

NOTES of the Meeting of the SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTWORKING GROUP held on Tuesday 10th November, 2020 at 5.00pm conducted remotely via Zoom.

PRESENT

Councillors Ms L Crawford, J Ellis and Mrs U Mann
Councillors A Hutton, Mrs G Parker (ex-officio)
Councillor Mrs A Johnson (Mayor)
Councillor B Smith (Ward Member)

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk, Assistant to the Town Clerk

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited for the election of Chairman of the Working Group for the remainder of the 2020-21 Civic Year.

A nomination, duly seconded, was received in respect of Councillor Ms L Crawford. On being put to the vote it was:

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Ms Crawford be appointed Chairman of the Working Party for the remainder of the Civic year

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited for election of Vice-Chairman of the Working Group for the remainder of the 2020-21 Civic Year.

Following a withdrawn nomination a nomination, duly seconded, was received in respect of Councillor Mrs U Mann. On being put to the vote it was:

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Mrs U Mann be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Working Party for the remainder of the Civic year

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence, all Members of the Working Party were in attendance.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

5. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Notes of the Meeting of Sustainability and Environment Working Group held on Tuesday 28th January, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

ITEMS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION ONLY

6. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

The Working Group proceeded to discuss a range of matters, including activities prior/subsequent to Coronavirus and future activities, amongst others:

- Work undertaken with students of the College;
- Community engagement;
- How initiatives being undertaken in the community could be communicated within and between groups including the possibility of a 'virtual' gathering for groups to share ideas, the Chairman undertook to liaise regarding arrangements;
- Availability of various offers promoting private use of solar panels;
- The potential for West Devon Borough Council's new Head of Placemaking, Sarah Gibson to address the group at a future meeting which was welcomed - the Chairman undertook to liaise regarding arrangements;
- Work undertaken by a local group focussing on travel, the upcoming Brake road safety campaign and other county wide safety initiatives;
- Options for communicating council business to elected Members, the possibility of a trial group, traditional and/or new technologies, emergent options and the importance attached to any arrangements not excluding potential candidates for office so as to maintain a diverse and accessible democratic base;
- Emerging community transport infrastructure initiatives that could be developed by the responsible (Highway and Local Planning) authorities and funded via S106 (or equivalent) monies, and the benefits and drawbacks of pedestrianisation;
- The importance to future transport initiatives encouraging non carbon reliant forms of public transport;
- The adverse and sometimes unacceptable impacts of current battery based technologies both on the environment and exploited communities/peoples which were not currently

reflected in audits of their relative value when compared to traditional technologies.

The Meeting closed at 6.03pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

CHAIRMAN