

## Dunsford Parish Council Climate Initiative

### Minutes of the Meeting held on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 in the Village Hall dressing rooms

**Present:** Cllr Duncan Matthews, Cllr Karen Morris, Cllr Matthew Gordon, Cllr Paul French (Chair), Alison Arnold and Daniel McGahey

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Hayley Smith (hope you get better soon)
2. **Introductions etc:** Paul apologised to Karen for not sending her the agenda and will forward all related docs to her (and Hayley who has not found them on the website)- DONE. Matt and Daniel were introduced to each other.
3. **Agree the revised Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes.** Done and signed.
4. **Group name review.** After some discussion we agreed that we should be called the Dunsford Climate Initiative Team.  
**ACTION** Paul to advise the PC
5. **Review of the original DPC Declaration.** As we progressed through this we found it very repetitive and at times difficult to see what we as a sub-committee of the PC could achieve as the Council owns no property, vehicles etc. We agreed some basic principles/ideas/actions.
  - a) Encourage everyone to switch to a renewable energy supplier
  - b) Walk from place to place around the village, do not drive
  - c) Encourage tree planting but help others understand this alone is not the solution to climate change
  - d) Include a statement about energy efficiency, insulation etc in replies to District about Planning. **ACTION.** Paul to draft with Duncan
  - e) Talk to the VHMC about ways to improve insulation, energy use. **ACTION.** Not assigned, Karen?
  - f) Talk to school about the same. **ACTION** Alison
  - g) **ACTION** Daniel to support the church team who are already doing a lot in this area
  - h) **ACTION** Karen to continue to source stock from local suppliers where possible and minimise plastic
  - i) We also discussed, the pub, the garage and home workers but no actions were agreed. **ACTION.** Revisit this at a future meeting, Paul to agenda
  - j) **ACTION** Matt volunteered to redraft the declaration to simplify and establish SMART objectives against topics to facilitate more effective reviews
  - k) **ACTION** All to think about the target dates to achieve objectives. Currently this is listed as 2025 but this maybe too soon for some topics
6. **Matters brought forward:** We agreed that the focus of the next meeting would be completing the Carbon Tracker and to start an update of the DPC Climate Emergency doc. (for actions see email sent by Paul on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>). We also agreed each meeting should contain a review/update against actions.
7. **Date of next meeting:** Wed March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.15 VH dressing Room

**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30**

**Minutes approved.....Date:.....**