart Mills (Energy Alton)
Phinna Brealey (ACAN)
Janos Huszar (Potential Business Representative)
Harriet Coombs (Sustainable Growth Officer, EHDC)

In attendance: Wendy Simson (Assistant to Town Clerk)
Jenny Griffiths (Chair of ACAN)

The meeting is quorum.

31 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting and asked that each member introduce themselves.

32 Apologies for absence

Matthew Kellermann, Stuart Mills, Phinna Brealey, Janos Huszar and Harriet Coombs all sent their apologies.

John Hubbard joined the meeting to represent Energy Alton.

Phinna Brealey is stepping down from the ACAN Management Committee, Rod Painell to join the Climate Change Committee to represent ACAN following ACANs EGM on 30th May. Jenny Griffiths attended for continuity.

33 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded members of their obligation to disclose any pecuniary interest in items on the agenda.

None were declared.

34 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2024 were agreed as a true record. Cllr Hammond proposed that they are approved, Cllr Treacher, seconded this, the Committee approved the minutes.

35 Questions/Representation to the Committee

The Assistant to the Clerk informed the Committee that there had been no questions received prior to the meeting.

36 Climate Change Action Plan

The Chair confirmed that a link to the plan has been circulated to allow members to update the action plan. Jenny Griffiths asked who had been invited as the ACAN member.

The Committee reviewed the objectives in Aim 1.

Aim 1.1 – Cllr Hammond confirmed that progress was up to date on the plan. Energy use was requested for the tenants at the Assembly Rooms flat and no. 1 & 2 Jubilee Bungalows so this can be compared to the data collected in 2019 by Expert Energy.

Aim 1.2 – The replacement of the three diesel vehicles with electric will only take place when the current vehicles are no longer viable, it is suggested that this will be approximately 5 years. Chris Chappell explained that prices of leasing and second-hand electric vehicles were falling. It was agreed that the use of electric tools would be explored.

Aim 1.3 – Wendy Simson confirmed that all lighting at the Town Hall has been converted to LED, Dementia Friends are working to do the same at the Assembly Rooms.

Aim 1.4 – The quotes for secondary glazing at the Town Hall and Assembly Rooms have been circulated. John Hubbard suggested that Energy Alton test the carbon reduction figures included in the Mitchell & Dickinson quotes. Initial quotes for double glazing in the three retail units at the Town Hall were obtained by Stuart Mills, survey to get full quote arranged for one of the companies.

A District CIL application has been submitted to support the work at the Town Hall.

Aim 1.5 – The Deputy Clerk is preparing a scope of works for refurbishing the two pavilions at Jubilee. Cllr Hammond suggested that he and Stuart Mills meet with Hayley Carter to ensure carbon reduction options are recommended.

Chris Chappell suggested that access to the cycleway be improved as part of the work at Jubilee, Cllr Hammond agreed to look at access to Peter Wickham Way.

Aim 1.6 – A meeting has been arranged on 18th June with the tenant at Energique to discuss green energy options. Cllr Hammond to speak to Stuart Mills about if any information is to be presented in advance of the meeting.

The tenants at Edgar Hall are making progress with updates being supported by Energy Alton. Jubilee bungalows were surveyed in 2019 by Energy Alton, updated quotes.

Aim 1.7 – Cllr Kellermann sent a message to say that there is plenty of scope for further tree and shrub planting around the perimeters and paths of the park and playing grounds. Cllr Treacher confirmed that locations for trees at Jubilee had also been identified. It was agreed that a map be provided for both sites for locations to be marked prior to a meeting with the Clerk and Head Groundsman to discuss.

The Chair asked that Emily Messenger, Community Projects, and Enhancements Officer, be invited to the next meeting to update the Committee on current projects.

Jenny Griffiths suggested that the ACAN projects be included on the Action Plan including the 8 verges and hedge planting.

Aim 1.8 – It was agreed that this action should remain on the plan, new charging stations to be reviewed with EHDC.

Aim 1.9 – Chris Chappell informed the Committee that cycle routes were not cheap or easy, the Green Loop in Whitehill & Bordon cost approximately £5million for 7km of cycle and pedestrian paths.

The Chair suggested that an advisor from Walk Alton be identified to support with this aim.

Aim 1.10 – The secure cycle parking had improved significantly in Alton due to Council funding.

Aim 1.11 – The Chair suggested that this action be removed as the Town Council has limited retail space, Cllr Hammond recommended that it remain on the plan.

Aim 1.12 – The Classic Car Show is on Saturday 31st August, an Electric Vehicle stand is booked.

Aim 1.13 – Wendy Simson confirmed that the e-bike is still popular and has just been returned. The Chair requested the e-bike for the Green Homes Fair on 29th June. The Chair asked if the e-bike could be booked out for the Classic Car Show.

The Committee agreed to start to look at Aim 2 of the Action Plan. The Chair to arrange meeting with Jenny and Rod of ACAN to go through the Aim 2 section of the Action Plan.

37 **District Council Update**

EV Infrastructure

Emerging Local plan policies are more supportive of EV – DM13 – linked to air quality also the emerging parking standards.

- Phase 1: replacement of existing infrastructure – we are looking at the replacement of infrastructure at Manor Carpark.
- Phase 2: Install new infrastructure on other EHDC land – sites to be determined but looking at Alton carparks.
- Phase 3: In the future we will try and work with stakeholders to identify other land.
- Parallel phase: Work with HCC to seek opportunities for on street EV charging through the Local EV Infrastructure (LEVI) Funding.

