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Kimberley Town Council – Environment Working Group

Notes and Actions from a meeting of the Kimberley Town Council Environment Working Group held on 10th June 2021 in the Parish Hall and commenced at 1900.

Attendees Cllr E Tansley
Cllr N Doherty
Cllr J Dymond
Cllr J Wickham
Cllr S Bain

Apologies for absence Cllr J Godber
Cllr K Boettge tried to connect in via zoom but was prevented due to technical difficulties.

No public were in attendance

These notes are a summary of the discussion points, progress and recommendations for formal consideration and approval by the full Kimberley Town Council.

Scope of meeting is based on Priority Activities (E6) agreed at Full Council on 25th March 2021.

*Updates from this meeting are in italics at the end of each section. **Recommendations are in bold.***

E6.1 JD – Follow up the proposed Fast Track to Carbon Neutral outline presented prior to the meeting.

- Jim provided a report in advance (attached at end of document). Jim has discussed approach (and costs) taken by STC and recommended we follow previous Fast Track to Carbon Neutral approach – agreed by group.
- STC reported they haven't managed to get commercial quotes for green energy, or changed supplier yet.
- No info forthcoming on tree planting schemes from STC.
- Agreed to postpone any activity on directly funded Carbon Offset schemes until decision on energy supplier.
- *10/06 No further update*

E6.2 KB – Research Town Planning and suggest how KTC can influence BBC and Notts CC regarding this activity.

- KB not present – carry forward to next meeting.
- *10/06 KB not present, carry forward. View of meeting is that all planning decisions SHOULD take account of environment issues. That said, there is not much we can do directly except monitor planning applications/decisions and raise concerns or suggestions to BBC and NCC on a case by case basis.*

E6.3 JG - Community Campaign Planning. Jim suggested reviewing what activities are being undertaken by BBC and Notts CC.

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- JG not present – carry forward to next meeting.
- *10/06 JG sent apologies, carry to next meeting.*

E6.4 SMH – Review energy footprint of Chapel, involve Trevor Rood as needed.

- Trevor Rood has carried out an assessment, Jim to forward to Sian to review.
- *10/06 Assessment sent to Sian to review, follow up next meeting.*

E6.5 SB – Review energy and phone services, ND to assist with researching energy suppliers.

- SB to provide report on energy and phone options at next meeting
- SB to do comparison of shortlisted green suppliers
- JD to obtain energy use information for Council facilities – including relevant street lights and MUGA - from pre-Covid period and pass to ND.
- ND to get quotes from shortlisted suppliers (vs. incumbent)
- SB/ND to illustrate options / make recommendation at next meeting.
- *10/06 SB researched green energy market, and reported to group on greenness of energy supply, ethics, treatment of staff, customer satisfaction, and broader environmental impact. ND shared comparison of current fuel tariffs for existing suppliers and potential green suppliers, based on current consumption in KTC facilities.*
- *10/06 It is clear that switching to a green supplier is not more expensive than using any of the 'Big Six', or sticking with the current tariffs. We have quotes from a wide range of suppliers/tariffs to support this. Supplier comparisons attached at end of this document.*
- ***10/06 Recommendations, based on the assessment above:***
 - ***KTC switches its electricity contracts to Ecotricity as soon as possible. We have quotes for 10 suppliers, ND to share with the Clerk as evidence***
 - ***KTC to suggest to clubs that pay their own bills they should review their suppliers on the basis of environmental impact (and price).***

E6.6 JP – Investigate Parish Hall for options to make it greener. Focus on both current activities (what we can do now) and what essential elements we need to include in plans for a replacement Parish Hall to ensure it is as green as possible.

- JP not present – carry forward to next meeting
- Group believe we're limited on what we can practically do in the immediate term
- *10/09 JP not present, carry to next meeting*

E6.7 SB and JG – Investigate green building options for replacement of Stag Ground and Parish Hall and recommend overall approach. Consult with Trevor Rood - Trevor has carried out some work on options for replacement of the Council buildings which are relevant to this.

