

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE
ON THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2024, AT 7.30 PM**

Committee members present: Councillors V Wright (Chair), P Kirby Harris, K Morris,
and C Walters.
Substitute committee members present: Councillor A Crawford
Other councillors present: None
In attendance: Deputy Clerk: S Sanders

12. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dunford and Johnson

13. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests.

None.

14. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2024

The minutes were agreed and signed.

15. Statements and questions from the public.

None.

16. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 11 July 2024.

a. To agree the contents of the draft letter to MP Olly Glover

The draft letter had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the letter should be sent without amendment. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

17. To receive an update on the progress of the plans for The Great Big Week 2025

A donation request form had been added to the website. An article had been included in the September issue of the newsletter. A flyer was to be designed for displaying on noticeboards and to be circulated to businesses in Wantage. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

18. To develop a policy

It was agreed that Councillor Wright would circulate policy elements relevant to the climate emergency. **Action: Wright**

There was a discussion about how to ensure that each committee takes the policy into consideration – for example this could be a standing item on all agendas. It was agreed that the clerk and deputy clerk should discuss the best way to achieve this. **Action: Clerk/Deputy Clerk**

19. To receive a verbal update from Sustainable Wantage

No representative was present to give an update.

20. To receive a verbal update from The Wantage & Grove Active Travel Group

No representative was present to give an update.

21. Agenda items for the next meeting – 21 October 2024

None.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm