

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT NOTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council Climate Advisory Group held on Thursday 24th October 2019 at 7.00 pm at the New Bath Hotel

Present: Pete Astles, Peter Dargavel, Sally Dixey, Kate Gard Cooke, Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Dave Mowle, Paul Richardson, Cllr Peter Baranek (Parish Council Chairman), Julie Baranek (Clerk)

01.10.19 **Appointment of Chairperson**

It was agreed that Cllr Helen Keay be appointed as Chairperson.

02.10.19 **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

03.10.19 **Acceptance and Signing of Notes of Last Meeting held on 5th September 2019**

It was agreed that the notes of the last meeting held on 5th September 2019 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

04.10.19 **Membership of Matlock Bath Climate Advisory Group**

It was agreed to co-opt Pete Astles to the Committee.

Pete gave a short presentation of his background. Pete lives locally and is involved in kayaking. He would like to put something back into the community and into sport. He works for Paddle Peak and has been involved in the river cleans and litter clean up.

It was suggested that Pete write an article for the Newsletter.

05.10.19 **CLIMB**

It was reported that at its last meeting, CLIMB had agreed that they did not want a formal structure. Cllr Helen Keay reiterated that the Advisory Group is a Committee of the Parish Council and therefore has to be formal and follow the Standing Orders set by the Parish Council.

After discussion it was agreed that the Advisory Group would remain in its current form. Current members representing CLIMB could choose whether they wished to remain a member. Sally confirmed that she would like to remain.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

06.10.19 **Update on:**

Allotments – The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the owner of the Temple Hotel who may be able to offer land for allotments to the community. She stressed that the logistics of it would need to be clear and if the land was suitable, formal contracts would need to be drawn up for potential allotment holders. A date has not yet been identified for the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk reported that the matter had been discussed by the Parish Council and referred to the Planning Committee. Unfortunately due to resources, it would not be possible to produce a neighbourhood plan at the moment. It was stressed that input for the plan has to come from specialists and members of the community but led by the Parish Council. The item will be re-visited at a later date.

Air Quality – It was noted that a response to the report from Peter Dargavel had been circulated with the agenda. It was felt that the response was not helpful and Peter agreed to take this forward. Cllr Peter Baranek reported that at a Peer Group meeting at DDDC he had spoken to the Mayor of Ashbourne who had information of the air quality in Ashbourne. Peter Dargavel agreed to contact him.

Mapping – It was noted that the following groups exist in the village:

Matlock Bath Development Association – Set up following the Derby University Report for residents, businesses and visitors.

Matlock Bath Parish Council – Works with the community.

Matlock Bath Town Team – Set up and membership includes only businesses.

07.10.19 **Friends of the Earth ‘Parish Council 20 Actions’**

It was agreed to recommend to full Council that the Friends of the Earth ‘Parish Council 20 Actions’ be adopted. As some of the action points in the document did not apply specifically to Matlock Bath Parish Council, it was suggested that the document be adapted before it is adopted.

Kate referred to a website where you can see how climate friendly your area is. The report covers housing, transport, energy, trees, waste as well as other information. Kate agreed to send the links to the Clerk who would circulate to the Committee.

Kate requested that the resolution made by the Parish Council be changed to “Climate and Nature”. This will be discussed by full Council.

08.10.19 **Raft Event**

The Committee discussed the raft event in detail specifically the amount of plastic bags, containing flour, thrown at rafts and ending up in the River. It is understood that concern had been expressed by DDDC to DCC at the Emergency Planning meeting where the event is discussed. The Committee felt that there was a need to manage spectators better and for the event to run in a responsible way. Pete suggested that more signage needs to be visible warning spectators not to use plastic bags for their flour. Pete agreed to contact DASAC and the Police to find out what arrangements are in place for this year.

09.10.19 **E-mail Communication**

This was referred to a later date.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

10.10.19 **Website**

This was referred to a later date.

11.10.19 **Placards/Banners**

Paul asked if the Parish Council would support the use of placards/banners at demonstrations. Wording could be along the lines that the Parish Council supports the cause or has declared an emergency. This matter will be referred to full Council for a decision and potential wording. It was noted that although the Parish Council does support the cause and has declared an emergency, it was when the banners would be used which was the issue. Pete offered to produce the banners.

12.10.19 **Litter Pick/Clear Up – 22nd October 2019**

Although there was no time to discuss this item, it was noted that the litter pick and clear up on the River Derwent had taken place on 22nd October.

13.10.19 **Lottery ‘Climate Action Fund’**

Although there was no time to discuss this item, it was noted that the funding available is be for bigger projects and for substantial amounts. It would be necessary to look at what other projects in the area are going on and whether we could benefit from them.

14.10.19 **Illuminations 2019 – Lobbying and Survey**

Kate reported that members of CLIMB had been talking to visitors to the illuminations about making the illuminations more climate friendly. Kate agreed to circulate the report and responses.

15.10.19 **Date of Next Meeting**

Dates for the next meeting will be circulated in due course.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.