

Holme Valley Parish Council

To Members of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Climate Emergency Standing Committee** to be held on **MONDAY 19 JULY 2021 at 7.00 PM** in **HADE EDGE BAND ROOM, 56, GREAVE ROAD, HADE EDGE, HOLMFIRTH HD9 2AQ** to transact the following business:

- AGENDA – (A)

	Welcome	7.00 pm
	Introduction and welcome to all from the new Committee Chair.	
	The Chair welcomes any members of the public present.	
	The Chair welcomes new Councillors as Committee Members for 2021-22 following the Annual Council Meeting 12 July 2021. New Members introduce themselves.	
	Public Question Time	
	Prior to the commencement of the business session of the Committee, there will be an open session lasting 15 minutes, for members of the public to speak to Members.	
2122 12	Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014	7.15 pm
	Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded. This meeting is being recorded by the Officer in audio format for the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube Channel .	
2122 13	To accept apologies for absence	7.16 pm
2122 14	To receive Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda	7.17 pm
2122 15	To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations	7.18 pm
2122 16	To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session	7.19 pm
	- any recording by members of the public to be halted during such items; co-opted members to move to a waiting room	
2122 17	To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting	7.20 pm
	- To note the Minutes of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee meeting held on 24 May 2021, numbered 2122 01 2122 11 inclusive; already approved by full Council.	
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2122 18	To elect a new Vice Chair of the Committee	7.21 pm
2122 19	To elect co-opted Members to the Committee, up to a maximum of ten	7.22 pm

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- 2122 20** **Climate Emergency Standing Committee Expenditure Against Budget** **7.30 pm**
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TO NOTE: The expenditure against budget report for the year-to-date. **(C)**
Note, this includes proposed expenditure on a carbon calculator in August as **2122 20** (2) below.
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TO CONSIDER: Approving expenditure of £600 on a carbon calculator for the [Holme Valley Climate Action website](#). Climate Emergency Co-ordinator to report.
- 2122 21** **Mobilisation Group** **7.35 pm**
- Climate Action Mobilisation
 - o Climate Emergency Co-ordinator to report.
- 2122 22** **Climate Emergency Sub-groups to feed back** **8.00 pm**
- Energy, Housing, Buildings (home energy efficiency measures, Energy Savings Booklet, audit of Parish Council buildings, renewables)
Sub-group to report.
- Transport/Travel (public transport promotion, electric vehicles, walking, cycling)
Sub-group to report.
- Waste/Consumption (recycling; minimising waste)
Sub-group to report.
- Agriculture, Food, Environment, Land Use, Business Economy (land-use mapping; engaging farmers and landowners)
Sub-group to report.
- 2122 23** **Local Provision of Allotments** **8.40 pm**
- Committee members would like the provision of allotments and community growing projects in the Holme Valley to increase. This might be achieved through different approaches, for example:
- 1) by petitioning Kirklees Council to allow re-purposing of small parcels of unused recreational land in the Valley.
 - 2) by asking landowners to allow repurposing of parcels of land for rental as allotments.
 - 3) by the Parish Council purchasing additional land for the purpose of increasing allotments.
- Members Sheard and Morgan to report.
TO CONSIDER: how the Parish Council could best facilitate an increase in the local provision of allotments and community growing spaces.

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2122 24 Yorkshire Motorsport Festival

8.50 pm

TO NOTE: the letter sent by the Deputy Clerk on behalf of the Committee to the organisers of the Festival. **(D)**

TO NOTE: the Parish Council is holding an Extraordinary Meeting of Council 26 July 2021 to discuss the Motorsport Festival and the Parish Council's involvement therewith.

Members feedback on the Festival related to environmental measures outlined by Yorkshire Motorsport Festival organisers. Members to report.

Close 9.00 pm

Please note that timings on the agenda are given for guidance of the Chairman and the Council only and should not be taken as the time at which discussion of a particular item will commence. The Committee may agree to defer (in whole or part) any items on the Agenda, if necessary.

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MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 24th MAY 2021

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr P Davies

Councillors: R Hogley, S Sheard

Co-opted Members: C Anstey, S Barker, G Bradley, C O'Halloran, J Queening, M Tulley

Climate Emergency Co-ordinator: Michelle Brown

Officer: R McGill, Deputy Clerk

Welcome

Public Question Time

One Councillor was present for the Public Session as a member of the public but chose not to speak. One Councillor, who is a Member of the Committee, joined the meeting virtually as a member of the public later in the course of the meeting.

2122 01 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014**

Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded. The Officer was recording the meeting in video format through Zoom for upload to the Council's YouTube channel. This was a hybrid meeting with Councillors and the Officer in the Council chamber and others (co-opted Members, the member of the public and the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator) attending by Zoom.

2122 02 **To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were tendered by Cllr Bellamy, Cllr Firth, Cllr Gould and Cllr Roberts.

RESOLVED: Apologies were approved by the Committee.

