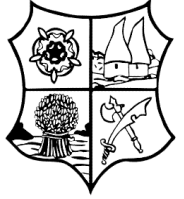


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15th January 2025

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd January 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: Kevin Ray
Energy Alton: John Hubbard
Active Travel representative: Chris Chappell
EHDC Representative – Pennie Brown
EHDC Representative - Harriet Coombs

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2025
TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, ALTON AT 9.30AM

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements.
 - Introduce Kevin Ray as new Energy Alton representative (and John Hubbard accompanying)
 - Update on replacement Councillor member
 - Resignation of Business Representative and resulting vacancy
 - Clarify criteria for Young ACAN Representative.
Propose Young ACAN Administrator Scott Gudrich as Young ACAN representative.
Attachment Young ACAN Administrator job description.
 2. Apologies for absence
 3. Minutes - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 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. Updates on Climate Change Action Plan SECTION ONE Alton Town Council.
 - 1.1 Green Audit - WS/DH
 - 1.2 ATCs transport and carbon emissions – Report on electric tools for Grounds Team - DH
 - 1.3 Reduce Energy consumption in ATC properties. - DH/WS
 - 1.4 Retrofitting existing council owned properties - DH
 - Replacement boiler plan for Town Hall including Decarbonisation funding - BT
 - Refurbishment of Town Hall project including secondary glazing - WS
 - Report from Dementia Friends on Assembly Rooms - BT
 - Report from Rugby Club on Clubhouse at Anstey Park - BT
 - Replacement boiler plan Jubilee Bungalows including Decarbonisation funding WS
 - Solar Panel and water heating for showers for Finnimore Pavilion - KR
 - Solar panels for Energique through Energise South Downs proposal - DH
 - 1.5 Jubilee Pavilions project - DH
 - 1.6 Explore further renewable energy sources for Alton Town Council's premises – KR
 - 1.7 Carbon sequestration from planting and feedback on hedge and tree planting - JT
 - 1.8 Put in place EV charging (refer to EHDC report in SECTION THREE - PB
 - 1.9 Active Travel mapping and signage - grant application for cycle maps, storage and signs
- CC
- 1.10 Cycle parking (and access for cycling at ATC Properties) CC
 - 1.11 Support Sustainable business – BT (and future business rep)

1.12 Encouragement towards electric car use – RP and ACAN/ EHDC

7. Updates on Climate Change Action Plan SECTION TWO Community

- 2.1 Wayfinding (see 1.9) CC/WS
- 2.2 Promotions to reduce waste – RP/Young ACAN rep
- 2.3 Alton in Bloom and Grow up – Emily Messenger projects – WS
- 2.4 Environmental and ‘green’ behaviour change Community Events 2025 – EM/WS
- 2.5 Sustainability hub – Energy Alton and ACAN to pursue. (KR/RP)
- 2.6 Reduce plastic waste/new water fountains RP
- 2.7 Support climate and nature action by young people – Young ACAN rep
- 2.8 Promotion of Energy Alton’s work – KR

8. Updates on Climate Change Action Plan SECTION THREE Working with decision makers.

Whilst much of it is beyond our control as a town council our EHDC representative Pennie Browne also liaises with HCC and can inform and support us, and Barbara as a district councillor and Chris for Cycle Alton are also working with other tiers of local government. As Hampshire County Council has opted to be in the first tranche for devolution, we will need to see what the new Unitary Authority for our area will eventually bring. In the meantime, we can cover this section through the reports of our EHDC rep Pennie Browne, and our Active Travel Rep Chris Chappel.

District Council update - PB

- a. Roadmap to net zero EHDC paper and how it impacts Alton specifically
- b. Report on emerging EHDC Air Quality Strategy
- c. EV charging in EHDC car parks

Active Travel update – CC

- a. EHDC LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) consultation update
- b. Barriers to Cycling consultation
- c. Cycle Alton cycle training and support initiatives.

