



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

held on Monday 16th September 2019 at 6.30 pm in
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, St, Kington.

PRESENT	In attendance
Cllr. J. Dennis	
Cllr. E. Banks	Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. J. Cooke	Liz Kelso - Clerk
Cllr. P. Edwards	
Cllr. R. Griffiths	1 member of the public
Cllr. R. Widdowson	

Agenda item

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| Env 031.19 | 1. | APOLOGIES
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. T. Bounds, M. Fitton, R. MacCurrach and P. Prior |
| Env 032.19 | 2 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation. |
| Env 033.19 | 3. | MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2019
The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th July, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed and the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. |
| Env 034.19 | 4 | REPORT FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING PARTY
The report of the Climate Emergency Working Party presented their draft report. A number of amendments to the wording were discussed with a view to presenting the report to Full Council. After due consideration, it was agreed that subject to the agreed amendments, that the report be submitted to Full Council for approval at the October meeting. |

It was further agreed that, subject to approval of the report by full council, that the working party continues to work towards adoption of the proposals contained within the report. To that end, it was noted that the terms of reference of the working party should be reviewed to support collaborative working with outside agencies in drawing up any further report and/or action plan.

- Env 035.19** **5** **ETHICAL AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY**
The Climate Change working party presented a revised Ethical and Environment Policy consistent with the aims within the report submitted under agenda item 4. Noting some reservations on proposed conditions for groups awarded grants by the Town Council, it was agreed to defer this agenda item to the next meeting.
- Env 036.19** **5** **STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
- 1) Health & Safety**
There was nothing to report under this agenda item.
 - 2) Town Centre**
There was nothing to report under this agenda item.
 - 3) Kington in Bloom**
It was noted that the working party had met but following the resignation of Cllr. Wood-Johnson there had been no further meetings. It was agreed that arrangements for Kington in Bloom be reviewed for next year.
 - 4) Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this agenda item although noted that the AGM of the Allotment Society will be held in the next week.
 - 5) Recycling**
It was noted that the recycling centre continues to perform well. It was agreed arrange a visit to the sorting centre.
 - 6) Churchyard**
 - It was noted that the working party set up to review options on tree management had not yet met
 - It was noted that the contract for cutting the grass in the churchyard is due for renewal. The Clerk will draft a specification for consideration at the next meeting.
 - 7) Community Energy**
There was nothing further to report on this agenda item.
 - 8) Economic Development**
Members noted Leominster is to receive grant funding to develop the High Street. It is not clear whether this was as a result of a Herefordshire Council initiative or directly applied for by Leominster but members expressed disappointment that Herefordshire Council again appear to be supporting the larger market towns rather than Kington
 - 9) Footpaths Scheme**
It was noted that the Walking Hub group have been working on footpaths in the immediate area and are working with the Community Payback team in some areas.
 - 10) War Memorial**
There was nothing further to report on this agenda item.

11) Quarry Liaison

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

12) Trees

There was nothing further to report on this agenda item although members noted that the current tree warden has indicated that he would like to step down from the role. It was agreed that this be an agenda item for the next meeting.

13) KLEEN

Members noted that the car sharing scheme has been temporarily suspended as the vehicle is no longer cost effective to run. Funding is being sought to purchase an electric vehicle

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6. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will take place on Monday 18th November at 6.15pm in the Old Police Station or on completion of the planning committee, whichever is later.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm

Signed

Chair of Environment Committee

Date