

STRATFORD- UPON- AVON TOWN COUNCIL
CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY REMOTE MEETING

8 April 2020

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Present:

Councillors:

Coles	J Fradgley
Curtis	C Warren Howles
Cleeve	
Dyer	

Clerk: J Mayes

Apologies: Cllr Lee

1 Approval of Notes from Meeting held on 26 February 2020

Noted.

2 Urban Tree Planting Project

a. Update on Chair's conversation with Gavin Callard, WCC

Cllr Fradgley gave an update on her recent meeting to discuss tree planting plans with Mr Callard at Warwickshire County Council. She explained that he was keen on the plans. If trees are to be planted in the pavement Warwickshire County Council employs Balfour Beattie to dig the holes for the trees and repair the pavement afterwards. The cost of this is £800. Warwickshire County Council charge £200 per tree with a protective cage. The cost of one tree would therefore be £1000.

Cllr Fradgley suggested that asking local residents to make a financial contribution for trees may be an option for raising the money to fund tree planting. This has worked well on previous projects, for example the trees planted on the Evesham Road. There was a discussion about whether there could be any flexibility on the cost from WCC if a number of trees were planted. In areas where trees might be planted where there are no pavements the cost would be £200 to include a protective cage. Mr Callard had highlighted that the Town Council would need to be careful on what species they planted and that he would be able to give advice on this and the planting of trees.

It was suggested that residents who have made a financial contribution to a tree being planted in their street are more likely to be active in maintaining the tree.

Cllr Fradgley agreed to make contact with the resident in College Street who is keen to see trees planted there. If the resident is still interested, a letter from the Town Hall could be circulated to local residents inviting them to make contact via email if they are interested in being part of the scheme. Cllr Curtis offered to circulate letters to residents outlining the project. Councillors noted that they would not be able to meet with residents to discuss the project until the COVID 19 crisis has passed.

Cllr Fradgley explained that the tree mapping project had been delayed because of the Covid 19 crisis.

b. Review of Tree Planting Policy Document

Cllr Warren Howles gave an overview of the tree planting policy document she had drafted. Cllr Lee had given some comments on the first draft. She highlighted that she had not covered topics such as vandalism, pruning, and wildlife benefits. Cllr Warren Howles agreed to add these to the document for consideration and recirculate to Councillors for further comments. Once comments have been received the document will be passed to the Town Clerk as a draft document to negotiate with.

c. Insurance advice re tree planting

Cllr Fradgley noted that Mr Callard had told her that WCC take responsibility for trees planted near the highway.

4 Report on meeting at Methodist church held on 27 February 2020

Councillors noted that the meeting at the Methodist church had been very informative and had generated lots of ideas. They agreed that the collection of data is crucial to inform them on reducing carbon footprint of Town Hall. Councillors agreed that further work on this should be deferred until after the COVID 19 crisis.

5 Review of Town Hall Terms of Letting and General Purposes Committee Terms of Reference Documents.

The Clerk reported that the Town Clerk had asked her to amend the two documents and circulate to the climate change emergency group for consideration. It was noted that point 30.3 should include term biodegradable. The General Purposes Committee Terms of Reference Document has been amended to include a paragraph on sustainability. Councillors were happy with the statement but agreed that more detail was needed on how it would be measured. It was suggested that should investigate what criteria other Councils use. Cllr Coles offered to look at criteria used by Totnes Council.

6 Any other business

There was no other business to report.

Councillors agreed that no further meeting would be arranged and any matters relating to climate change would be passed to the main Town Council meetings being held on Tuesday evenings during the COVID 19 outbreak.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

APPENDIX ONE

CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY PANEL MEETING ACTION LIST

Detail of action	Assigned to Councillor	Due date
Make telephone/email contact with College Street resident interested in planting trees on street	Cllr Fradgley	
Add additional details to Tree Planting Policy document concerning vandalism, pruning. Recirculate to rest of committee for comment.	Cllr Warren Howles	
Amend Terms of Hire Document and forward to Town Clerk with General Purposes document	Clerk – J Mayes	
What criteria do other Councils use for measuring reduction of carbon footprint? Find information.	Cllr Coles	