Cllr Sheard attended the meeting but was a few minutes late. Until Cllr Sheard arrived, the meeting was not quorate. Because the meeting was not quorate some of the early agenda items were moved until it became quorate. Cllr Gould, who gave apologies for not attending the in-person meeting, did later join the virtual meeting.

2122 07 **Climate Emergency Standing Committee Expenditure Against Budget**

The Deputy Clerk/RFO reported on the expenditure against budget by the Committee for Council year 2019-20, noting that the Committee had significantly underspent due to the pandemic. The Deputy Clerk/RFO also reported that the Committee might need to reshuffle its budgets over the year with virements between the budget lines as the Community Mobilisation budget is potentially too low if the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator role is re-commissioned.

NOTED: The Committee noted the Expenditure Against Budget report for the full year ending March 31st, 2021 and that, in addition, £1600 was paid out in the current financial year for the Home Energy Savings brochure which needs to be factored into last year's figures as that was when expenditure was approved.

NOTED: The Committee further noted the Deputy Clerk/RFO's report that virements might be needed later in the year to better reflect the expenditure split of the Committee's budget.

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Mobilisation Sub-Group

The Chairman reported that he feels that we are beginning to see the fruits of Members' labour now, and sub-groups were beginning to meet outcomes agreed last year.

The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator reported on aspects of her work co-ordinating the ongoing action planning:

- A draft Summary Document in the form of an A3 poster was shared. This outlined the various work strands and projects the Committee has been developing with the overarching aim of making the Holme Valley carbon-neutral by 2030. These posters would be posted on Council notice-boards and online.
- Also shared was the new in-development Climate Emergency Action Planning website. This was positively received by Members and Officers as an attractive site with lots of potential for pushing the climate emergency agenda. The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator asked for content from Members to start to populate the site.
- The Holme Valley Climate Emergency YouTube channel was referenced. Shortened bite-size videos have been created for the channel which summarise aspects of the ongoing work.
- The Holme Valley Review was sharing stories on local environmental initiatives like the Repair Café.

The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator was keen to credit group Members for their hard work pursuing outcomes of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

The Committee Chair reported that his role in the Kirklees Cabinet had changed. He was no longer the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees; he had moved to Corporate. This meant he was a little more removed from mainstream of environmental issues than hitherto.

At this point, the Chairman raised the issue of the pending Yorkshire Motorsport Festival which is to take place the weekend of 25th June. The Festival was likely to go ahead. Kirklees was reviewing the safety of the event. *[1929hrs Cllr Sheard arrived at this point]* It was suggested that the Festival organisers were undertaking a variety of approaches to minimise the environmental impact including a stated intent to offset the carbon footprint of the event. Cllr Sheard felt that a classic car converted to an e-vehicle would be a good thing for organisers to display.

There was discussion as to whether the Committee should have a stall at the event to promote the climate emergency agenda.

RESOLVED: It was decided that the Parish Council would not have a stall at the event this year but we would consider working with the organisers and attendees at future events, and to review this event.

RESOLVED: Mmbr Matthew Tulley would communicate with the Chairman about how the Festival could achieve an accurate and truthful calculation of its carbon footprint. The Chairman would use this in discussions within Kirklees Council on the Festival.

RESOLVED: The Chair of Council would work with the Committee Chairman, Officers and the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator to draw a formal email to send to Festival organisers stating that the Parish Council does not want to hold a stall this year at the event, but want to review the Festival's own findings with regard to its environmental impact and carbon footprint.

RESOLVED: The Committee would put together a statement detailing how the Parish Council is petitioning the Yorkshire Motorsport Festival to offset the negative impact of the event for display on the Climate Emergency website.

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Now, that the meeting was quorate, the Chairman returned to the agenda items that had been bypassed at the start.

2122 03 **To receive Members' and Officer's personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None were received.

2122 04 **To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None had been received.

2122 05 **To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

RESOLVED: No items to be heard in private session.

2122 06 **To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Climate Emergency Standing Committee meeting held on 15 March 2021, numbered 2021 51 – 2021 63 inclusive were approved.

The Chairman returned to the previous running order at this point.

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2122 09 Climate Emergency Sub-Groups Feedback

Energy, Housing, Buildings

Mmbr Steve Barker reported that a lot of work had been done by Members and the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator on the Home Energy Savings Booklet; it was almost complete except for the final design. This would be an e-document and would be the starting point for a series of publications. The energy audit of Parish Council buildings (Civic Hall and Honley Library) was being undertaken 8th June. The results are expected by early July.

Steve opined that the Committee needed to endeavour to get more people involved to share more of the workload on projects.

Transport/Travel (public transport promotion, electric vehicles, walking, cycling)

Sub-group Members reported on their work about active transport, and electrical vehicle infrastructure. The sub-group meets monthly. There had been no change on the electrical vehicle charging initiatives for the moment. With regard to the bike racks, Kirklees Council was looking into the suggested locations, so that scheme had moved forward. The main work of Members though was on the campaign "If it's not far leave the car," – promoting walking and cycling for short distance journeys. The poster and social media campaign would take place in July, asking people to log their "savings" by not using their car, and hopefully we will have an accumulator to calculate the total carbon savings achieved through the scheme. Members were working with local schools, walkers and footpath groups, cyclists and other community groups to get the message out. A local photographer was getting involved to record aspects of the campaign.

