

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL
CLIMATE CHANGE SUB COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER 2024
Held in the Town Hall, Market Square

Present: Councillor Barbara Tansey (Chair)
Councillor Don Hammond
Stuart Mills (Energy Alton)
Chris Chappell (Active Travel Representative)
Rod Painell (ACAN)

Apologies: Councillor Janice Treacher
Pennie Brown (Strategy Manager for Sustainable Growth, EHDC)
Harriet Coombs (Sustainable Growth Officer, EHDC)

Not Present: Janos Huszar (Business Representative)

In attendance: Wendy Simson (Assistant to Town Clerk)

52 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting.

The Chair informed the Committee that both Cllr Matthew Kellermann and Erdogan Ornek (Youth Representative) have both stepped down as members of the Committee. Thanks to both for the work done on the Committee was recorded.

The Committee agreed to recruit to fill both roles. Rod agreed to speak to Young ACAN about promoting the Youth Representative role. It was also agreed that the Youth role could be advertised in the Altonian.

The Chair agreed to speak to all Councillors about the vacant Councillor role.

53 Apologies for absence

Cllr Treacher, Pennie Brown and Harriet Coombs all sent their apologies.

Janos Huszar did not send apologies, the Chair agreed to contact.

54 Declarations of Interest

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

None were declared.

55 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2024 were agreed as a true record. Stuart Mills proposed that they are approved, Chris Chapell, seconded this, the Committee approved the minutes. The Assistant to the Clerk provided a set of minutes for signature.

56 Actions from the last meeting

Ref.	Action	Person responsible	Date due	Comments
Aim 1.2	Meeting with Clerk & Head Groundsman to discuss electric tools	Cllr Hammond	30.06.24	To be booked

Aim 1.5	Review access to cycleway at Jubilee	Cllr Hammond & Chris	30.06.24	Part of LCWIP consultation
Action plan	Add column titles to each page of Action Plan	Cllr Hammond	16.10.24	Completed
Transport	Email questions about data to Assistant to Town Clerk	Cllr Hammond	31.07.24	To review after 31/12
Transport	Arrange a meeting with Janos	Cllr Hammond	31.07.24	To contact
Tree planting	Add tree planting support to the next agenda	Wendy	16.10.24	Completed
Heat Pump	Contact installation company to look at feasibility of using at Heat Pump at Town Hall	Stuart	16.10.24	Completed, included in update
Jubilee Bungalows	Apply for grant for insulation	Wendy	31.07.24	On hold due to roof work
LCWIP	Invite Hayley Thorn to meeting ATC/Cycle Alton	Harriet	16.10.24	Completed
Cycle leaflet	All key stakeholder to be included in update with My Journey Hampshire	Chris & Barbara	16.10.24	Awaiting grant decision
ALFI leaflet	Speak to Clerk & Emily about possibilities for adopting.	Wendy	16.10.24	Information to be utilised
Grant p/work	Suggestion for appendix A & B to be sent to the Chair	All members	16.10.24	Completed

57 **Questions/Representation to the Committee**

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

58 **Climate Change Action Plan**

The Chair asked that section 2 of the Action Plan be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

ATC Transport & Carbon Emissions – Cllr Hammond agreed to arrange to meet with the Clerk and Head Groundsman to discuss electric tools prior to Budget Workshop.

Retrofitting ATC buildings

Finnimore Pavilion – Cllr Hammond has completed his review of the drawings and manuals for the building and reported that there was significant issues with the heating and hot water provision that would require a large investment to improve. Stu provided the following contact as a specialist on heat pumps:

Bradley Ransome, The Southern Heat Pump Specialist,
0800 689 3576,

servicing@heatpumpsouth.co.uk

The Committee agreed to contact this contractor to ask them to visit the site and report on the issues with the heat pump.

Stu also suggested that a small number of solar panels could be fitted to the building.

Town Hall – A grant application is being prepared to apply for funding to install secondary glazing through the first floor of the building along with thermal blinds, exterior decoration and roof repairs.

The glass in the three retail unit's large windows has been replaced with double glazed sealed units instead of the single glazed glass. Stu reported that the insulation on the door to no. 16 Market Square needs to be replaced.

Edgar Hall – Men's Shed are continuing to work to improve the insulation at Edgar Hall.

Assembly Rooms – Secondary glazing is to be fitted to all windows; a date is to be agreed.

Energique – Stu to follow up with Catriona from Energise South Downs about the proposal for a community funded project for solar panels for the building including the suitability of the roof structure.

The Kings Arms – The Management Committee are looking at solar panels for the building.

Carbon capture from planting – The Assistant to the Town Clerk informed the Committee that the hedging plants for Whitedown Allotments, Anstey Park and Jubilee Playing Fields will be delivered between 4th and 15th November. Volunteers to help with planting are being called for.

