



Ashington Town Council
Town Hall, 65 Station Road
Ashington, Northumberland
NE63 8RU

22nd July 2024

To All members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**, in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RU**, on **Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 5:00pm**.

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.

Sarah Eden
Executive Office/RFO

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In accordance with Standing Orders, to receive nominations for Chair of the Climate Change and 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 and 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.

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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 Executive Officer with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 29th July 2024.

7. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2024 (*noting that these minutes were previously presented and available online*) (enc)ⁱ

8. UNLEASHING THE POWER OF LOCAL COUNCILS TO TACKLE THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY (*Training update*)

To receive report from Communication and Engagement Officer on recent NALC event, with a view to encouraging the Committee on topics for potential future policy discussions and initiatives (enc)ⁱⁱ

9. BULB PLANTING

a) Identify Sites

To agree that ward Cllrs, in dialogue with County Cllrs, and the Assets & Development Manager, identify sites that would benefit from bulb planting.

b) Engagement and Action

To agree to delegate to the Assets & Development Manager to seek the permission of landowners (in most cases NCC), and to seek costs for those schemes that are feasible, and place orders within the agreed budget available.

10. MINERS MEMORIAL MEADOW

To agree to use the council funding set aside for this project (£3,000) to deal with priority drainage issues. To agree to delegate to the Assets & Development Manager to seek quotes and place an order for the work to be carried out within the budget available, and in accordance with financial regulations.

11. ELECTRIC-POWERED MICROMOBILITY AND LITHIUM BATTERIES ACT 2023

To agree to support the Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility and Lithium Batteries Act 2023, and take proactive steps to enhance the safety and awareness of lithium-ion battery use and disposal within Ashington (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ, (enc)^{iv}, (enc)^v

12. ECO FAIR

To agree to receive the report of event concept and proposal and agree event overview. To agree budget of £3,500 and to delegate authority to the Communication and Engagement Officer to progress planning according to ongoing discussions and consensus (enc)^{vi}

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13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

- ❖ Tuesday 28th October 2024 5:30pm
- ❖ Tuesday 11th March 2025, 5:30pm

ENCLOSURES

- i Draft Minutes of the Climate Change & Environment Committee, 30th April 2024
- ii Unleashing the power of local councils to tackle the climate emergency
- iii Email approach from Ron Bailey, as the researcher for Lord (Don) Foster, and parliamentary advisor to Electrical Safety First
- iv The Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill
- v Proposal for support of Electric-Powered Micromobility and Lithium Batteries Act 2023
- vi ECO Fair

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