

Notes from Climate Change Working Party Meeting held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 14.00 in The Tower Clock Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem.

Present Cllrs Mellings, Nash and Towers.

Apologies Cllr Soul, absent Cllr Drummond

1. To elect chairman.

**Resolved:- that Cllr Nash be elected Chairman of the Working Party.**

2. To consider scope and timescale to produce a draft action plan in pursuant of the following objectives as approved 25.4.19

- To support the Declaration of a Climate Emergency.
- To make the Town Council carbon neutral by 2030.
- To call on Westminster to provide powers and resources to make this possible.
- To sign up to the Covenant of Mayors.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the climate Change Agenda was much wider than the Town Council and that the Town Council should be used as the catalyst to establish a Climate Change Forum for the Town and surrounding areas, this would enable individuals, organisations and businesses to become involved, share ideas and develop projects aimed at making the Town Carbon Neutral by 2030.

**Resolved:- to Recommend that;**

- **A Town Meeting to be held October 2019 is coordinated by the Working Party to raise awareness of the Climate Change locally and encourage the establishment of an Area Climate Change Forum.**
- **A Climate Change Charter is drafted for discussion at this meeting.**
- **Town Council specific projects that will reduce the carbon footprint of the Town Council and meet the aims of the Climate Change Resolution made on 25.4.19 are developed into an action plan and are progressed in the interim.**
- **The Sam Kirby Bray Sustainability Officer from Shropshire Council is invited to the next meeting of the working party to discuss plans and potential projects.**
- **That SALC be asked to lobby NALC to raise the matter of additional resources and powers with the Government.**

Next meeting – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 14.00