



## NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth

**on Tuesday 2 July 2019**

Present	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Chair for the meeting) Cllr Mike Kelly Cllr Emma Bonner Cllr Sue Reed
Minutes	Katherine Kearns (Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr Angela Norman, Cllr Robert Maitland
Also present	NCAT representatives and residents

	Action
<p><b>Election of Environment committee chair</b>            There being only two other members of the committee present, it was agreed to defer the election of the Environment committee chair until the next meeting. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth was elected as chair for the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Applications for Dispensations</b>            None.</p>	
<p><b>To consider NTC declaring a climate emergency for the town</b>            NCAT members were invited to speak on the paper which had previously been circulated. Members detailed the pressure on the world to avert climate change. NCAT have been working to give Nailsworth residents practical solutions to the emergency. Food production, water availability and unpredictable weather are already affected. By declaring an emergency this recognises the immediate and real threat to Nailsworth.</p> <p>This year parliament has declared a climate emergency. SDC and many other councils of all sizes have done so too and this is an international movement.</p> <p>NCAT stated that bodies in authority can be a power for community action if paired with a practical action plan. NTC is asked to take the following action;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- declare a climate emergency and tell residents it has done so</li> <li>- pledge NTC will play its part in SDC's 2030 carbon neutral goal</li> <li>- liaise with SDC to request government makes the 2030 target possible</li> <li>- sign up to the covenant of Mayors</li> <li>- take motion to the Market Towns Forum</li> <li>- develop an action plan for Nailsworth</li> </ul> <p>There was a discussion about what the declaration means for Nailsworth and what part NTC can play. SDC is currently drafting details of their plan with areas of action to be backed up by concrete actions. As a council NTC will need to work closely with NCAT to build an action plan. NCAT have a network of people with different areas of expertise, for example community energy, anaerobic digestion, retrofitting homes.</p>	



NCAT have developed a pledge sheet and have had a positive response from the public; these are recorded on NCAT's website. There is a very strong desire from NTC to join with SDC and add weight and support; it's through organisation in the community that the community will be made stronger. NTC can help, support and lead.

The Clerk was requested to work with NCAT to put together a ten point plan of actions that are within the council's remit, as a starting point for the end of July NTC meeting. It was further suggested that a ten point list for individuals be drawn up.

It was noted that although it is an enormous task, in the past NTC has supported movements such as Fairtrade with success. Action on the climate emergency fits with the Town Action Plan Vision 6: a town which values and protects the environment.

It was **recommended** to agree to all points;

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency'.
2. Pledge that Nailsworth will play its part in achieving the 2030 carbon neutral goal set by SDC, aligned to their Plan of Action.
3. Liaise with SDC to make a request to Government to establish the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible.
4. Sign up to the Covenant of Mayors.
5. Take a motion to the Market Towns Forum asking it and its Councils to declare a Climate Emergency.
6. Develop a plan for Nailsworth to engage with local people, businesses and other stakeholders in order to develop a plan of action, and periodically to report back to council on progress.

within the context of vision 6 of the Town Action Plan.

**Clerk**

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