EHDC Climate Change Strategy

The proposed priorities are as follows:

- Net Zero council
- Green Communities and Resilience
- Travel and Transport
- Energy
- The Natural Environment.

The adoption of the strategy has been delayed by the Corporate Strategy; the intention is that the Climate Change Strategy will go to Full Council on 25th July.

The Chair agreed to send Pennie a copy of the ATC Climate Action Plan.

Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF)

The intention is this will be launched in July. This will include an element of Cllr Green Grants so the value will be increased by £43,000. District Councillor Grants have been reduced to £3,500 in 2024/25.

Farm Discovery Project

Pennie asked for help with access to following Alton schools:

- Anstey Junior School
- Wootey Junior School
- Wootey Infant School
- Treloar School.

The aim of the project is to enable children to discover first-hand the connections between the food they eat, their own health and the health of the planet.

Chris Chappell confirmed that she has a link with all these schools, Jenny suggested that Emma Jones from Young ACAN who works with all schools in Alton.

38 **Energy Alton Update**

John Hubbard gave a brief overview of the HESTA surveys, there have been fewer requests for home surveys, so more publicity is planned.

The Green Homes Fair is booked for Saturday 29th June at the Assembly Rooms, 11am to 3pm. There are lots of stalls booked along with talks and demonstrations including of a heat pump.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Alton Town Council Climate Change Committee have booked a stall and asked for volunteers to staff the stand. Most of the Committee members were due to be present on other stands but it was agreed that they would take time to cover the ATC stall. The Chair confirmed that she would be there all day and Cllr Treacher suggested that she would be available.

39 ACAN Update

Jenny Griffiths updated the Committee that Phinna Brealey, Eleanor Hill and herself were standing down as the management committee for ACAN at the EGM on 30th May and 4 new Trustees and a volunteer to look after the finance would be elected. Jenny Griffiths plans to remain a Trustee for the remainder of 2024 to provide continuity.

The usual projects including the Repair Café and Eco-Streets would continue.

ACAN had also booked the second School Eco Conference on 2nd July with all schools being invited. The Chair is to be invited to the presentations at the end of the conference.

ACAN also plan to hold the General Election candidates to account and have set key questions on the green issues which each candidate will be asked to answer in 500 words.

40 Climate Change Grant

The Chair suggested this be added to the next agenda.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 9:30am

Ref.	Action	Person responsible	Date due	Comments
36	Confirm access to Climate Change Action Plan for Rod and Jenny	Wendy	31.05.24	Completed
Aim 1.1	Collect energy use from ATC tenants	Wendy	30.06.24	Completed
Aim 1.2	Meeting with Clerk & Head Groundsman to discuss electric tools	Cllr Hammond	30.06.24	
Aim 1.4	Test carbon reduction data for secondary glazing at Town Hall & Assembly Rooms	Stuart Mills	TBC	On hold
Aim 1.4	Book site survey for double glazing in three retail units at Town Hall	Wendy	31.05.24	Completed
Aim 1.4	Name of second contractor for double glazing quote to be forwarded to Wendy.	Stuart Mills	30.06.24	Completed
Aim 1.5	Arrange meeting with Deputy Clerk to discuss Jubilee Pavilion refit project	Cllr Hammond	30.06.24	Completed
Aim 1.5	Review access to cycleway at Jubilee	Cllr Hammond & Chris	30.06.24	
Aim 1.6	Confirm information to be presented in advance of meeting about green energy with owner of Energique.	Stuart	07.06.24	Completed
Aim 1.6	Update quotes for cavity wall insulation and loft insulation at Jubilee Bungalows	Wendy	30.06.24	Completed
Aim 1.6	Quotes for heat pumps at Jubilee Bungalows	Cllr Hammond & Stuart	30.06.24	Completed
Aim 1.7	Mark suggested tree and hedge locations on map of Anstey Park & Jubilee	Cllr Treacher & Cllr Kellermann	14.06.24	Completed
Aim 1.7	Book meeting with Clerk & Head Groundsman	Cllr Treacher	14.06.24	Completed

Aim 1.7	Invite Emily Messenger to next Climate Change meeting	Wendy	31.05.24	Invited, not available
Aim 1.7	Add ACAN wildflower verges & hedge planting projects to Action Plan	Jenny/Rod	14.06.24	Completed
Aim 1.9	Identify advisor from Walk Alton	Chair & Chris	30.06.24	
Aim 1.13	Check availability of e-bike for Green Homes Fair	Wendy	07.06.24	Not available
Aim 1.13	Book e-bike for Classic Car Show to be included on EV stand	Wendy	31.05.24	Booked
Aim 2	Book meeting with ACAN & Energy Alton	Chair	30.06.24	Completed
37	Copy of ATC Climate Action Plan to be sent to EHDC	Chair	14.06.24	With papers
37	Pass on Pennie's contact details to Emma Jones from Young ACAN	Jenny	14.06.24	
38	Provide availability to Chair for cover stall at Green Homes Fair on 29 th June	Cllr Treacher	14.06.24	Completed
39	Invite Chair to closing 45-minute session of school eco conference	Jenny	30.06.24	Completed
40	Add Climate Change Grants to next agenda	Wendy	01.07.24	Completed