



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group

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

Date: Wednesday 27th November 2024, 5:45pm

Present: Councillors: Tricia Austin (Chair), Jim Driver, David Green, Corinna Huxley and Tony Ovenden.
Residents: Eddie Gadd.

Also in attendance:

Dean Williams (Marketing and Communications Officer – Minutes)

Leigha Cardin (Thanet District Council Domestic Energy Assistant)

Chenise Marchant (Thanet District Council Domestic Energy Assistant).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Crittenden, Hetherington, Hudson, Wing and Young, and resident Phil Shotton. There were no other apologies.

RESOLUTION: To approve the apologies received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 were received and considered.

Various updates were given surrounding the previous actions, these include:

- Jim is waiting for TDC input and feedback for the pocket park at Coleman Crescent.
- Tricia has contacted Jackie at Youngs Nursery regarding planting of fruit trees in residents front gardens. Jackie will get back to Tricia in the new year with a detailed plan. The group are looking at 70 trees (10 for each ward).
- David informed the group that that KCC will replace street trees, although this will start next autumn, but they are committed to planting. There will be a cost to this and will come out of the Climate Change budget.
- The Town Shed is searching for premises to rent, so it can continue when Radford House starts refurbishment. The group would like to thank Suzy Humphries for helping organize potential premises.
- Dean detailed the unsuccessful uptake for the Energy Saving Trials.

These would restart next year, starting earlier to gather further interest.

- Eddie detailed the problem with cycle security in Ramsgate and explained a potential Safe Secure Scheme that RTC be apart of and publicise, to improve cycle security in Ramsgate.

RESOLUTION:

- **The Minutes were noted as accurate.**

PRESENTATION FROM TDC'S HOME ENERGY TEAM

The Home Energy Team informed the group of the various services, schemes and advice that they offer, these being, but not limited to:

- ECO4 (Energy Company Obligation – Round 4) - Insulation, Ventilation and Heating
- GBIS (Great British Insulation Scheme) – Cavity Wall or Loft Insulation.
- HUG2 (Home Upgrade Grant – Round 2) – Insulation, Solar PV and Heating Upgrades.
- BUS (Boiler Upgrade Scheme) – Renewable Heating Systems.
- Solar Together – Group-buying Solar PV and Battery Storage Systems.
- WHLG (Warm Homes Local Grant – upcoming in 2025) – Varying Energy Measures and Low Carbon Heating.

RESOLUTION:

- **The group noted and thanks the Home Energy Team for their insightful presentation.**

RTC ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The group received RTC's Draft Environmental Policy for consideration. Corinna gave some minor corrections and feedback for the document.

The group thanked Dean for his hard work in researching and creating this document.

RESOLUTION:

- **The group agreed to take this document to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting so it can be adopted by Council and become policy.**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 29th January 2025, 5:45pm – 6:45pm.

Tricia closed the meeting at 6:40pm.