Date of Next Meeting: 23rd April 2025 at 9.30am

**CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
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REPORTS**

HEDGE AND TREE PLANTING 1,7

The following trees and hedging plants have been sourced:

Hedging

Jubilee 420 (grounds team on 27th November 2024)

Whitedown 420 (grounds team on 11th December 2024)

Anstey Park 420 (to be planted by Eggars School on 17th December with Grounds Team support) – this was cancelled due to most of the Grounds Team being ill and will be rebooked.

Kings Pond 120 (to be planted by Friends of Kings Pond on 11th December 2024)

Trees

17 trees picked up 9th December 2024 to be planted:

- Jubilee - 6 (to form new small copse) planted before Christmas
- Anstey Park - 9 (to go along London Road railings) to be planted before Christmas – these were being planted with the hedge and so has also been postponed.
- The Butts 1 (Hornbeam to replace the Horse Chestnut that is to be felled) – to be retained in compound until ready to plant 2025

100 feathers to be collected on Tuesday 21st January for Flood Meadows, Will Hall Meadow & Windmill Hill

RETROFITTING 1.4

Replacement boiler plan for Town Hall including Decarbonisation funding

An Innovation Exchange Challenge Meeting took place in Alton Town Hall Chamber on Friday 10th January. Present were Molly Gregory and Manali Kulkarni from the government funded Greater Southeast Net Zero Hub, Neil Appleton and John Ransford from the Infrastructure and Energy Team at Innovate Exchange UK and Wendy Simpson, Don Hammond and Babara Tansey from Alton Town Council Climate Change Committee.

Innovate Exchange UK seek to find innovative solutions to difficult requirements for reducing carbon emissions, so the aim of the meeting was to glean information needed to create a Challenge Statement for inviting bids for innovative retrofitting of Alton Town Hall bearing in mind it's grade II listed building status and setting. The building presents the challenge of being an 1871 listed building with solid walls, single glazing, some loft insulation, a 15 year old gas boiler, old style radiators and 2 electric heaters for hot water. The Conservation Officer at EHDC has already ruled out an air sourced heat pump being installed on the outside of the building and there appears insufficient indoor space for a pump room for a ground sourced heat pump. Innovation UK will invite bids from innovative companies to look at alternatives including the possibility of putting an air source heat pump in either of the 'loft' areas above the kitchen and toilets along with other options to reduce the carbon footprint of the building. including underfloor heating in the chamber and offices upstairs, insulation between the ceiling of the retail units and the floor of the Town Hall, fans to drive the heat down towards the floor requiring electrical works and channelling of the walls. The on-site nature of the meeting allowed both the Hub and Innovate Exchange UK Teams to observe all the issues at first hand.

Actions

ATC:

1. Check size of electricity cables and send the information to Molly at the Hub.
2. Consult EHDC conservation officer in the first instance to ask:

Could the flat part of the roof in the centre be used for a solar panel to power a possible heat pump

If rewiring were necessary, could we change the internal plaster?

3. Send Logos to Innovation Technology

Innovation technology will produce a draft report with a draft Challenge Statement for Alton Town Council's approval. They aim to go live with the Challenge Statement at the end of February 2025, looking for innovative companies to bid with holistic solutions for a carbon neutral replacement to the gas boiler in spring 2026. A tech person from district to be involved in vetting the 'pitches' when they come in.

The Hub

- a. The electricity supply to the building was discussed and Molly agreed to support with speaking to the DNO (network operators) about the capacity for the energy supply to the building.
- b. will produce a list if other councils in a similar situation.
- c. Molly is researching funding. She sees no reason why funding shouldn't still be available in 2026.

PSDS - public sector decarbonisation programme coming in in October this year. This may help.

RETROFITTING 1.4

Refurbishment of Town Hall project including secondary glazing

An application has been made for CIL funding to support fitting secondary glazing to the Town Hall, the outcome of this application will be known by the end of the financial year.

Report from Dementia Friends on Assembly Rooms

See report in supporting papers

Report from Rugby Club on Clubhouse at Anstey Park

See report in supporting papers

Replacement boiler plan for Jubilee Bungalows including Decarbonisation funding

The funding for this project is through Greater Southeast Net Zero Hub and the window for applications is not currently open.