- SB and JG not present – carry forward to next meeting
- *10/06 Group not convinced we can do much on this at the moment, needs to be considered if/when we move forward with replacement of these buildings.*

E6.8 JW – Review our events calendar and investigate and recommend how we can make them greener in future. Will use other organisations experiences as a guide. Jackie to involve other Councillors as needed.

- Current events listed as:
 - Christmas lights
 - KTC purchased current lights in 2015, erected by BBC
 - Fireworks main polluter, current cost approx. £1000.
 - Reviewing alternatives, e.g. laser show, drone display
 - Remembrance Sunday
 - Look at natural options for wreaths, discuss with British Legion
 - Review whether wreaths from last year can be recycled to same / other groups. Neil O has stored these post-Christmas.
 - Ensure fundraising donations are preserved for charities.
 - Summer Event (relatively new – Trevor has more detail)
 - May Day event (held once pre-Covid)
 - Kimberley Jam
 - Halloween (becoming popular with younger people)
- Will review consumables used at events e.g. cups, plates etc
- *10/06 JW circulated recommendations ahead of the meeting – see attachment at end of this document. Following discussion, **recommendations are:***
 - ***Laser Display – progress this. Jackie to follow up with Trevor wrt quotes, aim to book as soon as possible so it's available for 26th November. Recommend hiring a display for this year unless prohibitively expensive so a) we get some experience of what's possible and b) because this is also part of the levelling up bid.***
 - ***Wreaths – implement policy of re-use (reclaim early in new year), and only replace when necessary. Continue to donate the value of the wreaths to the relevant charities.***
 - ***Events – Jackie to create a good practice checklist for event organisers.***

E6.9 JD - will carry out a green survey of Kimberley Flats, with Trevor.

- Jim and Trevor produced report on Flats – see attachment at end of this document. No significant changes are practical or recommended in short term
- May be difficult to fit on high roofs but would be worth getting a quote for solar panels as roof is SW facing
- Football Ground
 - No immediate action, apart from review of energy supplier.
 - Hot water system is efficient
- Bowls Club
 - Significant investment recently. Profile of use is largely summer evenings and daytime so electricity use is low.
 - Will review energy supplier.

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- Solar Panels – possible but may be security risk on single story building. Will obtain quotes
- Although use is low, if fluorescent tubes fail we should seek to replace with LED as standard.
- **10/06 Recommendation - No immediate action apart from replacing with LED fittings when current bulbs fail.**

E6.10 (Added) - Discuss how we can go about supporting increased tree planting in the town council area

- Strong support for tree planting within Kimberley Town Council boundary
- Potential options include Knowle Park, a row of trees outside park, at the football ground.
- Neil to:
 - Canvass suggestions from Councillors where we can plant trees, to come up with a shortlist
 - Ask BBC for advice / whether they can support us – contact Helen Skinner
 - Review approach with other Parish councils
 - Look into tree planting options
- *10/06 ND and JW submitted report on tree planting and rewilding options, attached at end of notes.*
 - **10/06 Recommendations:**
 - **Follow up tree planting and Rewilding suggestions from report:**
 - **Tree Planting rewilding in Knowle Park**
 - **Small number of Trees on island of grass adjacent to Stag Ground, and wild area at edge of children's playground**
 - **Wild areas on banks at Chapel on the Hill, plant native species in older parts of cemetery**
 - **Neil and Jackie to follow up and make specific recommendations to Full Council before progressing. To include following up potential sources of external funding (e.g. Urban Tree Funding, National Lottery etc, and whether we can block bid for any funding with BBC. Likely be a request for some funding from KTC for some parts of this.**
 - **Need to clarify ownership for Knowle Park and Chapel grounds are definitely KTC.**

Next Meeting

Thursday 10th September 7pm in Parish Hall. **To be confirmed once full meeting calendar confirmed by Clerk.**

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Appendix - Attachments

Jim's report for 8th April meeting below



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Documents for 10th June Meeting Energy Supplier Comparison from Bainy & Neil



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Greener Events update from Jackie



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Environmental Work

Tree Planting and Rewilding update from Jackie and Neil



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