

**STRATFORD- UPON- AVON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY PANEL MEETING**

**26 FEBRUARY 2020**

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Present:

Councillors:

Coles	J Fradgley
Curtis	Lee
Cleeve	C Warren Howles
Dyer	

Clerk: J Mayes

Apologies: None

1 Approval of Notes from Meeting held on 20 January 2020;

Noted.

2 Discussion and approval of Co-opted Members if necessary

2.1 Update from Cllr Curtis on discussions with Peter Wharton

There was no further information to report.

2.2 Update from Cllr Lee on possible input from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

There was no further information to report.

3 Review of Action Points from last meeting on 20 January 2020

3.1 Update on mapping project to identify location of community orchards/ownership of land/wild fruit trees

Cllr Lee reported that the Town Council holds a licence to download OS maps for free and he has downloaded the information for Stratford upon Avon to identify where areas of green space that are not residential gardens are. Councillors were shown the maps on a laptop. Cllr Lee confirmed that he will be able to segregate the maps into ward areas. Cllr Fradgley confirmed that

she would ask the County Council for the GIS form which will assist Cllr Lee with the work he is doing. The work links with mapping work for the Asset Register committee. The Chair thanked Cllr Lee for the work he has already undertaken

### 3.2 Update on Status of Community Orchard

Cllr Warren Howles gave an update on the status of the community orchard at Bishopton. She has spoken to Jane Humby at Taylor Wimpey who advised her that the land had not been purchased yet. The land in question is approximately a 1.1 acre site and the plan is to plant apple, pear and plum trees in phase 2 or 3 of the development. The Developers will undertake maintenance for 12 months, when a certificate will be issued and the maintenance will be passed to the Town Council. Councillors noted that discussions should take place with Tony Holt about the maintenance of the orchard after this time. Councillors are invited to visit the site at a future date when plans have progressed more. As the orchard is developed there will need to be a plan to engage local residents, it was suggested that this could involve a twitter account.

Cllr Warren Howles agreed to send a map of the orchard to Cllr Lee for the mapping project.

### 3.3 Update on option of undertaking project to plant trees on the slope of land by train station and Arden quarter

Cllr Curtis confirmed that he was still working on this and would update Councillors at a future meeting.

### 3.4 Update on option of undertaking a project at the top of Maidenhead Road to plant trees

Cllr Coles reported that she had made enquiries about this and was aware that there are plans, in association with the Town Trust to plant an orchard on Rowley fields. This may supersede plans to plant trees at the top of Maidenhead road and alternative site in the town may be worth considering.

### 3.5 Update on option of undertaking a project to plant trees on College Street

Cllr Fradgley confirmed that she was awaiting discussions with the County Council on the project.

### 3.6 Update on what grants are available nationally to fund carbon footprint reduction/tree planting

Cllr Coles confirmed that there are grants available but application periods have not yet started on some of them. It will also be necessary to have a plan of what the money is needed for when applying for grants. There is also the option of fund matching applications and some Developers have community funds. Projects that are aimed at education or disadvantaged groups may have grants available. Cllr Curtis agreed to look at his database for possible grant opportunities.

### 3.7 Update on energy rating of the Town Hall

Cllr Lee confirmed that he had the energy bills for Town Hall, which will allow him to profile how much energy is used and measure future usage against it. He suggested a standing action for the committee should be to receive invoices to monitor energy usage. He confirmed that the energy is obtained by centralised procurement. Councillors agreed that it would be good to have blinds and a policy for using them in place before next winter.

### 3.8 Update on information on modern gardening and whether applicable to allotments

Cllr Fradgley had no further information to report.

### 3.9 Update on City Trees project

Cllr Warren Howles had circulated the information on City Trees to Councillors. Councillors discussed whether there were any alternatives that offered the same benefits and whether the idea should be discussed with the outdoor maintenance team. It was felt that the initiative may be aimed at a more urban situation where it isn't possible to plant trees.

It was noted that the Councillors will be visiting the Methodist Church on 27 February 2020 to look at work they have done to combat climate change. Cllr Dyer was thanked for arranging the visit.

## 4 Report on meeting with WCC Assistant Environmental Director and Highways Team Leader regarding urban tree project

Cllr Fradgley reported on her meeting. The WCC are looking at changing their policy on planting trees on roads. There may also be the possibility that money from Developers will be used for projects that promote biodiversity. If there are a series of well-defined projects money may be diverted to support them. The County will also need to know that Town Council staff can plant trees. Cllr Fradgley and Cllr Warren Howles will discuss how this agreement will work with the Town Clerk.

## 5 For information Development Requirements Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Part V: Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Consultation Document

The comments on the consultation document had been submitted to the District Council.

## 6 Any other business

Cllr Warren Howles suggested that there was an area of land in Avenue ward that could be used for wildflower planting. She also referred to a possible project near Thomas Jolyffe School, although Councillors agreed that discussions would need to take place with the school about this. Projects on bee keeping and promoting hedgehogs were also suggested.

6 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 April at 6.00pm in the Town Council.

*The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.*

## **APPENDIX ONE**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY PANEL MEETING ACTION LIST**

<b>Detail of action</b>	<b>Assigned to Councillor</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Make contact with Warwickshire Wildlife Project/Peter Wharton re co-opted members	Cllr Lee/Curtis	Update on progress at next meeting on 1 April 2020
Continue mapping project work – ward maps for green spaces	Cllr Lee	Ongoing
Contact County Council for the GIS form for mapping green spaces project	Cllr Fradgley	Before next meeting
Send a map of the proposed Bishopton orchard to Cllr Lee	Cllr Warren Howles	Before next meeting
Update on option of undertaking project to plant trees on the slope of land by train station and Arden quarter	Cllr Curtis	Update at next meeting on 1 April 2020
Cllr Curtis agreed to look at his database for possible grant opportunities	Cllr Curtis	Ongoing
Continue review of energy usage at Town Hall	Cllr Lee	Ongoing
Cllr Fradgley and Cllr Warren Howles to meet with the Town Clerk re agreement between County and STC re tree planting.	Cllr Fradgley & Cllr Warren Howles	Before next meeting