



Pilsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Climate Change/Biodiversity Working Group, held remotely on
Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 6.30pm

Present: Chairman: Councillor M Watts
 Councillors: SE. Altus and M. Shaw
 Apologies: Councillor R. Paradise
 Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)

CCWG/0224/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor R. Paradise

CCWG/0224/02 Terms of Reference/Frequency of Meetings

The working group (WG) considered the draft terms of reference and recommended approval be ratified by Parish Council on 4 March 2024. Section 5a) was updated to show the frequency of meetings being held every 3 months.

CCWG/0224/03 Declaration of Members interests and requests for dispensation.

None.

CCWG/0224/05 Development of Action Plan

- a) **Community Energy Fund - (CEF)** a £10m grant scheme for communities to develop energy services to benefit their local area. Example energy projects include small-scale wind farms and rooftop solar partnerships, as well as battery storage, rural heat networks, electric vehicle charging points. It can also be used to fund fuel poverty alleviation schemes such as energy efficiency, retrofit, and advice projects. Funding will be offered for a:
 - Stage 1 Feasibility Grant of up to £40,000 to produce a feasibility study to establish the technical and financial viability of a project and/or
 - Stage 2 Development Grant of up to £100,000 for a more detailed investigation of the technology, for planning applications and to develop a business case.
 The last round was 16th February 2024. Subsequent rounds will follow every three months in the financial year 2024-25.
- b) **Sustainable Drainage systems** – scheme operates in Mansfield. Cllr Altus has circulated information. The Hallgate development has implemented a SuD - a large basin/pond that will allow extra surface water to be drained away from the houses.
- c) **Draft Action** – reviewed and ideas discussed.

Actions

1. Check any commercial development for SuDs – **Full Council**
2. Look into whether a rain garden is feasible somewhere in Pilsley – **who will lead this?**
3. Community litter pick – develop proposal with residents to put to Full council – **Cllr Altus.**
4. Progress Morton Road regeneration including permeable path and considering if a wet pond is feasible – **Cllr Shaw**
5. Research schemes to promote cycling and walking – **Cllr Paradise**
6. Re-design format of Annual Parish meeting (APM) to promote community groups' initiatives and the positive impacts – **Kath Gruber**
7. co-ordinate fete and WI working together to reenergize the fete Committee – **Cllr Altus (and Cllr Stone)**
8. Strengthen links with Allotment Association to identify opportunities to ideas that bring the community together, for example, information on planting and gardening schedules; community allotment; pop-up shops selling surplus crops – **who will lead on this?**

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CCWG/0224/13 Next Meeting (s)

Kath Gruber to:

- arrange meeting with DB from Allotment Association (action 8)
- invite volunteer resident to join working group.
- liaise with group members to identify next meeting around end May 2024

Meeting closed at 7.35pm