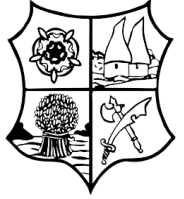


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Town Clerk: Mr Tom Horwood

14th October 2025

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd October at 9.30AM** when the under mentioned business will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

Tom Horwood
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
Scott Gudrich – Youth Representative

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2025
THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, ALTON AT 9.30AM
AGENDA

1. **Chairman's Announcements.**
 - Update on Business Representative.
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Minutes** - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd July 2025
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. **Actions on Climate Change Action Plan - SECTION ONE (Alton Town Council)**
 - 1.2 ATCs transport and carbon emissions – Feedback on recently purchased electric tools for Grounds Team. (see attached report)
 - 1.3 Replace insulation for door, 16 Market Square – WS (completed)
 - 1.4 Retrofitting existing council owned properties – DH & KR
 - Challenge Statement for replacement boiler plan for Town Hall - WS
 - Refurbishment of Town Hall project including thermal blinds – WS
 - Insulation at Jubilee Bungalows – WS (completed)
 - 1.2 Jubilee Pavilions project – DH
 - 1.6 Explore further renewable energy sources for Alton Town Council's premises
 - Solar Panel and water heating for showers for Finnimore Pavilion - KR
 - Solar panels for Energique through Energise South Downs proposal – DH
 - Update on solar panels at Rugby Club - WS
 - Update on solar panel at Wooteys allotments - WS
 - Update on solar panels at The Kings Arms
 - Project to install solar panels at Public Gardens Bowls Club - BT
 - 1.6 Produce a detailed record of solar status on ATC owned buildings and circulate Explore with Energise South Downs solar provision for the remaining ATC tenanted properties – KR/WS/DH/BT
 - 1.7 Carbon sequestration from planting and feedback on hedge and tree planting – JT
 - 1.7 Replacement of existing 'in bloom' schemes with environmentally sustainable alternatives around the town – HC
 - 1.7 Management of Will Hall Meadow with cattle - BT
 - 1.9 Update cycle map/signage for walking and cycling - CC
 - 1.9 Replace cycle planters and missing/broken cycle stands with more secure cycle parking – BT
 - 1.11 Promote electric car use, feedback from Classic Car Show - KR

7. **Updates on Climate Change Action Plan SECTION TWO (Community)**

- 2.1 Reduce waste ACAN report including update on small business survey – RP
- 2.2 Community Events including stall at Christmas Lights Switch on (21st November) - BT
- 2.3 Reduce purchase of water in plastic bottles by Alton retailers and Alton Community groups and businesses. RP & SG
- 2.4 Support climate and nature action by young people, including update on hedgehog highways – SG
- 2.5 Future/ongoing Energy Alton initiatives – KR

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

- 3.4 Review of 20 mph limits in Alton including update on new Speed Indicator Device for Holybourne – BT
- 3.5 Commercial developers. Influence on the developing neighbourhood plan by ensuring that clean energy, active travel and biodiversity groups representatives are fully included in the new ANP Steering Group – BT/JT/DH
- 3.6 LCWIP, the two routes through Alton include route to Beech – CC/BT

9. **District Council update** – PB

10. **Funding Opportunities**

- **EHDC Climate Grants** - opens 12th September - From Friday 12 September, community groups, volunteer organisations and charities in East Hampshire will be able to apply for up to £20,000 from the EHDC Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF).
- **EHDC Councillor Grants** - open for applications - Each Councillors has a budget of £7,000 to spend locally, grants of up to £1,000 per Councillor can be awarded and you can apply to more than one councillor.
- **Get Up and Go! Grant** - The East Hampshire District Council Get Up and Go! grant scheme allows any organisation, charity, or exercise and health professional to apply for up to £500 to help fund a physical activity-based project in the district. Applications close at 23:59hrs on September 15th.

10. **ACAN Update**

Date of Next Meeting: 21st January 2026 at 9.30am

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2025
REPORTS

1.2 Report on electric tools for Grounds Team

The following items have been purchased to be used in the Public Gardens:

- 2.00 Stihl AR3000 1148Wh Li-Ion Backpack
- 1.00 Stihl AR Backpack battery carrying system
- 1.00 Connecting cable for AR battery
- Stihl FSA135 36v Li-Ion Brushcutter Cowhorn
- Stihl FSA135R 36v Li-Ion Brushcutter 26cm Cut Loop Handle
- Stihl 36v Li-Ion Cordless Hedge Trimmer 75cm Cut HSA130R-30
- Stihl BGA200 Blower

The feedback from the Grounds Team is that the new tools are useful in the formal gardens where people sit and the louder petrol equipment is not acceptable. The tools won't be suitable for the more rural areas where a substantial area needs to be maintained.

1.3 Replace insulation for door, 16 Market Square

Mitchell & Dickinson fitted insulation on all doors as part of the refurbishment of the doors and windows at the Town Hall.

