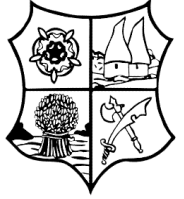


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2nd July 2024

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 16th October 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 Janice Treacher

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

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2024
TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, ALTON AT 9.30AM

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements.
 - Resignation of Youth Representative Erdogan Ornek and Cllr Kellermann
 - Recruitment of Youth Representative
 - Cllr support for Climate Change Committee
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2024
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
 - Volunteers for tree and hedge planting
 - c. Retrofitting – DH & SM
 - d. LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) update – CC

Updates for plan – it is suggested that updates are dated and initialled. All closed items are to be moved to a separate table at the bottom of the report.
7. Climate Change Grants - BT
 - Updated criteria for Appendix A
 - List of other Funding Opportunities for Appendix B
8. ACAN Update – RP
 - Eco Streets Update
9. Energy Alton Update - SM
10. District Council Update - PB
11. Dates for future meetings
 - Wednesday 22nd January 2025
 - Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Date of Next Meeting: 22nd January at 9.30am

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2024
REPORTS

6b Planting plans for Anstey Park & Jubilee

Three packs of 420 saplings for hedging at Whitedown Allotments, Jubilee Playing Field and Anstey Park are due to be delivered between 4th and 15th November. Three of each of the following trees have also been ordered, these will be used to create a small group of trees at Jubilee Playing Fields along with placing them within the hedges.

- Beech
- Copper beech
- Crab apple
- Oak
- Maple
- Hazel
- Hornbeam
- Horse Chestnut
- Silver Birch
- Lime
- Sweet Chestnut
- Disease Resistant Elms

Volunteers to support with the planting of these tree and hedge plants is required. The Grounds Team will manage the process and will be on site to support.

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

6c Double glazing for the three retail units at the Town Hall

This has now been completed. Citizen's Advice and Foodbank had frosting on their windows to provide some privacy for their customers. This has been lost when the glass was replaced and a quote has been obtained from Dataprint to replace it, the quote is £1,690 plus VAT. Both groups have suggested that they would like to apply for a Grant from the Climate Change Committee for this work.

6c Jubilee Bungalows

The insulation work is due to take place following the roof work which is currently taking place.

6d Cycle Alton have applied for a Grant to update the Cycle Alton Map

The quote from HCC for redesigning the map and printing was approximately £2,000. An application to EHDC Climate Change Fund has been made to include the update of the leaflet and cycle storage and signage for the town.

6d Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) consultation.

The proposed LCWIP Consultation opened on Monday 7th October for six weeks, until Sunday Nov 17th at 11.59pm. It will be an on-line interactive system for feedback. Feedback may also be emailed to engagement.feedback@hants.gov.uk.

There are two sections:

1. Background to the LCWIP

The LCWIP enables a long-term /ten-year approach to developing local cycling and walking networks, to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle. It will be updated every five years. The final report will detail a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment.

2. Details of zones and routes; all have been walked or cycled by planners:

- Primary route, red; the most direct route through the town and to villages. Comment: *only two primary cycle routes have been audited and are presented for comment for Alton. Route 200 runs from Cuckoo Corner in Holybourne to the Sports Centre; Route 210 from the A339 /Medstead Road junction to the High Street. See pages 180 to 194 of the pdf*
<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport/East-Hampshire-district-lcwip-2024-Final.pdf>
- Secondary routes, orange; feeding into residential areas. Comment: *other secondary and local routes are included for Alton, but not yet audited; these will need studying in detail; see page 13.*
- Local; rural /less direct
- Potential new routes, with photos
- Core Walking Zones (CWZ) dotted lines in purple; these will include town centres, areas around schools, sports centres etc. *For Alton there is one large CWZ and five walking routes, see pages 54 to 74 of the pdf.*

The consultation asks for comments on the two Primary Routes, questions about individual's cycle or walking experiences and the opportunity to 'drop a pin' on other areas, which will include the secondary and local routes. HCC will then produce a consultation report, which will feed into a prioritisation plan. A final report will be submitted to full HCC council for approval in Spring 2025. There is no current funding, but the plan will enable HCC to bid for grants.

The plan has been developed to be compliant with extensive and detailed government guidance published July 2020 (Gear Change and the LTP/120).

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5ffa1f96d3bf7f65d9e35825/cycle-infrastructure-design-ltn-1-20.pdf> This includes specifications where shared paths maybe considered if segregated cycle routes are not possible. It emphasises routes should be direct, safe, comfortable, coherent and attractive. Other important transport policies include HCC Local Transport Plan 4, adopted Feb 2024.
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/strategies/transportstrategies>

The proposed routes will use existing roads and will try to avoid busy areas. They will not build new off-road routes. Maintenance will be included, as now with all HCC highways.

Comments

The proposed two Primary Routes link major facilities within the town, including two GP surgeries, the community hospital, the sports centre, the major shopping area, three schools, one college and the railway station. These are very welcome and would aid active travel within the town centre. The secondary and local routes outlined on page 13 will need close examination.

There is now an opportunity for councils to apply for 20mph speed limit zones. *See HCC March 2024 update:*

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mphspeedlimit#:~:text=Parish%20and%20Town%20Councils%20are,Council%20in%20the%20first%20instance>

Draft Recommendations, for discussion on Oct 16th.

- 1.The ATC should take every measure to galvanise residents, commuters, school staff and students etc to respond and ask for other secondary and local routes to be included. 'If we don't ask, we don't get'
- 2.Cycle Alton and Walk Alton should respond separately but liaise to ensure joined up thinking.
- 3.Cycle Alton should create and promote simple guidance to encourage others to respond, as well as develop a communication plan to galvanise our contacts.
- 4.ATC should formulate a plan to identify and apply for suitable 20mph speed zones, in liaison with The Neighbourhood Plan Committee, Alton Society, local Speed Watch volunteers and other interested/experienced partners. This will maximise the opportunity for safe cycling within Alton.

Conclusion

This is a golden opportunity for investment and improvements to Alton's infrastructure.

7 Updated Climate Change Grant paperwork

Attached is the original policy along with amended version, can all members take time to review prior to the meeting.

The application form is also attached which also needs to be reviewed.