



BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Decarbonisation and Environment Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday 22 August 2024 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT:	East Ward:	Councillor J McKenzie Councillor J Gubb
	North Ward:	Councillor J Gordon (Chairman) Councillor K Hind
	South Ward	Councillor R Clarke

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Swan (Town Clerk)

9. **ELECTION OF A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Clarke was proposed by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Gubb.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Clarke is appointed as Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the coming year.

(Vote: For: 5, Against: 0, Abstention 0)

10. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor J Craigie

11. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

12. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

No members of the public present.

13. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2th July 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Gubb and seconded by Councillor Hind.

(Vote: For: 5, Against: 0, Abstention 0)

14. **WILD SEEDING**

To discuss and resolve upon making a recommendation to full council to allocate some spaces to wild seeding.

Councillor Gordon explained the benefits of not cutting areas which will reduce Co2 emissions from rotting grass and increases in bio-diversity.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Gubb and

RESOLVED: That the rewilding of the proposed site be actioned where possible.

(Vote – For 5, Against: 0, Abstention 0).

15. **CARBON AUDIT**

To discuss and resolve upon making a recommendation to full council to inquire into having a carbon audit carried out on BTC operations.

Councillor Clarke explained she could not support the audit as the cost was too prohibitive and funding this year was not available and we were already doing as much as possible operationally with the purchase of the electric tools.

Councillor Hinds suggested reviewing Torridge District Councils recent audit and select the relevant items applicable to the Town Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor McKenzie and

RESOLVED: That the audit was not procured but the creation of an internal action plan would be undertaken by Councillor Gordon.

(Vote – For 5, Against: 0, Abstention 0).

16. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be held on 3 October 2024.

The Chairman thanked the Members for their attendance and support. He concluded the Meeting at 18:47.

Signature of Town Mayor:..... Date:.....

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