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Minutes of the meeting of the Corby Town Council Environment Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 5pm at Stephenson Way Community Centre, Corby.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr A Dalziel	Cllr M Reuby	Cllr Leanne Buckingham
Cllr S Goddard	Cllr R Newby	

Also present:

F Ryan	(Town Clerk)
A McDaid	(Community Engagement and Events Officer)
R Raj	(Community Engagement and Events Officer)

**249/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve apologies from Cllr C Reilly.

**250/21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATED TO BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA**

None declared

**251/21 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the last meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**252/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present

**253/21 CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS**

The agreed terms of reference adopted by Full Council include the ability to co-opt two members of the public with no voting rights. It was **RESOLVED** to advertise the vacancy on our website and social media channels for expressions of interest.

**254/21 NATURE EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following motion :



*“Corby Town Council declared a climate emergency in May 2021 and commits to take action to support the government’s pledge towards being carbon net zero by 2030. Corby Town Council recognises that biodiversity loss is every much as serious to our future survival as climate change – nature contributes much to our world, both in practical ecosystem service terms – carbon (sequestration), fresh-water management, soil management, air pollution control, shade, cooling and flood prevention, food plants, medicines – and also in terms of natural beauty affecting mental health and well-being. As biodiversity loss is as serious as climate change, this council declares a nature emergency. We will support measures to improve biodiversity, including the introduction of wild-flowering, pollinators and protection of wildlife habitats. We commit to education in our schools on the importance of nature as part of our eco-system. We pledge to work with local community groups to facilitate the widest possible engagement of residents in Corby to enhance and protect our local wildlife. “*

#### **255/21 WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

It was **RESOLVED** that bi-weekly meetings would be held with the Chair and the Community Engagement and Events officers and any other committee members in order to make recommendations to the bi-monthly meetings.

#### **256/21 PLEDGE FROM EACH MEMBER**

The following pledges were made from members :

Cllr M Reuby : To conserve water and to not purchase any more bags.

Cllr S Goddard : To cut red meat consumption and to have ‘meat-free Mondays’

Cllr Leanne Buckingham : To continue to use a moon cup and to use bees wax wraps as opposed to sellophane

Cllr R Newby : To plant more trees and to remove tree guards.

Cllr A Dalziel : To use bars of soap and to get milk delivered in glass bottles as opposed to using single use plastic containers.

#### **257/21 HELIUM USE BY CORBY TOWN COUNCIL**

It was **RESOLVED** that Corby Town Council would not use helium during any events due to the depletion of this natural resource.

#### **258/21 ALLOCATION OF BUDGET**

Cllr Dalziel reported that following a presentation to Finance Committee and subject to ratification at Full Council, the Environment Committee had been awarded the sum of £5000.00 to apply towards environmental initiatives.



### **259/21 SCHOOLS COMPETITION**

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter would be sent to schools asking for children to design a logo for the Environmental Committee with an aim for the design to be chosen by the end of the summer term and prizes awarded.

### **260/21 CLIMATE CONFERENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the item to the next meeting.

### **261/21 DATES FOR NEXT MEETING**

13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 6pm, Stephenson Way Community Centre, Corby.

Meeting Closed 17.56 pm

Signed *A Dalziel*

Date : 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022