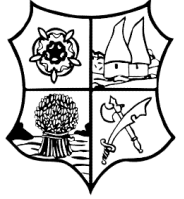


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10th April 2026

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Friday 17th April 2026 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
FRIDAY 17th APRIL 2026
16 MARKET SQUARE, ALTON AT 9.30AM
AGENDA

1. **Chairman's Announcements.**

Resignation of Cllr Janice Treacher – new biodiversity lead.

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Minutes** - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026

Recommendation: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 21st January 2026.

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. **Correspondence and Questions Received**

Any written correspondence to go to the Climate Change Committee must be received 48 hours prior to the meeting. Any member of the public who wishes to speak must register at the start of the meeting and may speak for up to 5 minutes, with a total of 20 minutes allowed for public speaking.

Alton Allotment Association's Chairman Marcus Van-Hague to give an update on the solar panel project at Wooteys Allotments.

Grant application for Cycle Alton – see application in pack.

Recommendation: To approve the award of a grant of £300 to Cycle Alton for promoting safe cycle routes.

6. **Cycle Planters**

Replacement cycle planters for Town Centre, to be installed at the following locations:

- 1 in Westbrooke Walk (outside TG Jones)
- 2 outside the old NatWest bank (either side of post boxes) – temporary until permanent hoops are installed, these can then be used to trail new sites if they are required.
- 1 opposite the Tricycle shop on Normandy Street

To be funded from Climate Change funding, £272 each including VAT.

Link to website

<https://www.frontyardcompany.co.uk/products/plantlock>

7. **Update on actions from last meeting**

See attached list in the reports.

8. **ATC Climate Change Action Plan**

8.1 Proposal from Alan Williams about format & content of Action Plan including dashboard

Recommendation: To recommend to Council the proposal from Alan Williams for a carbon footprint and climate change strategy action plan audit and review.

8.2 Review of actions including lead for each objective, measurable targets and timeframes

9. **Update Alton Climate Change Strategy 2023**

Feedback from all members of the Committee on the Strategy and how to ensure it is fit for the next four years to 2030.

10. **Cutting schedule for Will Hall Meadow** - HC

11. **Alton in Bloom 2026** – WS

12. **Electric vehicles and Grounds equipment** – WS & DH

13. **District Council Update** – PB

13.1 SSEN's "Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund" is now open for applicants. Deadline is 12 noon on Thursday 21 May 2026.

Grant funding is available for up to £20k, supporting low carbon technologies that are part of a community's decarbonisation plans.

The "Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund" helps communities in central southern England become more resilient in the face of our increasingly volatile climate.

For more information, see [Powering Communities to net zero fund](#) and [ssen-pcnz---lct-guidance-2026](#)

14. **ACAN Update** – RP & SG

11.1 Update on the grant funded feasibility study on Business Engagement

15. **Young ACAN Update** - SG

16. **Energy Alton Update** – KR

12.1 Update on Solar Panels

17. **Cycle Alton Update** – CC

13.1 Update on directional signs on Ridgeway and Gilbert White Way

13.2 Feedback on launch/celebration of cycling event

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 24th July 2026 at 9.30am

Future meeting dates

- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Friday 22nd January 2027
- Friday 23rd April 2027

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
FRIDAY 17th APRIL 2026
REPORTS

7. Actions from Last Meeting

Ref.	Action	Person responsible	Date due
Finnimore	Speak with Energise South Downs to progress this solar panel project	Kevin Ray	15.04.26
Solar Panels	Contact Chawton Indoor Bowls and Esteem Ironing for annual energy use for discussion with Energise South Downs	Wendy	15.04.26
Allotments	Chair of Allotment Association to be invited to join the April meeting	Wendy	15.04.26
Action Plan	Update progress on all actions	All members	15.04.26
Action Plan	Update format to include progress against actions	Wendy	15.04.26
Strategy	Add “impact on Climate Change” to Council reports template	Town Clerk	15.04.26
Utilities	Track changes and reduction in carbon for 2023 to 2026. Meeting with EHDC consultant to discuss the Action plan	Don & Wendy	15.04.26
Electric vehicle	Arrange test drive period for Grounds Team	Wendy	15.04.26
National Planning Policy Review	ATC to look at responding reference heritage buildings	Town Clerk	15.04.26
Jubilee bungalows	Arrange a meeting with tenants and Energy Alton to discuss heat pumps to replace oil fired heating.	Wendy	15.04.26
Public Gardens Bowls group	Invite to next meeting for an update on installing solar panels	Barbara	15.04.26
Picnic Bench	Apply for Cllr Grant and order new picnic bench	Wendy	15.04.26
Tree planting	Numbers of trees and hedging plants installed since 1 st April 2023 to be collated.	Jenny & Wendy	15.04.26
Alton in Bloom	Launch of competition to be held until criteria for environment sustainability are created	Hayley	15.04.26
Cycle routes	Inform EHDC of launch date for new maps, website, and cycle routes	Chris	15.04.26
Water fountain	Source and have Installed a unit in the Market Square	Wendy	15.04.26

11. Alton In Bloom

The categories are:

- Best Small Garden or Patio (residential under 5 metres front or back)
- Best Large Garden or Patio (residential over 5 metres front or back)
- Best Kept Allotment (Plot holders only)
- Best Allotment Plot (Residential)
- Best Individual Container (hanging basket, trough, window box, pot or tub). Maximum 3 entries per household.
- Best Unusual Container

- Best Children's Garden why not ask your child / children to look after a part of the garden?
- Best Communal / Community Garden (community garden project or communal garden tended to by volunteers/residents)
- Tallest Sunflower – pot your own at the Spring Garden Fayre on Saturday 16th May (Entry deadline 4th September)
- Bug Hotel
- Best Commercial Building
- Best New Build Garden (5 Years and under)

New for 2026...Best New Build, Children's garden and special gold star awards from the Climate Change Committee.