## <u>DOWNHAM MARKET ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY GROUP</u> RECORD OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 5:30PM

Those in attendance at the meeting were notified of the emergency evacuation procedure from the Town Council Offices. Members were reminded that they should have their mobile telephones turned off or switched onto silent mode.

	Present:	ACTION
	Chair – Cllr Pickering	
	Councillors – Brighty, Daymond, Groom, Hendry, Soehnle	
	Westrop and Woodmin	
	Town Clerk Mrs E Oliver	
	Cllr Shippey was not present	
	Cili Shippey was not present	
1	To receive apologies for absence	
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	Cllr Hayes (holiday), gave her apologies. These were	
	accepted.	
	To we asked weather of maximum street	
2	To receive notice of resignation  Clir Dyatt has resigned as he cannot make 5.20 meetings	
	Cllr Pyatt has resigned as he cannot make 5.30 meetings.	
3	To agree the notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 03	
	December 2019	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2019 were duly	
	approved	
4	To agree the notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 07	
-	January 2019	
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	The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020 were duly	
	approved	
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5	To receive updates from agreed actions at last meeting	
	Solar Panels – Cllr Daymond	Contacted 2 communication to
		Confacted 3 companies waiting to 1
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	Food Waste – Cllr Pickering	meet them at the Town Hall  Has talked to Hubbub who are
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Coffee Cup Waste Reduction – Cllr Pyatt

Tree Cover - Cllr Hayes

Town Recycling Bins – Cllr Hayes

sink.

One of Ely's Community Cafés is for visitors with dogs.
He will report back to the next meeting

As Cllr Pyatt is no longer on the committee, Cllr Woodmin will encourage the traders she visits, when promoting the Refill scheme, to use reusable cups.

The Clerk and Mayor had spoken to BCKLWN about replacement trees. They will take a list of other areas that may be suitable for planting trees to the meeting with Cllr Long.

Places identified as trees have been removed were as follows 54 @ Clackclose Park

6 @ London Road and Nightingale Road

Land near Hamilton Drive where there is a big open space with just one tree on it.

Cllr Soehnle will send a list of places identified on his presentation

The Clerk reported that the Mayor had asked Cllr Long about provision of recycling bins in the town. This is something that BCKLWN have looked at, but it is not commercially viable.

The other issue was food waste

bins for offices such as ours, again this is not commercially viable and would mean taking large amounts of waste away from restaurants. Cllr Westrop reported that BCKLWN turned down a feasibility study as they don't like incinerators. It appears the anti-incineration campaign in KL has made the BC nervous about incinerators. Cllr Woodmin felt we should also ask for a comment on incinerators from Richard Burton

	Influencing Residents / Press Release – Elaine Oliver	The YLP newsletter which will start soon will have a DMTC "green" hint, provided by us. There will be a press release about the water Refill system. More publicity will be available when we have planned our Spring into Sustainability event in the Spring.
	Composting at Town Council Premises – Sen. Admin	C Dornan not present but is looking into this. She will follow up the Master Composter scheme that is being run by NCC. There is also a possibility of a composter at the TC offices
6	Cllr Westrop reported she had extracted the statistics for recycling in Downham Market and was horrified that the gap between non recyclables and recyclables has grown.  She is still waiting for data from BCKLWN to confirm this. She was told that the lorries record the rubbish being loaded and then it is downloaded to Kiers.  She is investigating if there is enough rubbish to power a small power station which chews up the rubbish, produces electricity that can then be sold to the grid.  There was interest shown by the Councillors to visit a plant in Peterborough to look at the new incinerator and its technique of burning.  Cllr Westrop thought there should be a briefing about incinerators as DMTC might be asked to join the anti-incineration campaign.  Cllr Woodmin thought we should also ask Richard Burton for his comments on the incineration process.	Next meeting
7	To discuss wildflower sponsorship – Cllr Woodmin Cllr Woodmin reported that she has been talking to companies about supplying wildflower seeds. They need further specifications such as the square meterage and soil types. Different seeds are required for grass as opposed to a bare bed. There was a suggestion of seed bombs but the preferred supplier that Cllr Woodmin has identified, sources from the wild and creates generations of seeds to make good stock.	
	Presentation on Wildflower Verges – Cllr Soehnle Cllr Soehnle gave a presentation on wildflower verges; a copy is held on file. (when supplied by Cllr Soehnle) Areas for planting trees and wildflower verges were identified. In this presentation. It was suggested that a subgroup be formed to look at this further Cllrs Westrop, Woodmin, Soehnle agreed to be on this.	Cllr Soehnle

	Cllr Westrop will talk to the IDB about planting.	Cllr Westrop
	It was suggested it might be a good idea to talk to the EA.	Cili Westrop
8	To discuss Men's Shed Liaison – Cllr Woodmin	
	Cllr Woodmin now has contact details and will try and contact	
	them to see if they can be of assistance	Cllr Woodmin
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9	To receive Hunstanton Climate Emergency Feedback -	
	Elaine Oliver	
	Elaine Oliver reported she had been invited to Hunstanton's	Clerk
	environment group but was unable to attend due to a DMTC	
	commitment. She will attend the next meeting and have a	
	meeting with the Clerk to see if she can gain some information	
	that will help this group.	
10	To receive Comer advice and School liaison for single use	
	plastic sculpture - Cllr Woodmin	Cllr Woodmin
	Cllr Woodmin will research this further with the idea of schools	
	getting involved.	
11	To receive an update on Swift Box discussion with Heritage	
	Centre – Sen Admin	Claire Dornan
	As Claire Dornan was absent this was deferred to next month.	
12	To discuss and agree obtaining advice and opinions from	
	external experts - Cllr Groom & Elaine Oliver	
	The Clerk reported that she was trying to arrange a meeting with	
	the Mayor and Dr Charlie Gardner  Cllr Groom reported she had circulated a paper to all committee	
	members. She felt to make an impact we needed to have a	Cllrs Groom and newly formed sub
	weekend event with a series of lectures and some side stalls	group
	Murree Groom has indicated he would be willing to give a talk	group
	and is contacting the UEA to see if anyone else would attend.	
	It was suggested that stalls could include Master Composter,	
	how to cook leftovers. It was agreed a subgroup would meet to	
	discuss this. First meeting 20.2.19 no clerk will be required.	
	It was agreed that bold clear messages are needed otherwise	
	people will switch off.	
13	To receive an update on water refill project launch - Elaine	
	Oliver	
	It was reported that Cllr Woodmin is visiting traders to explain	
	the scheme. It was felt that it would be good to launch this	
	event at the SIS (Spring into sustainability event). A grant has	
	been applied for to supply100 free environmentally friendly	
	water bottles to publicise this scheme.	
14	To discuss SLCC environment target	
	Cllr Groom reported that the carbon footprint audit is being	
	arranged and everything else will follow when we have the results of that.	
15	To discuss possible Easter environment event	
13	This had already been discussed.	
16	To agree the date for the next meeting	
'0	Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 5:30pm	
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