

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PANEL MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

on Monday January 9th 2023 at 5.30pm in the John Edwards room

PRESENT¹:

Cllr A.MacGarry, Cllr M.Williams, Cllr J.Honeybill, Mr Andy Rowland.

APOLOGIES :

Cllr N.McCarten, Cllr J.Paige, Mr John Cantor.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk)

1/ ELECTION OF A CHAIR

Resolved at meeting 14/11/22.

2/ ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES : See list above.

3/ DECLARATION of INTERESTS :

Mr Andy Rowland in his role with Eco Dyfi is a tenant which relates to item 5.

4/ TERMS OF REFERENCE AND STATUS OF THIS COMMITTEE :

The Clerk reported that Council resolved on 28/11/22 to accept the recommendation of this Panel and the Energy Panel that the two be combined.

5/ ENERGY MATTERS :

The panel received a written report from the Clerk on progress in relation to the above. Following a brief discussion the following points were agreed by the committee and where necessary submitted to Council for approval.

- **When prices are received from an energy broker, Clerk to ensure that at least one is a green tariff and further to request some explanatory paragraph as to why the tariff is considered a green one.**
- **At the Tenants meeting on 20th of January, Interested tenants can be invited to attend the next meeting of the Panel on February 8th.**

Panel noted that there would be a Free Energy Advice Service operating from the old Taj Mahal on Wednesday afternoons from 1st of February to 26th of April.

Panel also agreed the recommendation in the report, namely.

- **That the experiment with the lights at the front of the Plas be considered a success and that the Panel recommends it become a permanent change to operating procedure.**

6/ BIO DIVERSITY POLICY

Panel resolved to

- **Commend the policy to Full Council as submitted to this meeting.**
- **Recommend to Full Council that the Clerk carry out the necessary work and complete the form to apply for Bee Friendly Town Status².**

¹ Those in bold are voting members of the Panel.

² Closing date for the application is April 28th 2023.

7/ MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

7.1 Bio Blitz

Panel resolved for the Clerk to write to the organisers thanking them for their work last year and offering support for a similar event in July 2023.

7.2 Training Courses at CAT

CAT have not yet responded to requests for information on training courses.

7.3 Climate Emergency Action Plan

Document is displayed on our website and will be given a more prominent place in the “Documents” section.

7.4 Castell Howell Foods Policy on Palm Oil

Clerk gave a verbal report on how the main supplier to the café is working on ensuring it uses palm oil only from sustainable sources.

8/ MACHYNLETH AS A PALM OIL FREE COMMUNITY:

After a discussion on this matter which had been referred to the Panel from full Council, It was resolved that Councillor A.MacGarry would write a report for a future meeting outlining actions required to make Machynlleth a Palm Oil Free Community and the consequences of such for the Council.

9/ DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

5.30pm on Wednesday 8th of February.