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MINUTES CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 23rd June 2025 7.30pm 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

Committee and Communications Officer: Mrs Joanna Hull

CE25 01 APOLOGIES

None as all were present

CE25 02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Thawley declared an interest in Agenda Item CE25 43 as he is an EV ambassador for Zimbl and Agenda Item CE25-09 as he works for Buckingham Community Energy.

CE25 03 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2025 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

CE25 04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation

CE25 05 CARBON LITERACY STATUS

It was **AGREED** and approved by the Chair that Cllrs Thawley, Garrett and Kidby would attend Carbon Literacy training. Cllr Thawley suggested that each committee leader should attend future courses to keep up to date with Carbon Literacy updates.

CE25 06 HADDENHAM COMMUNITY EV HIRE CAR & CHARGING POINTS

- (i) It was **NOTED** that The Haddenham EV hire car in partnership with Zimbl has made a strong start with over 30 sign ups in a 3 week period and 10 repeat bookings. With presence at the Vale Harvest, Village Fete and the Annual Parish Meeting awareness has had a steady start. Further promotion using Facebook activity has been planned and to have local coverage in the Bucks Herald and Clerk Magazine.
- (ii) It was **NOTED** no update on The EV chargers at the Airfield due to Cala not responding to correspondence on the land transfer to the Parish Council

CE25 07 THE FOOD WE EAT, THE FOOD WE WASTE

It was **AGREED** to progress with the food SOS project. There is a meeting scheduled for the 3rd July with Deputy Clerk and Cllr. Thawley to agree actions to progress with the project. Deputy Clerk gave update on the telecommunications painting project with next steps to find out which cabinets can be painted by looking at the inspection hatch (usually a concrete square in the ground close to the cabinet). Currently BT do not allow the painting of their cabinets but Virgin02 do allow community painting projects and Aylesbury Town Council had worked successfully with them.. It was discussed that a school competition would be a great way for community engagement and the winning designs could be used. It was **NOTED** that an artist may be needed to transfer the winning design onto the cabinet or work with the children.

CE25 08 LAND IMPROVEMENTS – THE GREAT HADDENHAM HEDGE

The Deputy Clerk had written to local nature groups such as BBOWT, Chiltern Rangers, CPRE regarding the Haddenham Hedge Project. A detailed proposal from an ecologist from the Wildlife Trust Consultancies (and offshoot of BBOWT) was considered. It was **AGREED** the proposal was a good start as gave excellent information on volunteer and landowner engagement and provided some indicative costs on the amount of financial investment that would be needed to launch this project. It was **AGREED** that the Council should move forward with project and the Land Working Group would research further, gather more information and approach landowners.

CE25 09 HOME ENERGY

The proposal from Buckingham Community Energy for funded Warm Home visits in Winter 2025/26 was **RESOLVED**.

CE25 10 CLIMATE COLLABORATION FORUM / BUSINESS NET ZERO FORUM

It was **AGREED** that the Climate Collaboration Forum had a successful inaugural meeting (last year) but the follow up had been disappointing as it has been difficult to get further community engagement. It was hoped that the Great Haddenham Hedge project would be a good way to ignite interest. The Business Forum had struggled to get a meeting. It was **NOTED** that businesses need a more 'tangible' project to entice them to be engaged. Once the Council has undergone more Carbon Literacy training, it was discussed that this may provide the catalyst to gain interest from the local business community.

CE25 11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

CE25 12 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

(i) The Parish Council **NOTED** the NALC consultation regarding the use of car park canopy's for solar capture for EV charging and provide shade. It was **NOTED** that in principle that this was an interesting concept and could be a good way to provide community energy. It was **AGREED** that once the Paper had been published from the Government, the Council will consider on its findings.

CE25 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th October 2025

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 21.20

Signed:	 20 th October 2025
Chair	