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12th October 2026

Dear Councillors,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Friday 23rd October 2026 at 9.30AM** when the under mentioned business will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

Tom Horwood
Town Clerk

To: Councillor Don Hammond (Chair)
Councillor Barbara Tansey
Councillor Lorna Woodcroft

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 23rd October 2026
THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, ALTON AT 9.30AM
AGENDA

1. **Chairman's Announcements.**

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Minutes** - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 24th July 2026
Recommendation: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 24th July 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.
Will Schofield, Operations Manager at the Kings Arms informed the Deputy Clerk that when they took over the building in 2019 the EPC was 'E' (106), it is now 'B' (27 - which is only two points off an A).

6. **Update on actions from last meeting**
See attached list in the reports.

7. **ATC Climate Change Action Plan**
See attached updated Climate Change Action Plan.
Sample Dashboard data included in reports.
Recommendation: To approve updates made to Action Plan since the last meeting.
Recommendation: To approve sample dashboard model

8. **Update on Alton in Bloom 2026**
Outcome of judging of 2026 gardens.
Suggestions for 2027
Recommendation: To send congratulations to winners

9. **Electric vehicles and Grounds equipment**
    - Update on purchase of electric vehicles for Grounds Team

10. **District Council Update** – PB
    - Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF)
    - Carbon Literacy training opportunity

11. **ACAN Update** – RP
    - ACAN Farm
    - Solar Panels vouchers
    - Greening Alton project
    - Energy Survey for Jubilee Bungalows

12. **Young ACAN Update** - SG

13. **Energy Alton Update** – KR
    - Energy Survey for Jubilee Bungalows

14. **Cycle Alton Update** – CC

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 22nd January 2027 at 9.30am

Future meeting dates - Friday 23rd April 2027

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REPORTS

6. Actions from Last Meeting

Ref.	Action	Person responsible	Date due
Finnimore	Speak with other local solar providers for quotes to install solar panels on the Finnimore Pavillion	Kevin Ray	23.10.26
Utilities	Quarterly utility use and carbon emission data to be presented at every Climate Change meeting.	Wendy	23.10.26
Allotments	Update on solar panels at Wooteys Allotments to be provided for October meeting	Wendy	23.10.26
Access to drinking water	Most businesses on the High Street asked to display a sticker but many said that their water quality was poor and not fit to drink so declined. Refresh asking all businesses every quarter.	Wendy	23.10.26
Access to drinking water	Quote to add direction to Miss Bell's fountain in the Public Gardens to blue finger post in Market Square	Hayley	23.10.26
Solar charging for Grounds EV	Get three quotes for solar and battery storage at the Barn in Jubilee, the Compound at the Public Gardens and the Enclosure at Anstey Park as part of paper for Full Council.	Wendy	23.10.26

7. Sample Dashboard Data

2030 Target	
Current Total Emissions (tCO2e)	**48.13**
Change in Previous Year	**-15%**
Change on Base Year (2019)	**-19%**

Headline Changes	
Gas use change on Previous Year	**-5%**
Gas use change on Base Year (2019)	**-19%**
Electricity use change on Previous Year	**8%**
Electricity use change on Base Year (2019)	**-4%**
Other fuel use change on Previous Year	**-39%**
Other fuel use change on Base Year (2019)	**-31%**

8. Alton In Bloom

The gardens were judged on Wednesday 5th August by Cllr Tansey and Jenny Griffiths, accompanied by the Admin/Councillor Support Officer. The winners 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)

Cllr Tansey suggested additional criteria for the 2027 competition, they are:

- Visual cohesion
- Variety of planting
- Use of native plants (for pollinators)
- A wildlife friendly area (s).

9. Electric vehicles Update

At the 9th September Full Council meeting the Councillors agreed the following:
"To purchase a Ford Ranger XLT Hybrid, and also an Etesia ET Lander EV UTV if the total cost for the two vehicles less part exchange from any redundant vehicles is within the budget of £50,000."

A new quote for the Ford Ranger has been sent and unfortunately the price has gone up from £31,879 to £34,662 (excluding VAT). TH Whites are prepared to sell the ex-demonstrator Etesia ET Lander at £27,495 and there may be a further discount on this price. However, it is unlikely that both vehicles can be purchased within the budget.

Jake Wilshire Beng, Sustainability Consultant for Salvis contacted the Town Council to say:
"We've recently been reviewing the Great British Energy funding programmes and immediately thought of organisations such as Alton Town Council that are already driving local sustainability and community initiatives.
Funding up to £40,000 is available for feasibility studies, £100,000 for project development, and £3 million towards project delivery, with a deadline of the 12th of November at 11:55pm for new applications.
This is a fantastic opportunity as this funding can support much of the early-stage work that often prevents projects moving forward, including feasibility studies, site assessments, financial modelling, business cases, electrical grid studies, and community energy development activities.
Salvis specialises in exactly these areas and works with councils, housing providers, public sector organisations and commercial clients across the South.
We would welcome the opportunity to discuss:

- Any renewable energy opportunities currently being considered
- Potential solar PV or battery storage projects
- How the new GBE funding could be used to develop projects further
- Potential collaboration between Alton Town Council and Salvis"