

Minutes of Glassonby Parish Council Climate Emergency Sub-Committee

Meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2019

Attendees - Peter Clarke (PC), Richard Henry (RH), David Henderson (DH)

Apologies - Anna Dixon – Anna had advised that she wished to be removed from the sub-committee, with immediate effect.

Confirmation of Minutes – The minutes of 14th October 2019 were agreed

Review of last meetings minutes – RH identified some issues raised by Section 4 of the PC Standing Orders with reference to operation of subcommittees and also around open-ended meetings.

Farming and the Environment – RH had written to Andy in Glassonby – reply awaited. There were opportunities for tree planting and hedge/gap planting in the Parish, these needed to be explored. Eden Rivers Trust participates in tree planting days.

Terms of Reference of Subcommittees - Review of the relevant terms and conditions and standing orders of the Parish Council had not revealed anything which was contentious with regard to this committee. However it was noted the Agendas and Minutes should be put into the public domain; these are to be sent to the Parish Clerk by DH to be added to the appropriate section of the parish Website.

Setting up a Parish Facebook Page - PC confirmed a basic Facebook page had been created but not yet released. It had been created with a number of moderators, users would have to apply to join, posts could be left but as yet it had not been agreed to have “free” posting or “moderated” posts. It would only include people in the Parish, those from outside would be specifically excluded, which reduces the moderation effort.

Parish Climate Emergency Flier - DH presented an almost complete Parish flier for comment and review. Attendees took them away and undertook to advise changes updates and amendments to be given in time for the full Parish Council meeting so it could be presented for approval for distribution at January’s meeting.

Progress on and Actions to Reduce Climate Change – Gamblesby Church moving to A Rocha environmental survey had thrown up a comprehensive list of Environmental and Climate change activities – this was circulated after the meeting.

Eden District Council Update – no update.

Co-opting New Members Plans and potential members – RH undertook to email attendees who left their details at May’s Parish Meeting.

Funding – It was agreed that funding was best obtained for some specific activity or project, though general funding would be useful for small items like flier production. CAFS and Eden DC community fund could be sources of funds, Eden River Trust also match funding for volunteer projects, such as tree planting.

Climate Emergency Planning for the Future – Following recent communications concerning the leaky dams on the fell side from ERT, it was felt the community should do some work on existing structures to make them more efficient. Local land owners may also be interested in creating swales and lateral fence lines across the fell side to hold back run off. RH indicated he had a mobile generator, which could be used at the Village Hall in the event of a Parish wide power failure. It was sufficient to operate the heat pump, but would require a suitable electrical hook up to be put in place. DH agreed to discuss this with Community Centre Management Committee.

The meeting discussed creation of a Parish Flora list to determine the plant species already in place and to form a baseline to determine Climate Change impacts going forward. It was noted that Kirkoswald have a community wood.

Summary and Agreed Actions - **PC** to continue with Facebook creation, **DH** to get Agendas and Minutes to Parish Clerk, **RH** to write to meeting attendees, **PC** and **RH** to advise flier amendments. **DH** to discuss potential power circuit changes at Community Centre with Management Committee, **RH** to contact Linda Robinson re flora/fauna lists for the Parish, **RH** to discuss with relevant land owners about leaky dam maintenance.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 5th February 2020