

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON
WEDNESDAY 21st MAY 2025 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillors, David Harman (Chair), Roger Hunneman, Sarah Slack and Martha Vickers.

IN ATTENDANCE, Martin Kavanagh, Services Delivery Manager (SDM).

1. APOLOGIES

Services Delivery Manager

Councillor Meg Thomas. (Resigned, to be replaced by next meeting)

Absent: Councillor Steve Masters, and Ms Nikki Coome

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Services Delivery Manager

It was declared that Councillor, Martha Vickers who is also a Member of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Services Delivery Manager

To Elect the Chairperson for the Sub-Committee for the coming year.

PROPOSED: Councillor Hunneman

SECONDED: Councillor Slack

RESOLVED: Councillor Harman is elected to the post of Chairperson for this coming year.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Services Delivery Manager

PROPOSED: Councillor Harman

SECONDED: Councillor Vickers

RESOLVED: Councillor Slack is elected to the post of Vice Chairperson for the coming year.

5. MINUTES

Chairperson

PROPOSED: Councillor Vickers

SECONDED: Councillor Harman

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Climate Emergency Sub-Committee meeting held on Wednesday 26th March 2025, be approved, and signed by the Chairperson.

6. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC*Services Delivery Manager*

There were no questions received from members of the public.

7. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS*Services Delivery Manager*

RESOLVED: NTC will be represented at the Sustainability Fair at the Corn Exchange on Saturday 7th June" SDM (Martin) to send broadcast email to Councillors seeking their attendance at the event.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT APPLICATIONS*Chairperson*

PROPOSED: Councillor Vickers

SECONDED: Councillor Hunneman

RESOLVED: The grant application from Eco Code to be deferred to the next meeting with an invitation to the applicant to attend the next meeting to further support the application and provide clarity to the aims and objectives of the initiative with particular focus on the impact on the parish of Newbury.

9. CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTION UPDATE*Services Delivery Manager*

MEMBERS NOTED: the Service Delivery Managers report (Appendix 3) and requested that Executive Summary report is customised for use at the Sustainability Fair at the Corn Exchange on Saturday 7th June. Further Cllr Hunneman agreed to re-open discussions on Hydro -Electric generation on NTC assets with the WBC Portfolio Holder Cllr Gourley and report back.

10. GREEN FEST FEEDBACK*Cllr Slack & Cllr Vickers*

MEMBERS THANKED: Councillor Slack for her feedback and the further input from Cllr Vickers regarding potential timing for the next event.

11. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME*Services Delivery Manager (SDM)*

The forward work programme was noted by the committee and the following works added, SDM to provide Costing for a Thermal Imaging Camera by next meeting and consider engaging with the WBC Climate Emergency Forum. All members to bring two or three special events to be promoted to raise awareness e.g. climate emergency week and discuss how to promote these complementary events. Cllr Hunneman to provide Hydro Electricity Report.

For January meeting invite grant recipients to provide feedback to full committee. SDM to ask for this as an agenda item for the nearest Full Committee date around early January 2026.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairperson

MEMBERS NOTED: the next meeting date as Monday 6th October 2025 at 7:30 pm. However if 3 or more grant applications are received the committee will consider sitting earlier.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21:07 HRS

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Signature: _____ CHAIRPERSON Date: _____