

**Present:** The Chairman, Tony Hoskins  
The Vice Chairman, Councillor Donna Crook  
The Mayor, Councillor Ken Arlett  
Councillor Kellie Hinton  
Councillor Ian Reissmann  
Patrick Fleming  
Ruth Lindup  
Jackie Walker

**In Attendance:** Cath Adams - Planning and Project Manager

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor called for nominations for the election of a Chairman for the year 2019-2020.

Councillor Ian Reissmann proposed and Councillor Kellie Hinton seconded, that Tony Hoskins be elected Chairman for the year 2019-2020.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED**

**that Tony Hoskins be elected Chairman of the Climate Emergency Working Group for the following municipal year.**

Tony Hoskins took the Chair.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman called for nominations for the election of a Vice-Chairman for the year 2019-2020.

Councillor Hinton proposed and Councillor Reissmann seconded, that Councillor Donna Crook be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2019-2020.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED**

**that Councillor Donna Crook be elected Vice-Chairman of the Climate Emergency Working Group for the following municipal year.**

### **3. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

During discussion on the Terms of Reference, it was agreed to approach three other possible people to join the group, including Jo Robb and Dick Fletcher. Conservative Councillors had been invited to nominate a representative for the Group and would be approached once again.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND**

**that the Terms of Reference for the Climate Emergency Working Group be accepted.**

### **4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Suzy Bannon and Rebecca Chandler Wilde.

### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman stated that he was a director of Reading Community Energy but would take no part in any discussion if there were to be any situation where this was likely to cause a conflict of interest.

### **6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **7. CODE OF CONDUCT AND GDPR**

GDPR and Code of Conduct forms were signed by the relevant non-Councillors at the end of the meeting.

### **8. POTENTIAL PROJECT LIST**

The document 'Carbon Emissions for Henley' on p28 of the agenda was considered. It was agreed to keep communication open with neighbouring parish councils (since some of the emissions schemes may be best located on land outside of the Town's boundaries). Transport was also to be included in the targets for reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This would be largely the remit of the Transport Strategy Group and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, but the Climate Emergency Working Group is to keep a watching brief. Tony Hoskins will update the carbon target to include Transport.

Projects could be set up to fall into three main areas: Renewable Energy, Reduction of Energy Usage and Land Use. One page papers on the following topics are to be brought back for consideration at the next meeting:

- i) Council owned property and the potential for renewable energy generation and energy audits - **Councillors Hinton and Reissmann and possibly Dick Fletcher**
- ii) Retrofitting existing buildings including Housing Association property – **Councillor Crook and Tony Hoskins**
- iii) Wind, Solar and Hydroelectric power – **Patrick Fleming and Ruth Lindup**
- iv) Encouraging greater use of electric vehicles through the provision of Charging Point Schemes – **Councillor Gawrysiak**
- v) Divestment – **Councillors Hinton and Reissmann**

- vi) Land use (including forestation) – **Patrick Fleming**
- vii) Community Energy Financing – **Tony Hoskins**
- viii) Approach to communication with neighbouring parishes – **Jackie Walker**

On consideration of the above papers, projects will be identified to be put forward to Reading University, or other expert organisations, for further research.

**9. FURTHER ITEMS TO CONSIDER**

Councillors are to be asked to keep higher tiers of local government informed. Councillor Hinton will communicate with SODC and Councillor Gawrysiak will be asked to update OCC.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 23 July, 2019 at 6:30pm**. As the relevant officers will be on annual leave, notes from this meeting, with recommendations to go to Planning Committee on 6 August, will need to be prepared by a member of the Working Group.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

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Chairman