

DOWNHAM MARKET ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY GROUP
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.

		ACTION
	Present: Chair – Cllr Pickering Councillors – Brighty, Daymond, Groom, Hendry, Soehnle Westrop and Woodmin Town Clerk Mrs E Oliver Cllr Shippey was not present	
1	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> Cllr Hayes (holiday), gave her apologies. These were accepted.	
2	<u>To receive notice of resignation</u> Cllr Pyatt has resigned as he cannot make 5.30 meetings.	
3	<u>To agree the notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 03 December 2019</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2019 were duly approved	
4	<u>To agree the notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 07 January 2019</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020 were duly approved	
5	<u>To receive updates from agreed actions at last meeting</u> Solar Panels – Cllr Daymond Food Waste – Cllr Pickering	Contacted 3 companies waiting to meet them at the Town Hall Has talked to Hubbub who are keen for us to have a community fridge again. We would need to decide where it could go, preferably near a sink. Looking at all possibilities including the Town Hall and TCO Cllr Pickering is hoping to visit the Community cafes in Ely soon. He has spoken to them and confirmed that at least one of them has a

	<p>Influencing Residents / Press Release – Elaine Oliver</p> <p>Composting at Town Council Premises – Sen. Admin</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
6	<p><u>To discuss Landfill – Cllr Westrop</u> 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.</p>	Next meeting
7	<p><u>To discuss wildflower sponsorship – Cllr Woodmin</u> 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.</p>	
	<p><u>Presentation on Wildflower Verges – Cllr Soehnle</u> 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.</p>	Cllr Soehnle

	Cllr Westrop will talk to the IDB about planting. It was suggested it might be a good idea to talk to the EA.	Cllr Westrop
8	<u>To discuss Men's Shed Liaison – Cllr Woodmin</u> Cllr Woodmin now has contact details and will try and contact them to see if they can be of assistance	Cllr Woodmin
9	<u>To receive Hunstanton Climate Emergency Feedback – Elaine Oliver</u> Elaine Oliver reported she had been invited to Hunstanton's 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.	Clerk
10	<u>To receive Comer advice and School liaison for single use plastic sculpture – Cllr Woodmin</u> Cllr Woodmin will research this further with the idea of schools getting involved.	Cllr Woodmin
11	<u>To receive an update on Swift Box discussion with Heritage Centre – Sen Admin</u> As Claire Dornan was absent this was deferred to next month.	Claire Dornan
12	<u>To discuss and agree obtaining advice and opinions from external experts – Cllr Groom & Elaine Oliver</u> 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 weekend event with a series of lectures and some side stalls Murree Groom has indicated he would be willing to give a talk 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.	Cllrs Groom and newly formed sub group
13	<u>To receive an update on water refill project launch – Elaine Oliver</u> 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 supply 100 free environmentally friendly water bottles to publicise this scheme.	.
14	<u>To discuss SLCC environment target</u> Cllr Groom reported that the carbon footprint audit is being arranged and everything else will follow when we have the results of that.	
15	<u>To discuss possible Easter environment event</u> This had already been discussed.	
16	<u>To agree the date for the next meeting</u> Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 5:30pm	
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