Active Travel update – The Consultation has been launched and will be open until 17th November. Cycle Alton are looking to encourage as many people and groups as possible to comment.

59 **Climate Change Grants**

The Chair had made suggestions to changes to the policy which were circulated with the papers. The Committee agreed further changes to both the criteria and the application form.

60 **ACAN Update**

The report on Eco Streets was provided with the papers for the meeting. An application has been made to continue this activity beyond June 2025 when the currenting runs out. The adverts for the Autumn Eco Walks and Pumpkin Challenge were also circulated.

Young ACAN have been allocated funding to support an administrative role to support Emma. ACAN are planning the diary for 2025, the Eco Fayre is due to be in Alton next year and the Committee are looking at these plans.

Two of the trustees from Community Share have stepped down, the facility will only open monthly while new support is recruited. If no new volunteers can be found the project is in danger of closing.

ACAN have suggested that water fountains be made available in the town. The Assistant to the Town Clerk informed the Committee that water fountains were installed at the Public Gardens and Jubilee Playing Fields but had been vandalised. Rod agreed to look at tamper proof units as a possible replacement.

61 **District Council Update**

Pennie provided the following update:

- Our Climate and Environment Strategy was agreed at Full council on Thursday 25 /07/2024: <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/climate/climate-and-environment-strategy-2024-29>
- Community Climate Action Fund: This was launched on 15th July and was open for 6 weeks. There was a total pot of £70,000. Grants were available up to £15,000 for community action linked to climate change. A Total of 15 projects applied totally £158,782. Successful projects will be notified at the beginning of November. <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/climate/community-climate-action-fund>
- LCWIP - is out for consultation and closes on 17th November <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/climate/local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-lcwip>
- Alton Leisure Centre Solar PV – tender process is completed. Work hopes to start by the end of the year.
- Grow Up! Community Fund of £130,000 launched over the summer and closed on 16th September - a grant fund for community groups and parish and town councils to fund community-led initiatives that align with Grow Up! It focused on reconnecting residents with our district's rich rural heritage, providing volunteer opportunities and

strengthening community cohesion. 21 projects submitted totally £300,000. Applicants should be notified in October.

- Grow Up! Green Skills Courses: A series of Green skill courses have been launched. These events are focused on upskilling those that specialise in vehicle repairs on Electric vehicles and hybrid. The next event will be held on 16th October <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/grow-up/free-qa-sessions-hybrid-and-ev-car-repairs>
- Grow Up! Rural Grants - A fund of £302,000 was launched in August and closed on the 12th September 2024 to support projects that improve local tourism and community cohesion in rural East Hampshire. 19 applications were received, totalling in excess of £600,000. 9 projects are proposed to be funded: <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2024/nine-projects-backed-rural-grants-scheme>

61 **Energy Alton Update**

Stu informed the Committee that Kevin Ray has been recruited as his replacement and would be attending the Climate Change meetings going forward.

The Chair asked if an Energy Survey could be completed on the Kings Pond Bungalows. These are on a full repairing lease so any work identified would be at the tenant's own cost.

The Committee thanked Stu for all the work supporting the Climate Change Agenda in Alton.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 9:30am

Ref.	Action	Person responsible	Date due
Aim 1.2	Meeting with Clerk & Head Groundsman to discuss electric tools	Cllr Hammond	11.12.24
Transport	Assistant to Town Clerk to update fuel consumption to 31 st Dec 24	Wendy	15.01.25
Jubilee Bungalows	Apply for grant for insulation	Wendy	11.12.24
Jubilee Bungalows	Allocation of funding for heat pumps at Jubilee Bungalows to be discussed at Budget Workshop	Wendy	11.12.24
Youth role	Speak to Young ACAN about promoting the role	Rod	31.10.24
Youth role	Advertise in Altonian	Wendy	31.10.24
Cllr role	Speak to all Councillors about role	Chair	22.01.25
Meeting attendance	Contact Janos Huszar about attendance	Chair	31.10.24
Action Plan	Include section 2 on January agenda	Wendy	22.01.25
Finnimore Pavilion	Contact Bradley Ransome to visit the site and report issues with heat pump	Wendy	31.10.24
Finnimore Pavilion	Assess possibility of solar panels for roof	Kevin – Energy Alton	31.12.24
16 Market Square	Replace insulation for door	Wendy	31.10.24
Hedging	Request for volunteers to help plant hedges in late November	Rod - ACAN	31.10.24
Grant paperwork	Amendments to be made and circulated to Committee for approval	Wendy	31.10.24
Water fountains	Identify units which are tamper proof to prevent vandalism	Rod	22.01.25
Kings Pond bungalows	Energy survey to be arranged with tenants	Wendy	31.10.24

