

## ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a VIRTUAL meeting (GoToMeeting ID: 387-007-301) of the CLIMATE ACTION SUB COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held on Thursday 29 April 2021 at 11.00am.

PRESENT Cllr    Rose Allwork                      Karen Hunt  
                         Ian Bark                                  Dave Rickard  
                         Kelvin Clayton

ALSO PRESENT: Will Austin (Town Clerk), Daryl Chambers (Town Surveyor), David Dixon (Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer),

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No issues were raised at the Public Forum.

### **60. APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **62. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting of the committee held on 25 March 2021 be agreed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest practicable opportunity.

### **63. FUEL POVERTY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Consideration was given to a report, ENCL: 3610.

The Chair introduced a follow up on the discussion at the previous meeting regarding healthy homes, and a summary note ENCL: 3610 that set out possible objectives, targets, actions and partners for a project to support people in improving energy efficiency in homes.

Members considered:

- Potential project partners, including Healthy Homes Dorset as a possible lead;
- The need for promotional work and funding;
- Liaison with Dorset Council Planning to address the issue of restrictions on changes to listed buildings, including by influencing policy in the new Local Plan;
- Collating information on homes requiring improvement;
- The use of pilot projects to show what could be achieved;
- The main aim of educating and advising residents, and linking them with local suppliers; The need for an action plan;

- The adoption of a Town Council planning policy in favour of changes to listed buildings that support energy conservation;
- The means and resourcing of capacity to deliver educational/promotional aspects;
- The need to engage landlords;
- A need to ensure that information about suppliers is not regarded as a Town Council recommendation;
- The development of a 'green kite mark' that could be launched at the Bridport Business Awards event; and
- The need for an action plan with a targeted approach.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman and the Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer liaise to develop a draft action plan for the next meeting.

#### **64. ENERGY CONSERVATION - MOUNTFIELD**

The Town Surveyor reported that the main energy conservation issue at Mountfield was the windows. Quotes for replacement had been requested and a high cost was anticipated, particularly for rooms with very large windows such as the Marriage Room. He recommended that members consider a ten-year window replacement programme, to install double glazed units. This would be incorporated into the main property maintenance plan and funded from that budget. This would enable the sub committee to focus its climate emergency funding on other exemplar projects such as the Old Dairy site.

Members considered the Town Surveyor's report, including:

- The benefits of an exemplar project as a promotional tool for climate-related measures;
- The need to ensure that funds were available within the maintenance budget for a window replacement programme;
- The need to take the needs of the Registrar into account in planning works in the Marriage Room; and
- The use of an improvement programme as a positive example of how to approach an expensive energy reduction measure.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Town Surveyor be noted and that he should proceed with plans to implement a ten-year window replacement programme at Mountfield.

#### **65. COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES ON OTHER ISSUES**

No communications or updates were reported.

#### **66. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: that the next sub committee meeting will take place on Thursday 27 May 2021 at 11.00am.

The meeting closed at 11.56am.