



Climate Change & Biodiversity Sub Committee 12th June 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
Meeting in person at the Town Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: Settle Town Councillors – Cllr White & Taylor
NYorkshire Climate Emergency Officer: Fiona Protheroe
ACE (Action on Climate Emergency) member: Ray Hill
Invited member as former Cllr: Robert Bellfield
Deputy Clerk: Katie Dugdale

Progress Meeting

1. **Election** To elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Climate Change & Biodiversity Sub Committee.
Cllr White was elected Chair of the meeting. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
2. **Apologies** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Apologies from Cllr Hubbard, Maitland, Rymer & P Taylor were noted.
3. **Code of Conduct** - Localism Act 2011 - to record any Councillor's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in relation to items on this agenda, to consider any dispensations or changes in member's register of interests. **No interests recorded.**
4. **Matters Arising from the minutes of- 22nd February 2023. It was AGREED to relook at the Bus Shelter and finalise the area where it will be sited and agree on the next steps.**
5. YDNPA sustainable development fund – to discuss applying for funding to replace lanterns with LEDs in the National Park area of Settle.
It was AGREED to recommend to the Recreation & Environment Committee & Full Council that the funding be applied for.
6. To receive a report from Fiona Protheroe NYC Climate Emergency Officer.

Fiona confirmed that a decision on whether to adopt the revised Climate Change Strategy will be taken by NYC in June, following consultation feedback. The strategy will be published after approval. NYC send out a Climate Change newsletter to local authorities and groups, Fiona agreed to forward this to STC (Settle Town Council).

7. North Yorkshire Let's Talk transport survey.

NYorks Council are redoing the local transport plan. It was AGREED that Cllr Taylor would bring the survey to the attention of the Chamber of Trade in order for them to encourage local businesses to fill out the survey.

8. No Mow May – To consider an exemption for the Cemetery.

It was AGREED to recommend to the Recreation & Environment Committee & Full Council that we continue with the No Mow May campaign but the side of the Cemetery containing the graves/headstones would be excluded from the campaign and would continue to be cut.

9. Electric car chargers on lamp posts. **It was AGREED to put this agenda item on hold.**

10. Review the Table of Actions. **The Table of Actions was updated.**

11. Correspondence

a) Utility Aid. **The information was noted. It was AGREED to contact the company for more information.**

b) Space for nature. **It was AGREED that Cllr Taylor would attend the Space for Nature event.**

12. Next Steps and Future Agenda Items - **Updated Table of Actions to be recirculated, Policy to be reviewed at the next meeting**

13. Date of next meeting. **Tuesday 12th September at 4pm.**

The meeting closed at 12:41