



## HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE 18 JUNE 2024

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present:** Councillors Jeremy Milln, Rob Owens (Chair), Ben Proctor (Vice Chair), Sam Potts (substitute for Alex Griffiths).

**Attending:** Dave Tristram External Funding and Community Support Officer (Clerk of Meeting)

#### **CBD2024/25.01 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

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

**RESOLVED That Councillor Owens be elected Chair of Climate and Biodiversity Committee for 2024/25.**

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

**RESOLVED That Councillor Proctor be elected Vice Chair of Climate and Biodiversity Committee for 2024/25.**

#### **CBD2024/25.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were noted from Councillors Toynbee, Griffiths and Carwardine.

#### **CBD2024/25.03 SUBSTITUTIONS**

Councillor Potts substituted for Councillor Griffiths (duration of meeting).

#### **CBD2024/25.04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Proctor, Milln and Owens declared non-pecuniary interests in Item 16 - Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's revised application, as members of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

#### **CBD2024/25.05 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councillor Toynbee notified the Committee that under Item **CBD2024/25.08** Appendix 3, The Great Collaboration was not, as originally noted, a one-off event, but 'an ongoing, and very active local organisation'. The minutes were duly changed to reflect this. There were no other alterations.

It was proposed Councillors Proctor, seconded by Councillors Milln and with one abstention

**RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of 16 April 2024 be accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chair.**

**CBD2024/25.06 GRANT APPLICATION VARIATION – HEREFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST YAZOR BROOK RESTORATION PROJECT**

A request had been received from HWT to consider varying the spend of the £4,717.56 grant awarded at the previous meeting. The original application had included a request for part of the monies awarded to be spent on the cost of leasing a storage container for tools for the duration of the grant. It was requested that this be withdrawn, and the monies spent instead on an interpretation board for the public, plus some seeds and trees for planting at the site.

It was proposed by Councillors Proctor, seconded by Councillors Milln and unanimously

**RESOLVED That the spend of the grant awarded to Herefordshire Wildlife Trust for the Yazor Brook project of £4,717.56 be varied to allow the purchase of an interpretation board for the public, plus some seeds and trees for planting at the site.**

**CBD2024/25.07 PROMOTION OF CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY GRANTS AVAILABLE**

It was generally agreed that there needs to be specific promotion of Climate and Biodiversity Grants going forward, both to increase awareness and to encourage applications from relevant organisations and community groups.

It was

**AGREED That the grants policy be amended to reflect priorities agreed by Committee. Officers to work together on publicity measures.**

**CDB2024/25.08 HCC CARBON FOOTPRINTING**

This matter has not been progressed. The Chair and Vice will discuss with the Town Clerk.

**CBD2024/25.09 HEREFORDSHIRE BUSINESS AWARDS**

The Chair and Vice had agreed with the Town Clerk to sponsor this award for a further year.

This item will also be included for consideration in the business plan discussions.

**CBD2024/25.10 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that to some extent this list will be defined by HCC's emerging Business Plan. Prior to these discussions, the immediate list is as follows:

- Update on Climate and Biodiversity Grant launch
- Items on previous minutes (see minutes of previous meeting)
- Update on Climate and Carbon Footprinting discussions
- Bartonsham Meadows – David Hutton of HWT to be invited to speak at next Climate and Biodiversity Committee about this project, which has just received a sizable National Heritage Fund Grant. (DT to contact).
- Rural Councils agreement and implementation around nominated pieces of land being mowed at particular times – is it possible for HCC to do this? Cllr Proctor/DT to investigate and report back at next meeting.

**CBD2024/25.11      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To confirm the date of the next meeting on Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 6 pm.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at approx. 7.02pm

Signed .....

Date .....