

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTES
CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY PANEL
Reporting to Climate, Nature and Environment Committee

Members: Cllr Izzard; Cllr Taylor-Gee; Cllr Wray

COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
on **Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 5pm**

NOTES

1. TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN

Cllr Izzard was appointed chairman.

2. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PANEL WAS NOTED:

- a) The Panel shall consist of 3 councillor members appointed by the CNE Committee and an unlimited number of non-councillor members (any local community organisations, residents and businesses should be invited to join)
- b) The Panel shall take full account of the climate and nature experts advice, as appointed by the CNE Committee.
- c) The Panel will hold a number of sessions (dates and venues to be decided by the panel in conjunction with the town clerk) for members to learn about the climate and nature challenges we face, to research and debate local possible solutions and to form and present a list of priorities and recommendations to Full Council.
- d) The Panel will produce notes for each meeting, of which are to be circulated to all Panel members and progress updates are to be provided to the CNE Committee regularly.
- e) This panel is unable to make council decisions however is able to make full representation to each relevant committee/full council in line with the council Standing orders.

3. To consider next steps

It was agreed to draw up an outline and subject headers from the survey and other ideas to use as a template to start discussions at the public meeting. The public meeting will be facilitated by a professional host and residents will be split off into focus groups with questions to feedback their climate priorities. The Panel will then collate the information and present back to the committee for adoption and further actions.

ACTIONS:

- VTG to research what ESCC, RDC are doing to prevent duplication.
- VTG to research what RTC, Local Specialists, Voluntary Bodies are doing.
- Clerk to write press release to enable residents to see what's going on, major on that its an emergency, working as fast as we can to understand what is needed.
- BI to research and prepare title headers for plan possibly gather ideas from Kendal Council/Oxford Council to structure.
- Clerk to investigate cost and viability for holding public meeting at St Barnabus, facilitator/compare who runs the meeting, PA system, tea/coffee/biscuits/post it notes/pens/projector and screen/sanitiser/covid PPE/look into app to use instead of post its and budget spend. Consider impact on environment

- Clerk to seek possible sponsors for equipment.
- Clerk can organise posters/marketing inhouse where possible to save costs.

All to report back to next meeting

- 4. TO CONSIDER HOW THE SUGGESTED IDEA OF AN ACTION NETWORK CAN WORK WITHIN THE TOWN COUNCIL AND PREPARE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COMMITTEE (THIS IS OUTSIDE OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PANEL)**

This will be set up externally to the town council.

NEXT MEETING: 10th FEBRUARY 2022 2.30PM AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL.