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Climate Working Group

Notes of the Meeting of Monday 3rd December 2020 via the Zoom Videoconferencing platform.

In Attendance: Cllr Nigel Turner, Cllr Barbara Morris, Cllr Derrick Haley, Cllr Sarah Cornell.

1. Apologies: Belated apologies were received from Cllr. Hay
2. Election of chairman
 This is the last meeting as a working party as the group has now been ratified as a formal committee. It was decided to elect a chairman as required by the terms of reference. Nigel Turner was nominated and elected unanimously.
3. Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests
 - a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – there were none received
 - b) To receive requests for dispensations – there were none received
4. To consider and approve the notes of the previous meeting of 5th October 2020 - these were approved.
5. To consider the following matters:
 Review of action points from the above notes.
 - a) Card Drop
 The cards were now printed. Following discussion, it was decided to aim to distribute cards to all members of the community by the end of December.
 Some members of the Thurston Youth council have indicated their willingness to help with a card drop. Nigel agreed to follow this up at the next meeting of the YC. It was agreed that Nigel would seek to allocate areas of the village to each Cllr and other willing volunteers and liaise again with the committee before beginning the drop.
 - b) Recycling Centre
 It was hoped that there would be an update on the decision of the New Green Trustees regarding the use of the New Green car park for this. As this was not forthcoming Nigel agreed to investigate and update the committee.
 - c) Parish Council Website
 There was a discussion regarding what the committee would like to include in the revamped website. Initial ideas included opening with the “10 easy ways” to reinforce these actions with the community. To have a fortnightly focus on aspects of caring for the environment, together with actions villagers could take. Initially these are to be drawn from the 10 things.
 Establish a forum so that the community can contribute their ideas etc.

As approved at the meeting of 14.01.2021

d) Parish Magazine

A monthly item to be included in the Parish magazine. The main aim of this is to reinforce the message of the website and reach those who may not access the online material. The Fortnightly focus to be repeated here and a forum approach encouraged. Cllr Cornell and Cllr Turner agreed to provide the written material for this. All items to be approved by the Committee and Parish Clerk before being submitted.

e) Climate Awareness Week.

A paper outlining the 2020 plans for a climate awareness week had been circulated. It was agreed that it would be desirable to hold this in 2021 in largely the same format. Setting a date to hold the week was more difficult because of uncertainty regarding the pandemic situation. It was agreed that provisional planning should take place, but a date should not be set until we have greater clarity regarding the lifting of restrictions.

6. To consider further matters coming forth

a) Cycle rack at the Coop Thurston.

No further action has so far been taken on this. Cllr Haley suggested that community Coop might be a good place to start the process. Cllr Turner agreed to investigate and report back to the committee.

b) Funding - Reference was made to the following from the Terms of reference for the committee:

“Identify and explore support from Central and Local Government in terms of funding, additional powers and policy changes which are needed to achieve climate and ecological objectives”

It was agreed that the issue of funding should be explored on a project-by-project basis with an appropriate business plan/bid. Appropriate sources of funding to be identified at the time of planning the project.

7. Date of the next meeting: The date for the next meeting was set at 7pm on Tuesday 5th of January 2021 via Zoom (*post meeting note – to be rescheduled*).

8. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:45pm.