

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP  
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS  
ON 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

*PRESENT—*

*Councillor S. Cockburn-Price (Chairman – in the chair)*

## Councillors

*Zafar Ali*

## Co-optees

*Sylvia Godfrey*

*John Turley*

*Jane Wood*

**Officers in attendance:**

*Gill Dickson*                      *Principal Policy Officer*

*Aiden Stephenson Climate Emergency Officer*

*Jane Watson      Head of Democratic Services*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Albin and Andrea Beswick (Trawden Forest Parish Council)).*



**8. MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 9. POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEMES

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing the Group of what was meant by community renewable energy schemes and the different operating models.

The report examined the concept, in particular at a small scale involving local people through community energy schemes. The Group acknowledged the study conducted by the Forest of Bowland in relation to local small scale hydro sites. Higherford Mill, Roughlee Weir, Black Moss Reservoir and Earby Youth Hostel had been identified as potential project sites.

The Group also acknowledged the potential of wind energy in the Borough but suitable locations would be an issue, particularly for large scale projects. A number of schools had implemented small scale wind energy projects within their grounds.

The need for community and business engagement with any proposed community renewable energy scheme was needed. It was also felt that there was a need to look at potential funding streams to see what was available to assist with putting sites forward for such schemes.

**AGREED**

- (1) That further examination of community energy's feasibility in Pendle be undertaken, particularly in terms of public opinion.

- (2) That feasibility studies be undertaken into potential renewable sites, particularly hydropower.

## **10. COUNCILLOR TONY GREAVES' MEMORIAL**

The Working Group were advised that a memorial was planned for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm where a woodland would be named 'Tony's Wood' in memory of Tony Greaves. The wood was in Foulridge and was part of the Langroyd Country Park.

This had been agreed in consultation with the Chairman and Tony's family.

Designs for a 10" plaque and an interpretation board were currently being finalised which would cover details of Tony's life and of the woodland.

## **11. CLIMATE ACTION GRANTS PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive submitted a report on progress made with the Climate Action Fund Grants along with details of what the funding had been allocated for.

Unfortunately, due to COVID the scheme wasn't launched until September, 2021. Since then significant progress had been made with 13 of the 14 successful applicants allocated grant money with many more promising cases highlighted in the report. More publicity was needed to promote the scheme to ensure the funding was allocated before the deadline. There was still £9,253 to be spent from the £25,000 originally allocated.

The Group acknowledged the Eden Project Changemakers Training which had been funded for one teacher at Gisburn Road Primary School to help support the delivery of climate change learning in the school. It was suggested that schools be made aware that this training or similar was available.

## **12. TREE PLANTING IN PENDLE**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on progress made in respect of the tree planting in the Borough.

The report provided updates on the following:

- Funding secured from the Urban Tree Challenge Fund and the tree planting during 2021/22 at King George V playing fields, Colne and Chatburn Park Drive, Brierfield;
- Lancashire Woodland Connect which was a partnership with the Ribble Rivers Trust – over the winter planting season of 2020/21 5,270 trees had been planted in various sites at Langroyd Country Park, Colne and Hollins Farm, Barnoldswick;
- Heal Project (Health and Environmental Action Lancashire) which was another partnership with the Ribble Rivers Trust – trees had been planted in a number of locations around the Borough and sites identified for further planting next winter;
- PlanT Treescapes which was a partnership between Pendle, Burnley, Hyndburn, Rossendale, Blackburn with Darwen and the Ribble Rivers Trust – the aim was to plant 4,250 trees in Pendle by the end of March, 2022.
- Single mature trees had also been installed in Ball Grove, Colne, Holt House, Colne, Marsden Park, Nelson and Walverden Park, Nelson.

The Group acknowledged the work done so far and the very positive report in relation to the numbers of trees planted. Reference was made to garden villages and the area around Tennyson, Harrison, Wordsworth and Milton Avenues in Colne was considered to be such an area.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**AGREED**

That the next meeting be held at 6pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 via Microsoft Office Teams.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_