



ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Climate Crisis Meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd January 2024, at 7.30 pm at the Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon SN25 2GY

Councillors Present: Daniel Adams (Chairman), Sue MacDonald, Vera Tomlinson, Bradley Williams, and Vince Williams
Officer Present: Debbie Braiden - Parish Deputy Clerk
Public Present: 0

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Chandler and Friend.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 4th October 2023, as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22. PUBLIC RECESS

There were no members of the public present. The presentation from the Forest School was postponed and will be rearranged for another meeting.

23. POLICY

The draft Environment and Climate Crisis Policy for St Andrews Parish Council was reviewed as a five-year policy.

RESOLVED with amendments to approve the policy as detailed in the documents attached in the Minute Book

RESOLVED that the Chairman would approve the final draft following the amendments.

24. ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED to have the following four action points on the Action Plan for the next six months.

1. **UTILITIES & FUEL** - It was agreed to establish a base line from January 2023 to end of December 23 for comparison over the next coming year; this will include Electricity, Gas, Water & Vehicle Fuel.
2. **PAPER** – To use recycled copier paper.
3. **TEXTILE RECYCLING** – The provision of a textile recycling unit.
4. **TREES & WILDFLOWERS** – To continue identifying areas for more trees & wildflower planting. To source more free trees. It was noted, the Grounds Maintenance Manager to be invited to future six-monthly meetings for his input when required.

25. **INFORMATION RECEIVED**

Members noted the following information and **RESOLVED** for any useful information to be regularly shared via our social media sites and to have a section in the St Andrews Parish Council monthly e-newsletter.

- (i) The Impact Plan from Climate Emergency Programme.
- (ii) Information collated by the Deputy Clerk after attending one of the free workshops run by the Conservation Landscape and AONB.
- (iii) The Community Works Projects – information on community projects, listing various bits of information and sites to visit.
- (iv) Centre for Sustainable Energy – 101 Tips energy saving tips.

26. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence below was received and noted by members, with no actions to follow up:

- Newsletter from Swindon Forest Meadows

27. **SOLAR PANELS via Swindon Borough Council**

- (i) The Solar Together scheme (a collative group for larger purchasing powers) through Swindon Borough Council, was noted by members and discussed. **RESOLVED** not to follow up with this scheme, however, Members all agreed to investigate further, the installation of solar panels at the Redhouse Community Centre. Cllr Tomlinson reminded the committee, that Redhouse Community Centre was still owned by Swindon Borough Council. **RESOLVED** to collate figures for future indicative information.
- (ii) **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to obtain the following information for future referencing. A full design stating the maximum number of panels we could have on the Redhouse Community Centre roof, the predicted output figures, the payback periods and also quotes for costs involved.

28. **EV CHARGERS via Swindon Borough Council**

- (i) Members noted details from the Solar Together scheme. **RESOLVED** not to pursue this avenue, but all agreed as with the solar panels in Minute 27. (i) above, to collate information for future reference.
- (ii) **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to obtain design, quotes, and costs of installation for a larger, quick charging station (400 Kw) and the same for a medium station (7-22 Kw).

29. **TEXTILE RECYCLING UNIT**

- (i) Members noted Full Council approval for the siting of a textile recycling unit at Redhouse Community Centre supporting Wiltshire Air Ambulance.
- (ii) Members discussed the applications and agreement form for a textile unit. **RESOLVED** to recommend the signing of the agreement form to be assigned to a Full Council meeting.

Close of meeting 8.50 pm.