

**HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL**  
**CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Councillors Powell, Milln, Hornsey and Owens

**Attending:** Steve Kerry, Town Clerk

**CBD2021/22.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Boulter, Oliver, Toynbee and Tyler. In the absence of Councillor Toynbee, the Vice Chair Councillor Powell, chaired the meeting.

**CBD2021/22.14 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**

None.

**CBD2021/22.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CBD2021/22.16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was proposed by Councillor Owens, seconded by Councillor Milln and unanimously

**RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and the notes of the informal discussion of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 be agreed as an accurate record, and that the minutes be signed accordingly by the Vice Chair.**

**CBD2021/22.17 AWARDS**

The Clerk presented the report of the Administration and Events Manager. Members were keen on the idea of using the River Carnival as the platform for an awards ceremony of some sort, noting that it would provide a ready-made event to attach the awards to and greatly reduce the workload and cost of publicising and providing a specific event as well as being likely to increase attendance and interest.

The discussion revolved around the number and nature of the awards. Proposals were considered for up to five awards, or as few as two. It was noted as important that small projects and those of individuals stood a chance of recognition as well as those of companies or organisations with substantial resources. Involvement of schools was key, and although there would be no exclusion of secondary schools it was felt that primary schools were likely to take this up more keenly but the special schools also did a lot of environmental projects and they, and any secondary school that wanted to be involved, should be encouraged. Use of space as an award category was mentioned which could include things like individual or small scale projects reclaiming wasted ground for developing habitat.

The meeting moved towards a resolution of three awards with a first prize of £200 and a second prize of £100. This would spend £900 of the £1,000 allocated to the awards. The remaining £100 could be used to distribute garden vouchers of relatively low value among all those who had submitted a proposal for consideration so that everyone had something to gain from taking part in the initiative and would be encouraged to do so again, even if they didn't win.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Owens, seconded by Councillor Hornsey and unanimously

**RESOLVED**

**That the Administration and Events Manager proceeds with the possibility of including some environmental awards at a prize giving at the River Carnival in May 2022 (as part of an overall awards presentation to be discussed with Community Development Committee).**

**That the Committee agrees to allocate £1,000 from their £10,000 project budget to fund these specific environmental awards.**

**That there be three environmental awards – best use of space, best community environmental project and best school environmental project.**

**CBD2021/22.18PRIORITISING PROJECTS**

Noting the small number of members present it was agreed to hold this item over until the next meeting, but in the meantime to ask all members of the Committee to put forward ideas for projects by emailing the whole committee. Projects would not be discussed in detail by email but this would enable members to look into possibilities and have a fully informed discussion in November.

**CBD2021/22.19HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL CLIMATE AND NATURE GRANT SCHEME**

Again noting the small number of members present, and the fact that the date for submission of applications for grants is after the next meeting, it was agreed to hold this item over so that any projects being considered could also be assessed to see if they might attract external funding as an addition to the resources already identified in the Committee budget. It was noted that works to improve access to Holmer allotment might be a suitable basis for an application, depending on the details of the grant award criteria.

**CBD2021/22.20DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm at the Town Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.27 pm

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Date .....