

**MINUTES** of the Climate Aon Group of St Just Town Council held on Wednesday 7 April 2021 at 7.15 pm, via Zoom

Present

Cllrs C Moore(chair) and Marna Blundy, Debbie Shephard, Helen Jaggard, Holly Whitelaw and Lyla Byrne

Apologies

Grenville Prowse, Chris Fry

The minutes of the meeting on 3 March were approved and signed.

1. Matters Arising none

2. Declarations of interest/dispensations None

3. Library planting

Marna explained that she wished to use up her Mayor's Allowance by providing three public seats, one in Botallack and two outside the library. The Premises and Amenities committee having vetoed trees on the grounds of possible damage to foundations, Debbie has come up with a planting plan which includes two seats forming a conversation area (2m apart) only one tree, and other planting to provide ground cover year-round and attract wildlife. Lyla mentioned shrubs that would not grow too large such as juniper and amelanchia. Debbie's plan will go to the Council next week.

Marna then left the meeting.

4. Leaflet

Holly said this should really be on recycled paper, and Constance will try to get further quotes to go to the Council next week.

5. Cornwall Council DPD

Constance went through the policies outlined in the document which are relevant to St Just. On parking, the Town Council will look at provision for electric vehicle charging points when the devolution of the car park is completed. On town centres, we will point out that St Just provides a good example of the reuse of buildings which were previously shops. Geevor provides a good site for renewable energy, and this is covered in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. We support the other proposals outlined in the document, and Holly will look at the sustainable agriculture policy and come up with a reply. Individuals can also respond to the consultation, and Lyla has done so.

5. Any other business

St Just in Bloom have only just reconstituted with a new committee and have very little in the way of money and volunteers, so no progress has been made regarding the memorial seat for Rob.

Holly is preparing a plan for planting in the graveyard at the Miners' Chapel.

The Council will be asked to officially support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill which is coming before Parliament.

Lyla has spoken to some local farmers and the Penwith Landscape Partnership about tree planting, and thinks farmers are willing to be helpful.

There was a discussion on tree planting at the local playgrounds and school playing fields, and Debbie suggested a joint project in which children at the primary school could plant trees at Cape school, which they could then continue to look after when they reach secondary school. The playing field at the primary school was thought to be a good site, more sheltered than the play parks.

The meeting closed at 8.15.

Next meeting To be arranged by the new Council after May's local elections.