

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE 7 FEBRUARY 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present Councillor Dan Powell (Chair) and Councillors Rob Owens, Diana Toynbee, Cat Hornsey and Jeremy Milln

Attending Steve Kerry, Town Clerk

CBD2022/23.25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Councillor Oliver.

CBD2022/23.26 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

CBD2022/23.27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CBD2022/23.28 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Hornsey, seconded by Councillor Owens and by majority, with two abstentions, it was

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of 22 November 2022 be agreed as an accurate record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

CBD2022/23.29 COMMUNITY AWARDS

It was noted that this was not possible given the declaration of the period before elections which precludes awards being given out by Councillors as this might be seen as an attempt to influence the election outcome. After discussion, it was agreed to look into the possibility of putting some promotional material on the big screen at the Hereford Happening and to look to make awards decisions in January next year, reflecting the work done in local schools over the previous calendar year.

CBD2022/23.30 QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

It was noted that the title Queen's Green Canopy can continue to be used for the time being, until the event is formally closed in April prior to the Coronation. A map was reviewed which showed where the registered participants are. It was noted that there have been many more plantings than have been registered, and schools could be reminded by ward members to complete the registration to give a fuller picture. The Coronation logo can be used for commemorative events such as tree plantings and the enthusiasm of the King for trees is well known, so it would be a very appropriate way to provide a permanent commemoration of the event.

CBD2022/23.31 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COUNCIL

Members discussed the process by which the Council could obtain Investors in the Environment accreditation which requires defining goals and achieving them. It was agreed that the Clerk will investigate further and report to the next meeting on the possibility of the

Council achieving this accreditation, and what further work might need to be done if there are gaps in our evidence or performance.

CBD2022/23.32 HEREFORD FOOD CHARTER

After confirmation of the efficacy of the charter it was

Proposed by Councillor Owens, seconded by Councillor Powell and unanimously

RESOLVED That the Committee recommends that Council considers adopting the Charter at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Council in May.

CBD2022/23.33 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Investors in the Environment

Hereford Cup

Solar powered public lighting in Saxon Gate

CBD2022.23.34 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members discussed holding the meetings on Thursdays as an alternative to Tuesdays provided it does not clash with Planning Committee. This will be resolved at the first meeting of the new committee after the elections.

Next meeting Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 6 pm

Signed

Date