



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate

Date: Thursday 23 June 2022, 3pm

Present: Councillors; Ara, Green, Hetherington and Wing.
Residents; J. Dawes, M. Foley, D. Shotton (Chair) and P. Shotton.
Also in attendance; Mr D Williams (Digital Communications and Marketing Officer - Minutes), Miss L Fidler (Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

Councillor Green took temporary chair of the Climate Change Task Group as Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were received from all members of the group, detailing their backgrounds and fields that they have come from.

ELECTION OF A CHAIR

The group discussed and nominated a chair for the Climate Change Task Group.

RESOLUTION:

D. Shotton will chair the Climate Change Task Group.

Councillor Green stood down as temporary chair. D. Shotton resumed the meeting as chair of the Climate Change Task Group.

ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR

The group discussed and nominated a vice-chair for the Climate Change Task Group.

RESOLUTION:

Councillor Green will act as vice-chair of the Climate Change Task Group.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Austin (Work Commitment), Councillor Huxley (Personal Commitment) and P. Bax (Personal Commitment)

RESOLUTION: To approve the apologies received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Councillors received the amended Terms of Reference from the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLUTION: To receive and note the Terms of Reference. The group will revisit the Terms of Reference as it develops.

CLIMATE RELATED COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The group received verbal updates on the following from Miss L Fidler and Mr D Williams:

- a. Carbon Audit.
- b. Council Land / Allotments.
- c. Electric Vehicles (EV)

RESOLUTION:

- a. **D. Shotton to meet with a sustainability consultant to discuss the Carbon Audit and Scope 3 assessments, to make sure they stand up to scrutiny in regards to greenwashing concerns.**
Councillor Ara left the meeting.
- b. **M. Foley to put in touch the Ramsgate Football Club with Councillor Wing, regarding an allotment idea working with the Royal Harbour Academy School.**
- c. **P. Shotton to meet and work with the Technicians, so a report can be written regarding what is needed for EV. This report would also include the possibility of fitting chargers at Radford house.**
Councillor Hetherington left the meeting.

ESTABLISHING A GREEN AGENDA

The group discussed how it wishes to proceed and what topics should be researched for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION:

Councillor Wing to investigate more into the process of TPOing Trees and to seek advice from Kevin Pressland and Dr Hannah Scott.

J. Dawes to look more closely at Trees (Protection and Planting) in the Neighbourhood Plan.

M. Foley and J. Dawes to come up with easy 'fixes' for Listed Buildings and a list of five ideas for an article for the next Community Ad Magazine.

M. Foley and D. Shotton to look into rainwater systems and harvesting from permeable surfaces.

M. Foley to look further at sustainability at Radford House.

Councillor Green to review the grants policy of the Council.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 1st September 2022 at 3pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:40pm.