Waste/Consumption (recycling; minimising waste)

Sub-group Members reported on their prospective work regarding community hub recycling centres. An "upcycling swapshop" was going ahead. The Repair Café had been restarted. A session had taken place on the 1st of May and another was planned for the 5th of June. There was not yet a significant uptake on the service though a lot of people supported the idea.

Agriculture, Food, Environment, Land Use, Business Economy (land-use mapping; engaging farmers and landowners)

The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator reported on the work of this sub-group. Land-use mapping Project is going to be undertaken using a drone by members of the University of Huddersfield geography department. Two more local farmers have got involved with the group. A bio-diversity survey was being undertaken on Cuddy's Farm. Members had been in contact with a range of local, regional and national stakeholders.

The Chairman pointed out that this work was undertaken as co-working with the Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership.

2122 10 Climate Emergency Co-ordinator Role

The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator began in post 17th August 2020 with a one-year contract which would expire 16th August 2021. Members considered renewing the contract of the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator for another year from 17th August 2021 until 16th August 2022.

There was broad support for the continuation of the role and for the current post-holder from Councillors and Co-opted Members.

RESOLVED: Voting Members voted to recommend the renewal of the Climate Emergency Co-ordinator's contract to Council for a further year until 16th August 2022.

Cllr Gould joined the meeting during this item as a member of the public over Zoom.

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2122 11 Local Provision of Allotments

At the last Committee meeting, Members resolved that Cllrs Sheard and Gould would work with the Agriculture, Food, Environment, Land Use, Business Economy sub-group on a project plan for Holme Valley allotment and community-growing-area provision.

Cllr Sheard spoke on new initiatives to encourage insect pollinators.

RESOLVED: The Climate Emergency Co-ordinator would incorporate initiatives to encourage garden micro-habitats for insect pollinators into the Committee's online information.

Close 8:45pm

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Chairman

Budget 2021-22

HVPC Year-to-Date

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Starting Budget	Revised Budget	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Remaining	
Climate Emergency																		
4000B	Salaries	£0	£0	£1,109.58	£1,202.29	£1,108.29	£1,013.69	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,433.85	£-4,433.85	4000B
4805	Community Mobilisation	13.91%	£17,500	£17,500	£63.30	£64.12	£117.24	£1,589.09	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,433.75	£15,066.25	4805
4810	Energy Strategy	0.00%	£14,000	£14,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14,000.00	4810
4815	Transport Strategy	0.00%	£13,000	£13,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£13,000.00	4815
4820	Waste Strategy	0.00%	£500	£500	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	4820
4825	Environment Strategy	0.00%	£1,000	£1,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	4825
Total Climate Emergency		13.91%	£46,000	£46,000	£1,172.88	£1,266.41	£1,225.53	£2,602.78	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,867.60	£39,132.40	



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27 May 2021

Dear Max

I am writing on behalf of the Holme Valley Parish Council Climate Emergency Committee regarding the Yorkshire Motorsport Festival which you are holding in June 2021.

We appreciate that you have had informal email exchanges with our Climate Emergency Coordinator, Michelle Brown, over recent months regarding the ways in which you are seeking to mitigate the environmental impact of the Festival but following a discussion about the event at our recent meeting, the Committee wanted to make formal contact with you.

As you are aware, Holme Valley Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and since then, we have been working with the community towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030. Understandably the introduction of a motorsport festival in the area poses some challenges towards meeting this goal due to the inevitable increase in emissions associated with the additional traffic and festival activities. We do however appreciate that the festival is seeking to minimise its impact on our local environment and through the advice you have helpfully provided Michelle, we understand that you are intending to do the following:

- Recycle up to 85% waste with litter-pickers leaving the site 'as you found it'
- Active encouragement of vendors to use recyclable containers, avoid single use plastics and use wooden cutlery
- Provision of a park and ride facility served by electric buses
- Use of low emission generators to power the festival
- Use of local contractors, suppliers and businesses to support the local economy and minimise 'miles travelled'
- Use of a professional traffic management company to alleviate congestion

We welcome all these initiatives and understand that the event's carbon footprint will be calculated and monetised to support local Holme Valley environmental projects. We would be very interested to work with you on reviewing the carbon impact of the festival after the event and reflecting on the success of the various mitigation initiatives you have identified. As you hope to hold the event for a number of years, this first year will act as a baseline and we would like to work with you to seek opportunities to reduce the carbon impact each year so you can realise your stated aspiration to be as 'ecologically green' as possible.

We recognise the positive benefits for the local area in terms of promoting our valley as an exciting and beautiful place to visit and know that Holmfirth itself has an array of festivals through the summer months which serve as an important attraction. We hope you have a successful event and look forward to reviewing its environmental impact and helping you work towards a greener festival in future years.

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD MCGILL
Deputy Clerk to the Council