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13th June 2023

To All members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE**, in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RX**, on **Tuesday 20TH June at 7:00pm**.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below, along with associated papers. If you have any questions about any of the items on the agenda, please contact the office.

The meeting is open to the press and public. Our Risk Assessment requires that anyone wishing to attend the meeting, reads the risk assessment and meeting guidelines in advance. These are available on request, or via the Town Council website.

Sarah Eden
Clerk to the Town Council

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In accordance with Standing Orders, to receive nominations for Chair of Climate Change & Environment Committee of Ashington Town Council, and in the event of more than one Councillor being proposed and seconded, to take a vote and elect the Councillor with the majority.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

In accordance with Standing Orders, to receive nominations for Vice-Chair of the Climate Change & Environment Committee of Ashington Town Council, and in the event of more than one Councillor being proposed and seconded, to take a vote and elect the Councillor with the majority.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

Members are also reminded that they need to regularly review their declarations of interest forms and ensure they remain up to date.

5. DISPENSATIONS

To receive and consider any dispensations.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair to receive any items put forward by members of the public and to put questions to or draw relevant matters to the attention of the Council. This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

Please email/telephone the Clerk with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 19th June 2023.

7. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st February 2023 (enc)ⁱ

8. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

To receive an update on items actioned since the previous meeting (enc)ⁱⁱ *and to be tabled*

9. GRASS CUTTING FOR BIODIVERSITY

a) Grass cutting maps

To receive maps where NCC have responsibility or contract for grass-cutting (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

b) Grass-cutting for Biodiversity

To agree to support ward/resident engagement on grass-cutting schedules, following liaison with NCC, with a view to improving biodiversity where this is welcomed, and improving the quality of cuts where this is possible.

10. WILDING, WILDFLOWER PLANTING AND BULB PLANTING

a) Identify Sites for Planting

To agree that ward Cllrs, in dialogue with the Assets & Facilities Manager, identify sites that would benefit from wilding, wild-flower planting, and/or bulb planting.

b) Engagement and Action

To agree to seek the permission of landowners, and costs, for those schemes that are feasible with minimal impact on residents and other stakeholders.

To agree to support local engagement on sites where the impact on residents and stakeholders is significant, before taking any further action.

11. CARBON LITERACY TRAINING – SPORTS CLUB TOOLKIT

To consider making funding available from the Climate Change Budget to facilitate representatives from local sports clubs being able to take part in Carbon Literacy Training for Sports Clubs (enc)^{iv}

12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19th September, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

ENCLOSURES

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- i Draft Minutes of the Climate Change & Environment Committee, 21st February 2023
 - ii Clerk and Officer Update, May 2023 – to be tabled
 - iii Grass-cutting maps
 - iv CLT – Sports Clubs