

**HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL**

**CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE 22 November 2022**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Councillor Rob Owens (Chair), and Councillors Kevin Tillett and Cat Hornsey

**Attending:** Steve Kerry Town Clerk

**CBD2022/23.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were noted from Councillors Milln, Oliver, Powell and Toynbee.

**CBD2022/23.18 SUBSTITUTIONS**

Noted that Councillor Tillett was substituting for Councillor Powell. The Chair thanked Cllr Tillett for attending as the meeting had therefore reached a quorum.

**CBD2022/23.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CBD2022/23.20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Councillor Hornsey, seconded by Councillor Owens and (with one abstention)

**RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chair.**

**CBD2022/23.21 AWARDS TO SCHOOLS**

The Clerk reported on the email to all members asking for entries for the awards to schools for environmental projects. These could be strictly educational projects or ones which affected the natural environment, or a mixture of both. The invitation was to members to contact all the schools in their wards and there were three categories, primary, secondary and special schools. As a result, three proposals had been received, all from primary schools. The Clerk therefore suggested that the Committee reconsider the scope of the awards and used this as an opportunity to recognise achievements but also to build awareness of the awards in future years. The budget was for £1,500 for the awards and therefore, if the Committee were so minded, it would be possible to give awards to all the projects submitted.

Proposals had been received from members for awards to St. Martin's, St. James's and Riverside primary schools. The schools were to be commended for their efforts.

It was proposed by Councillor Tillett, seconded by Councillor Hornsey and unanimously

**RESOLVED That Riverside, St. James's and St. Martin's Primary Schools each receive an award of £500-00 to be made immediately and that all the schools be invited to meet the Mayor in the Parlour or to receive a mayoral visit to receive a commendation certificate at a later date.**

**CDB2022/23.22 HEREFORDSHIRE BUSINESS AWARDS**

The Clerk reported that the City Council had been approached to see if the City wished to sponsor one of the award categories. There was a category for Eco-Friendly Business of the Year. Although these awards went beyond the City, this was permissible under the power of general competence and would raise the profile of the City Council as taking a leading role in promoting environmental awareness, even if the award went outside the City.

It was agreed that this would be a one-off exercise to be reviewed next year and that there would be a strong preference to awarding to a business either based in, or at least with strong connections to, the City.

It was proposed by Councillor Hornsey, seconded by Councillor Tillett and unanimously

**RESOLVED That the City Council sponsors the Eco-Friendly Business of the Year award within the Herefordshire Business Awards for one year and reviews the success of the initiative before deciding whether to continue with the sponsorship.**

**CDB2022/23.23 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Foodshare, noted that 60% of lowest income families struggle to buy fresh produce. After some discussion it was agreed that this issue, and that of collaboration with the Food Bank and Allotments Society comes into the remit of Community Development Committee.

Citizen Scientist Project – noted that this does not at this stage appear to need any funding. The group would be invited to present their work and conclusions to the February meeting of this committee.

**CBD2022/23.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 7 February 2022 at 6 pm

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Signed .....

Date .....