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MINUTES
CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 24th February 7.45pm
Conference Room Haddenham Village Hall and via Zoom

Present: Cllr. Garrett, Cllr. Kidby, Cllr. Smith, Cllr Thawley, Mr D Proctor and Cllr. Truesdale

Clerk: Ms Emma Marsden

Members of the public: one

CE25 37 APOLOGIES

None as all present

CE25 38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Thawley declared an interest in Agenda Item CE25 43 as he was considering an Ambassador role for the provision of the EV Car Club.

CE25 39 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2024 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

CE25 40 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CE25 41 CLIMATE ESSENTIALS – CALCULATING CARBON FOOTPRINT

The Committee **NOTED** the report from the Carbon Essentials Software which calculated the Carbon footprint of the Parish Council for 2022/23 and 2023/24. The report was over a financial year and so will report back at the next meeting the 2024/25 figures. Due to the new buildings the Council has taken on has resulted in the overall carbon footprint increasing. It was **NOTED** that this would be the case over several years as the Council became larger, but also did show areas where the Parish Council can make significant improvements. A **NOTE** of thanks to Chris Gilbert who had undertaken a lot of work to produce these reports.

CE25 42 CARBON LITERACY STATUS

- (i) It was **NOTED** that the Deputy Clerk had completed the Carbon Literacy training and following assessment had been certified as Carbon Literate.
- (ii) By having a member of staff as Carbon Literate the Parish Council has taken the first steps to becoming a Bronze accredited Carbon Literacy Organisation. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Committee supported the decision to be become bronze accredited but needed further information on the exact costs and benefits to the

Council. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Garrett, Kidby and Thawley would also like to undertake Carbon Literacy training.

CE25 43 HADDENHAM COMMUNITY EV CAR CLUB & CHARGING POINTS

- (i) To consider proposal to work with EV Car Club Partner who provide delivered to door service.

As per declaration of interest – Agenda Item CE25-38. Cllr Thawley declared an interest in this Agenda Item as he was considering an Ambassador role. Cllr Thawley provided information when asked but did not take part in the vote

After consultation with the previous users of the EV Car club, it was concluded that hirers preferred a delivery and return service and were happy to pay extra for this service. The Deputy Clerk gave information regarding the meetings which had been conducted with Zimbl to provide a EV Car Club which had this model of usage. To do this successfully there needed to be two cars and two Ambassadors. Zimbl is based in Banbury so would need to recruit local Ambassadors to deliver and collect. It was **NOTED** that Thame Council with Oxford County Council are in public consultation regarding a Hybrid Vehicle as their EV chargers are not very visible. The Council discussed the proposal and agreed that the EV Car Club was in the Parish Council's Business Plan and the costs involved were within the Climate Emergency Committee budget. After consideration the Committee **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** to Full Council to move forward with Zimbl as their EV Car Club Partner.

- (ii) The Deputy Clerk gave information regarding a public consultation which is being undertaken by Oxfordshire County Council, to use S106 monies for a hybrid EV car club in Thame. It was discussed that whilst the two EV car offerings were different, with the close proximity to each other it would be advantageous to engage with Thame Town Council and look at any opportunities for joint promotion of the EV car club provision.
- (iii) The EV chargers at the Airfield are still awaiting the transfer of the land from Cala. More snagging issues had been identified which need to be addressed before the transfer can happen.

CE25 44 THE FOOD WE EAT, THE FOOD WE WASTE

A proposal has been submitted from Buckinghamshire team from Feedback Global to run six sessions into Haddenham Schools to talk about an SOS project on Food waste and run a competition on painting telecommunication cabinets in Haddenham. After consideration it was **RESOLVED** to move forward with the project as a great community engagement exercise.

CE25 45 LAND IMPROVEMENTS – THE GREAT HADDENHAM HEDGE

The Deputy Clerk gave information on a village wide project to engage with land owners to improve biodiversity in existing hedgerow alongside a strategic plan on planting additional hedgerow for Haddenham. This was modelled on the very successful Dorset Great Hedge Program. After discussion it was **AGREED** that this would be a great project to involve volunteer groups and land owners, but more information was needed. Principally, the appointment / advice of an ecology expert who could be consulted regarding the aims of the project and the best way to survey hedgerows. Make suggestions on improvements and what

hedges we should be planting to maximise biodiversity. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Thawley would enquire regarding a hedge project in Watlington.

CE25 46 HOME ENERGY

There was discussion on whether to run another Energy Efficient Home Fair in 2025. The last Fair wasn't as well attended as the previous year and this reflected a general downward trend of attendance at other local Home Energy Fairs. The residents who did attend were engaged in the presentations and the EEF had a high percentage of attendees who had pre-booked tickets who did attend. After discussion on different ideas, it was **AGREED** to arrange a meeting with Buckinghamshire Community Energy to discuss different options where we could assist the community in Haddenham with improvements to their homes.

CE25 47 CLIMATE COLLABORATION FORUM / BUSINESS NET ZERO FORUM

There was a lot of discussion regarding the Forums. It was **AGREED** to not progress with the Business Net Zero Forum at present but to continue with the Climate Collaboration Forum. It was acknowledged that it is quite difficult to keep the momentum of the forums to generate interest. It was **NOTED** there are elections this year and to look at the forum in June.

CE25 48 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items.

CE25 49 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- (i) The Committee **NOTED** the correspondence from Bucks Council regarding their progress in air quality and carbon footprint targets. It was **NOTED** that Bucks Council had sold a lot of their buildings which has significantly helped in their carbon reduction figures.
- (ii) The Committee **NOTED** the good news that the Great British Energy Bill has been amended to include Community energy

CE25 50 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd June 2025

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 21:16

Signed: _____
Chair

3rd February 2025