

# MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY AT 7PM ON $12^{\text{TH}}$ JANUARY 2023

Councillors Present: Cllr Emily Fedorowycz (Chair)

Cllrs Scott Edwards and Bev Wright

No members of the public/press attended.

Item Number	Description										
CC22/06	Apologies for absence										
	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Perrett and Rowley										
CC22/07	Declarations of interest None declared										
CC22/08	Minutes										
	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair										
CC22/09	Bio-diversity competition										
	What will be offered – one big prize or a few smaller prizes (might be better to do the latter and treat it like community grants, and get people to pitch their idea with costings, so the best ideas 'win' their funding). I think if we offer grants of £200-£1000, we could say we will fund just 1 big project and multiple smaller ones, encouraging submissions to include a higher and lower end costings for their project. Discussed spending all £3000 of our fund this year on this to keep maths simple, so any promotion of this will have to be part of usual working eg. Social media, councillors doing outreach, and any other projects or promotional materials will be funded next year.										
	What they need to provide – we need a submission form, either in word format or on Google forms. A word doc might be better to align with how we do other grants as we can keep similar formatting, but would those submitting send these to you as the clerk? This is more admin for collective submissions than a Google form. Submission form would need to include, a description of what they plan to do and where, costings for the project, agreed deadline for completion (end of										

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2023?), agreement to share photos and videos with us if they are chosen, named person(s) leading project, organisation name, bank account details.

**Deadline for submissions** – end of Feb, awarded in March?

Promotion - Creating a page/section for the KTC website (could just be a section on the biodiversity page). Should give people some ideas of what they could do. Also a social media poster would be useful. Emily suggested a calling/comms evening to get in touch with some schools and scout contacts. We can also promote at full council next week if Emily gets promo material ready this week. Calls should be done ASAP next week to really push this before we get too close to half term. Push to schools, churches & religious groups, community groups, businesses.

Judging panel – basic criteria needed. Needs thinking about but doesn't need releasing straight away. Eg. Share knowledge about how to boost biodiversity, Scott asked if can we simplify biodiversity as a term as not very engaging. Perhaps wildlife friendly? Suggested litter picking enabling projects for next year, such as having a generic eco comp next year. Judging panel agreed as Finance Committee.

Agreed for the competition:

- One £1000 prize, and ten £200 prizes.
- Applicants will apply via a Word form that they fill out and send into the clerk (clerk has already expressed they are happy with this setup).
- Submission form will include: a description of what they
  plan to do and where, costings for the project, agreed
  deadline for completion (end of 2023), agreement to share
  photos and videos with us if they are chosen, named
  person(s) leading project, organisation name, bank account
  details.
- Deadline is Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at midnight.

The Judging panel was agreed to be the Finance Committee, if they too are happy with this, which will first meet after the deadline on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### CC22/10

## Town Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

The Town Meeting on 22nd Feb has a sustainability and environment theme; so the working group was asked to consider how it should be organised.

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Chair's initial suggestions: We could utilise this as a chance to get people to share sustainability ideas for the town, and invite people to become Sustainability Champions and work with us on promoting sustainability projects, including tree planting, pond creation (at home) and our biodiversity competition.

Environment organisations could come, Wombles, Environment Agency, River Nene, Butterfly Conservation, religious groups and churches, community groups, badger groups, hedgehog champions, Wildlife Trust, natural ise, Kettering Eco Group, Wicksteed, Buccleuch estates, SWHW, schools – forest school teachers (Acorn & the one by WHW), scouts, guides, community groups.

Ask them to come and share with us who they are, what they are already doing in Kettering or what they think could/should be done in Kettering, posing some of the following questions as a suggestion of things to cover:

- What are you doing to improve sustainability and the environment in Kettering?
- Can you highlight any issues you've had? Any successes?
- How could we support you?
- How can we collaborate in Kettering?

#### CC22/11

### **Sustainability Hub promotional work**

This has now been refreshed, so we need to consider how to push it out to the wider public. Proposed ideas: (a) social media poster, (b) banners, (c) emails to community groups, schools, businesses, (d) get councillors to push it out via social media or leaflet in their area.

Generic, simple poster needed to utilise our A1 boards in the Newlands Centre and outside the swimming pool. Say something simple like 'Check out our new Sustainability Hub' – with a QR code and web link.

More banner placements needed – 1 is okay but Emily to ask Katie Lewis again.

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