1.4 Challenge Statement for replacement boiler plan for Town Hall

Two of the companies who presented on 24th July have been chosen to survey the building and produce full plans and costings ready for the Budget Workshop, they are:

- NexGen Carbon Zero Ltd
- Tepeo Ltd

An Invitation to Tender has been produced to ensure both suppliers produce the same details and allow both to be marked. It is suggested that Full Council seeing both options as part of Budget Workshop.

1.4 Refurbishment of Town Hall project including secondary glazing

Mitchell & Dickinson have completed the refurbishment of the windows at the Town Hall and installation of secondary glazing. This has already had a notable effect on drafts and noise.

Quotes have been requested for the replacement of the carpets throughout the offices and chamber (the stairs and landing were done more recently and are in good order). Internal decoration is also planned but both these activities will be held until a decision is made about the heating system.

1.2 Jubilee Pavilions project

The S106 funding for this project is being applied for.

1.6 Solar Panel and water heating for showers for Finnimore Pavilion

Verbal update from Kevin Ray at meeting.

1.6 Solar panels for Energique through Energise South Downs proposal

The lease between Energise South Downs and Alton Town Council was approved at the 9th July, the final draft of the lease is due to be presented to the Council.

1.6 Solar Panels at Rugby Club

The solar panels at the Rugby Club are being fitted on 24th October.

1.7 Carbon sequestration from planting and feedback on hedge and tree planting

The Assistant to the Clerk has been contacted by both the Woodland Trust and Hampshire Forest Partnership about additional trees and hedging for 2025/26.

Cllr Treacher identified the following locations for additional trees and hedges:

Possible Tree locations

- 2 or 3 more trees on the north side open space at Anstey Park
- 2 trees on the south side at Anstey Park
- Internal avenue/road at Anstey Park has space for a few more trees
- On the north side of the path at Will Hall Meadows there is room for 3 more trees
- there is room for a few more trees on the north side at the Alton Gateway to mask the houses.
- A few trees to provide shade at the benches at the Alton Gateway

Possible Hedge locations

- the tennis courts at Anstey Park would be improved by natural hedging on 2 sides – Wild Harvest Pack suggested by Head Groundsman
- to mask the green electric substation on the London Roadside of Anstey Park
- 80 whips required to complete the hedge along the London Road.

Also 3 picnic tables with seating and 2 benches for the family recreation area at the bottom between the football stadium and the skate park.

Woodland Trust free tree/hedging offer packs:

- **Hedge Pack** – 30 plants, mix of dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, dogwood (6-8 metres for double-row hedging)
- **Copse Pack** - 10x silver birch, 10x rowan, 10x wild cherry (not suitable as hedging)
- **Wild Harvest Pack** – 105 or 420 plants, mix of hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, elder, dog rose, rowan (Up to 25 metres of hedging (105 trees) or 100 metres (420 trees))
- **Year-Round Colour Pack** - 105 or 420 plants, mix of hawthorn, dogwood, wild cherry, silver birch, rowan, hazel (Up to 25 metres of hedging (105 trees) or 100 metres (420 trees))
- **Working Wood Pack** - 105 or 420 plants, mix of field maple, rowan, silver birch, wild cherry, common oak, grey willow (not suitable for hedging)
- **Wild Wood Pack** - 105 or 420 plants, mix of holly, hazel, crab apple, downy birch, hawthorn, goat willow (Up to 25 metres of hedging (105 trees) or 100 metres (420 trees))
- **Wildlife Pack** - 105 or 420 plants, mix of hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel, common oak (Up to 25 metres of hedging (105 trees) or 100 metres (420 trees))
- **Urban Pack** - 5x crab apple, 5x rowan, 5x hazel (not suitable as hedging)

All plants are 20cm to 60cm tall so not suitable to be planted as trees.

Hampshire Forestry Partnership packs:

- **Disease Resilient Elm** – 6 varieties Ulmus ademuz, lutece, rebona, new horizon, fiorente and wingham. We can offer up to 20 elms per application and have various sizes both bareroot and pot grown. We also supply stakes and guards to protect the trees. (45 litre pots at size 8/10 (trunk is 8-10cm thick about one metre up from the ground), up to 3m tall when planted).
- **Linking Leaves** – Hedging and trees
- **Shoots along the routes** – hedging

District Councillor Grants:

BT informed the Committee that funds were available within the Councillor Grant scheme to purchase additional trees of different varieties as needed. This funding can also be used for benches.

1.7 Replacement of existing 'in bloom' schemes with environmentally sustainable alternatives around the town.

To be included in plans for 2026.

1.8 Improving accessibility to walking routes, through clear mapping, signage, and publicity.

The new map is at the printers; this is being funded from the CCAF grant awarded to Cycle Alton.

1.9 Installation of wayfinding in key locations across the town centre for pedestrians and cyclists

Cycle Alton obtained a grant of £6,478 from EHDC Climate Change Action fund (CCAF) to install signs to encourage local people to walk or cycle into town from new housing developments. Permission has been gained to attach the small weatherproof stickers to the posts and bollards throughout the town. Locations for cycle hoops to replace the cycle planters, see attached report.