Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

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26th March, 2024

Dear Councillor

There will be a meeting of Presteigne and Norton Town Council Climate Crisis Committee on **WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2024 at 6.30 p.m.** at the Assembly Rooms (Green Room), Broad Street, Presteigne and also via video conferencing and you are hereby summoned to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85777308385?pwd=AeToMqn5rSeXJ3VJm15OFzbRRYo6xY.1

Meeting ID: 857 7730 8385 Passcode: 417436

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Find your local number: https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kbrVE8fCrG

Yours sincerely

Tracey Price
TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008 and the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016.

- 3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR REMAINDER OF 2023/24
- **4.** CLIMATE CRISIS STAKEHOLDER GROUP: To appoint a representative. (replacement for J. Poster).

- 5. CLIMATE CRISIS GRANTS: UPDATE. To consider further efforts to encourage applications.
- **6. TERMS OF REFERENCE/NAME OF COMMITTEE**: To review and agree recommendations for updated terms of reference/Committee Name.

7. <u>UPDATES ON PREVIOUS MATTERS</u>

- Hedge Management
- Nature Reserve
- Wildflower Project

8. COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY REPORT

Next review due December 2025.

- 9. COUNCIL DECLARATION OF CLIMATE/ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY
- 10. WIND FARM/PYLONS REFERENDUM

Email from Llandrindod Wells Town Council

- 11. <u>URGENT BUSINESS (INFORMATION MATTERS ONLY)</u> (at discretion of Chair)
- 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Enc. Terms of Reference, Email from Llandrindod Wells TC.

Referendum on Wind Turbines and Pylons in Powys

Jane Johnston <clerk@llandrindodtowncouncil.co.uk> Mon 25/03/2024 10:48

Dear Clerk.

The Members of Llandrindod Wells Town Council voted unanimously on February 20th 2024 to ask Powys County Council to hold a referendum on the proposal to erect a series of wind turbines and Pylons in Powys.

Llandrindod Town Council has written to every County Councillor, the Leader of the County Council and the CEO requesting they do this and we await responses. We are also making contact with the local press and media as we believe this is the best way to gain the wider publicity this deserves because many local people appear to be poorly informed about this.

We are also asking other Powys Community Councils if they will ride with us on this and propose similar moves in writing to the Council CEO and County Councillors so they fully appreciate the strength of feeling and apply some pressure and also invite the local press in order to give further coverage and to keep local people informed.

Our view on this was and remains that the air of publicity is key to those wishing to fight against these proposals which are being pushed through by a business without a democratic mandate.

We would appreciate if you would distribute this invitation to your respective members for their views and we hope to gain your support working together on this and look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

Jane Johnston PSLCC, CiLCA (Wales) Town Clerk

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

COUNCIL CLIMATE CRISIS COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Membership of the Climate Committee to be at least four Councillors (the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be ex-officio Members) and appointed annually. In addition two outside representatives will be appointed.
- 2. Quorum for the Climate Crisis Committee to be three and at least three <u>Members</u> to agree any decision.
- 3. The Chair of the Committee will be elected at the first meeting of the Committee held after the full Council Annual Meeting in May.
- 4. All Councillors may attend a meeting and contribute but only those appointed to the Climate Crisis Committee by the Council may vote on resolutions.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. To review the Climate and Ecological crisis policy annually and make recommendations for amendments.
- 2. To regularly review the management of Council land and make recommendations in order to support and enhance it as an environment for nature whilst continuing to respecting the other users.
- 3. To consider and prepare a budget proposal for areas under its remit and to put to full Council for consideration at the budget/precept setting meeting.
- 4. To prepare an annual report on the Council's actions in tackling the climate and ecological crisis.
- 5. To consider issues relating to the nature reserve as may be referred to it by full Council.
- 6. To review the progress of verges and roundabouts and make recommendations for further work or changes to the full Council.
- 7. To make links with community groups and make them aware of the Council's support for initiatives to combat the climate emergency and aid with nature recovery. Where possible to support groups in other ways e.g. pointing them towards funding opportunities or advice.
- 8. During the completion of the Nature Reserve Project to assist with day to day matters and oversee contractors and volunteers working on the site. To consider ongoing project matters relating to the nature reserve as may be referred to it by full Council.

- 9. To review any grants or initiatives that are available to communities to combat the climate emergency and aid with nature recovery and advise full council of opportunities.
- 10. To facilitate and assist groups to apply for the Council/s Climate Crisis small grants scheme.
- 11. To consider any other issues relating to the climate crisis as may be referred to it by full Council.
- 12. In general to consider the following areas and make recommendations to Full Council Local resilience, Biodiversity, Local Food Consumption and Waste, Personal Initiatives, Transport and EV Charging, Tree Planting, carbon sequestration, Energy saving and production.

GOVERNANCE

- 1. The Climate Crisis Committee will act in accordance with its own terms of reference and also with the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of the Council.
- 2. The Climate Crisis Committee will meet at least twice annually and may hold additional meetings as required.
- 3. The Clerk will service the Committee correspondence, Minutes and any other documentation.
- 4. The agenda for each Committee Meeting will be published at least three working days in advance of the meeting.
- 5. Minutes will be taken and distributed for agreement at the next Committee Meeting or full Council meeting whichever is soonest.
- 6. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public (in person and online or online only) except where the Committee resolves to exclude the public and press to deal with confidential items as permitted by legislation.

NOTE: THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE DELEGATED POWER TO MAKE DECISIONS ONLY TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL.

Terms of Reference agreed at the full Council meeting November 2022

Next Review: May 2023