

Climate Policy Sub-committee meeting - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Development of Climate Policy for ATC

Present: Cllr T Konieczny, Cllr S Burch, Cllr G Jones, Cllr MA Brocklesby, Cllr D Simcock, Cllr N Tatam, S Rosser (Clerk)

Discussions were had around what kind of strategy ATC would want, what things we can do, things we can take a lead on. Look at reducing community impact – climate impact resilience. Look to work with partner organisations to open up funding streams. Link in to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – getting people involved. There will be different roles for all to pick up. Look at the affordability – encourage things that reduce impacts – the Repair Café, Library of Things, etc. helping money to go further. Look to assist people with things we can't do ourselves, without expending funds, and break it down in to different areas.

Councillors then discussed where we start – do we go with writing a policy first, then a strategy and action plan to bullet point what we want to achieve/work towards. Look at what we can deliver with the community. Rather than filling it with aspirational ideas, look at an implementation plan to keep it on track. Ideas mentioned to discuss further:

- Buy local/grow local
- Active Travel
- Reuse, recycle, repurpose
- Signposting to relevant organisations that help with change implementation to assist with fuel bill reductions
- Improve natural environment – biodiversity and planting of native species
- Building improvements – encourage/endorse this within partnership agreements with those that have assets to manage themselves

It was agreed this needs to be one side of A4, which can be easily read and making it easier have bilingually with Welsh one side, and English on the other. It was discussed whether this should be a Statement of Intent with bullet points, then a strategy and action plan to show what we will do and who we will work with. This needs to run through everything ATC do. It needs to be pragmatic and deliverable. To have credibility, it needs to be deliverable to the community.

1. Policy / Statement of Intent / Mission Statement: outline the priorities of ATC
2. Strategy and Action Plan; what we will do to deliver on this

Further discussions around looking at including weather event impacts (eg flooding), and street level volunteering/coordination; a way to signal to the community that the Town Council will support the community and work in partnership with them – working on a ward level.

Councillors are encouraged to look at the 10-point plan that Friends of the Earth have, to see if ATC should work on similar points to put us in step with them.

We need to make it clear, maybe with simple headings to categorise points in the policy. We need to be mindful of how future generations will engage with this type of policy – important to engage 16/17 yr olds, though ultimately, we want to engage the whole community.

Councillors are to write down their ideas/suggestions and email these to the Clerk by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 so these can be collated and shared for further development before taking to Full Council.