

**A MEETING OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD
WAS HELD ON 11 MARCH 2021**

The Mayor

Councillors Mrs Batty, Blackman, Carter, Casey, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Earle, Mrs Hook, Hylands, Jessop, Johnston, Mitchell, Mrs Morgan, Pepper and Raffaelli

32. PRESENTATION BY GOSPORT FAIRTRADE

Members heard a presentation on the Climate Coalition Declaration by Sarah Hiron of Gosport Fairtrade and were able to ask questions to receive clarification on how this might benefit the residents of Gosport.

33. OUTCOMES FROM T&F GROUP

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety on the activities and conclusions of the Task & Finish group on contingency plans for the aquatic wildlife in the Borough.

Members wished to thank the Officers for such a comprehensive report that highlights the complexity of the subject.

All Members of the Task & Finish group acknowledged that the group had been cooperative and the process had been enjoyable.

Members felt that the report identified all the areas that required attention and funding.

A Member wished to receive clarification on the inclusion of Noah Lake on the map but not in the table.

RESOLVED: That the Board accepted the information provided in the report as the final output of the Task & Finish Group.

That the Board approved the referral of the Task & Finish Group investigatory report to the Community Board for consideration.

34. KEY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety setting out the proposals for implementing the key engagement activities identified in the Climate Change Community Engagement Framework.

Members wished to advise that sensitivity should be shown to young people and to recognise they will be busy catching up with their school work.

Members hoped that the first virtual meeting of the Assembly could be online in the summer, and should include as many as possible, which can then be broken down into task groups.

Members requested more information on the financial costs and to identify the trade off between getting as many people as possible and delivering a good voice for the interested parties.

Members wished to ensure that whatever suggestions and ideas came out of the questioning of the residents could be delivered or achieved by the Council.

Members hoped that the size of the Assembly would reflect the number of residents and could include representatives from each ward.

Members were satisfied with the proposed oversight mechanism for the Citizens Assembly.

Members were advised that once the methodology had been determined for the young people activities, it would become clear who would be leading those activities. A budget has already been allocated for these activities, deferred due to Covid.

Members hoped to encourage community buy-in by listening and keeping the questioning broad to stimulate ideas and suggestions.

Officers advised that costings could be provided for a large and a small assembly.

RESOLVED:

That the Board approved the establishment of a Climate Change Partnership

That the Board provided guidance on the requirements for a Citizens Assembly

That the Board approved the specific youth engagement activity via a focus group and survey.

35. CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety setting out the progress that has been achieved against the Climate Change Action Plan that was approved at the Climate Change Board meeting of 17th September 2020.

Members were advised of an update to the first item, which would be circulated in due course.

A Member wished to advise the Board that Fareham Crematorium was not a major polluter and was highly regulated. The energy it produces is reused. Details of this can be found in the latest report of the Crematorium Committee.

Members wanted to congratulate the Officers on the progress already achieved.

RESOLVED:

That the Board noted the progress update and approved the updated version of the action plan.

36. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There were none.

CHAIRMAN

Concluded at 7.08 pm