

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP – 7 June 2021 at 10am

PRESENT:

Cllr J Clark (Chair)	Marshal Scott
Cllr S Bibby	Michelle Haworth
Cllr D Berryman	
Cllr S Fletcher	
Cllr S Atkinson	
Cllr A Knox	
Cllr R Thompson	

APOLOGIES

Received from John Heap and Mair Hill.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2021 were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The actions from the meeting not covered on the agenda were considered.

Ribble Rivers Trust – Michelle Haworth had written to RRT to ask about measuring the success of the scheme. The response indicated that this would take place on completion of the scheme at the end of the financial year.

Electric Vehicles – Mair Hill had prepared a report for Licensing committee on 15 June 2021 on the response to the consultation on revision of taxi licensing policy.

ONE CARBON WORLD

Michelle Haworth had circulated to the working group, the report received from One Carbon World. It outlined the footprint calculation method and assumptions and omissions. It contained graphs and charts showing fuels/energy usage which was the largest part of the Council's carbon footprint.

Michelle Haworth had incorporated their reduction recommendations and suggested measurements into the Climate Change Strategy, and also included the Carbon Neutral International Standard logo on the document.

The working group felt it had been a worthwhile exercise that had produced baseline from which to proceed.

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

Michelle Haworth outlined to the working group where in the Strategy she had made amendments to incorporate the information from the One Carbon World report. This

included using the graphs and charts, putting RV in context, inserting figures for key measures, how to reduce emissions in the action plan, updating the sequestration and offsetting where reductions cannot be made and including some actions that other local authorities are using. She had also updated the section on actions that have been taken to make it more positive.

The working group would need to decide what should be included, how to prioritise and budgets.

It was acknowledged that climate change measures needed to be balanced with other priorities of the Council and that a cost/benefit analysis would need to be done for any proposed actions. It was also acknowledged that capital investment would be required to gain long term savings. Marshal Scott suggested that in future all capital schemes should have a green consideration added to them.

It was also felt that the community should be involved, perhaps via the parish councils to help increase recycling of paper and card.

ACTION:

- 1. Michelle Haworth to look at the Action Plan to assess how easy the actions are to achieve, what benefits they will bring, if there are any quick wins and timelines for the actions;**
- 2. Marshal Scott to ask Finance that all capital schemes be measured against 'green credentials';**
- 3. Michelle Haworth to circulate the Draft Strategy to CMT for their comments before re-circulating it to the working group and a report being presented to Policy & Finance committee.**

CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Chair reported that she had had correspondence with a local lady who works for Climate Change Emergency and has offered help with developing a checklist to include an action plan. And also to be part of a member working group with councillors in Lancaster and Craven.

The working group felt that it would best to get our own baseline established using our own knowledge first.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The Chair had spoken with a man from Connected Kerb who is involved with electric vehicle installation points. The Chair had joined a webinar by the Energy Saving Trust. In Kent a network of charging points had been set up installing on Parish Council and village hall car parks. There can be a revenue stream from branded networks. Funding is available and he had offered to help with an application.

Marshal Scott suggested that the Chair refer him to John Heap/Adrian Harper who are the officers familiar with the Borough charging points.

Cllr Berryman asked about the charging points on the borough council car parks and why they are more expensive than the on-street LCC ones, and raised the issue of charging for parking whilst using them. He also highlighted the fact that Longridge do not yet have any charging points provided by the Borough.

It was acknowledged that there would be a lot of companies approaching the Council regarding installation of charging points. As a Council we need to be forward thinking on securing sites for dedicated charging points/areas.

ACTION: John Heap to prepare a report for the working group on

- **The success of the current charging points – usage and revenue**
- **Charging for parking whilst using the charging points**
- **What LCC's plans are for the future provision of charging points**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged in due course.

The meeting closed at 10.45am.