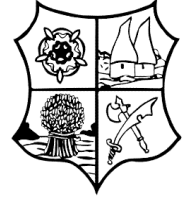


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2nd July 2024

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 24th July at 9.30AM** when the under mentioned business will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

Patricia M Harris

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Town Clerk

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

ACAN: Rod Painell
Energy Alton: Stuart Mills
Active Travel representative: Chris Chappell
Youth Representative: Erdogan Ornek
Business Representative - Janos Huszar
EHDC Representative – Pennie Brown
EHDC Representative - Harriet Coombs

Copied to all other Councillors for information.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 24th JULY 2024
TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, ALTON AT 9.30AM

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements.
2. Apologies for absence
 - Janos Huszar
3. Minutes - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29th 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. Climate Change Action Plan – overview of updates made to online version
 - a. ATCs transport and carbon emissions – JV & DH
 - b. Carbon capture from planting - JT & MK
 - c. Retrofitting – DH & SM
 - d. LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) update - CC
7. Feedback from Alton Green Homes Fair - SM/BT
 - Open Spaces Leaflet BT
8. Climate Change Grants - BT
Review criteria and application process.
9. ACAN Update - RP
10. Energy Alton Update - SM
11. District Council Update - PB
12. Dates for future meetings
 - Wednesday 16th October 2024
 - Wednesday 22nd January 2025
 - Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Date of Next Meeting: 16th October at 9.30am

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 24th JULY 2024
REPORTS

6b Planting plans for Anstey Park & Jubilee

It was decided at meetings with MK ,BT AND JT that we would concentrate on 2 sites, Anstey Park and Jubilee Fields.

It was agreed that a hedge inside the fence by the London Road border would provide a screen from the road and a natural habitat. After another site visit BT and JT it was decided there is plenty of potential to add trees to add shade. The large area near the tennis courts meant for free play could be bordered by more trees and picnic benches.

Jubilee Fields could benefit by 2 benches along the north path. There is no possibility of adding more trees for shade Along the path due to the slope on the banks. There is space for trees next to the skate park. This area could also be a picnic area with shade and picnic benches. There are more houses at this side of town now.

The Clerk has investigated the price of benches, £800 including a concrete base each. Martin has measured the Anstey fence

To estimate the number of whips or stems required for the hedge at Anstey.

Officers are funding could the Forestry Commission and the CPRE, (the Countryside Charity, Hampshire-Community Hedge Fund) Bench funding could come from District Councillor grants.

It is important to speak to ACAN to liaise with them about their ideas.

The potential to increase our greening is great but financing or sourcing material is challenging.

CLLR Jan Treacher

6c Feedback on meeting with owner of Energique about solar panels and update from Catriona, Energise South Downs

6c Amended quote for secondary glazing from Mitchelle and Dickinson for Town Hall

See attached.

6c Quotes for retail units at Town Hall and Jubilee Bungalows

See summary of quotes as part of attachments

7 Feedback from Green Homes Fair

The Green Energy Fair ran between 11am and 3 pm with stands from Environmental groups and Green Energy providers in the main hall, and continuous presentations in a separate room. For maximum information and expertise all in one place it was an excellent and informative day, and well attended.

Alton Town Council had a stand, with information and leaflets on our Climate Change Strategy, Green and Open Spaces, loan of the e-bike, the grow-up initiative, and a give-away of free re-fillable water bottles. Cllrs Tansey and Treacher attended the stall all day, enabling them to both listen to and inform visitors to the ATC stand, network with energy providers and environmental groups in the hall, and attend some of the talks.

We were able to interact with the public on several topics including our Climate Change Strategy, re-using plastics, tree planting, 20mph speed limit throughout Alton, walking & cycling infrastructure, and a 'people friendly' High Street, by means of a short survey.

SURVEY

The survey was completed by 10 people, a very small sample, but could be helpful in giving pointers to people's habits and priorities. It was useful as a tool for discussion.

ATC Open spaces – apart from one notable exception (who named them all!), most people named 3 or 4 ATC owned spaces, with most awareness of Town Park, Windmill Hill, Kings Pond, Flood Meadows and Anstey Park. 2 people couldn't name any.

RE-USE – all 10 participants took their own bags for shopping trips, about half used re-usable cups for takeaway drinks, and around half knew of our cycle repair pods.

TREES and HEDGEROWS – Some people were happy with the amount of tree cover, while around half would like to see more trees and/or native hedgerow. Places mentioned were: wherever there are benches or open space cafes, children's play parks, corner of Orchard Lane and Normandy Street, the utility land at the end of Flood Meadows (not ATC), restoring native hedgerow generally, and more shade near the bandstand.

20mph THROUGHOUT ALTON – 9 out of 10 strongly supportive. 'calmer and safer', 'reduce noise and pollution' 'yes, plus 30mph max on all residential main roads', 'would be grateful - for the elderly'.

INCREASING WALKING OR CYCLING – 4 People called for through-route off-road (safe) cycling infrastructure within Alton. 3 mentioned traffic-free areas/improved pavements for walking. 2 wanted better bus services from the villages into Alton, and several asked for a safe cycle lane on the road out towards Beech, and one for this to connect through to Basingstoke.

PEOPLE FRIENDLY HIGH STREET/CENTRE 8 positively in favour. 'pedestrianised High Street', 'more variety of shops', 'building community, important for wellbeing', 'more outside seating', 'more seating at/near cafes and restaurants'.

OTHER COMMENTS – more information on Carbon Credits; more accessible information/events around climate change; more information about moving to plant based food; well done on the event today!

7 ACAN leaflet in Open Spaces

See attached.

8 Climate Change Grant paperwork

Paperwork attached.

General Communication

The Clerk received the following email:

EV Chargers

We would like to introduce ourselves; we are Zeta Technova and we are a UK manufacture of EV Chargers and Lighting solutions.

Are you looking to provide local EV Chargers for either your own council owned vehicles or as a provision for you residents.

Perhaps you are you looking to attract visitors to come and visit your parish and need something to draw them to your area such as destination charging is an ideal way of doing this.

We can provide a range of solutions, our latest is a neat pillar solution which can be either Single or Dual Socket and range from 7kW to 22kW.

If it is being used for public charging, we are able to fit a card reader for easy payment options.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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