

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE GUILDHALL, TOTNES**



You are hereby SUMMONED to attend a Meeting of the Council, which is to be held in the Guildhall, Totnes on **Monday 4th November at 7pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:
Please note that public question time will be held prior to Full Council from 6.30pm

No	Subject	Comments
1	To receive apologies and vote on whether to agree.	Cllr Matthews
2	The Mayor will request confirmation that all Members have completed or made any necessary amendments to their Declaration of Interests.	
3	<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i> <u>Reports from County and District Councillors</u> <i>The Council will convene.</i>	a) Cllr Hodgson b) Cllr Birch c) Cllr Sweett
4	To approve and sign the Minutes of the following Meetings: <i>(Please note confidential minutes can be agreed but any discussion must be held in Part 2):</i> a. Full Council 7 th October 2019 b. Council Matters 14 th October 2019 c. Planning 24 th October 2019	Enclosure Enclosure Enclosure
5	To consider any matters arising from the Minutes <u>and to approve any recommendations</u> from Committees <i>(Please note confidential recommendations can be agreed but any discussion must be held in Part 2):</i> a. Full Council 7 th October 2019 b. Council Matters 14 th October 2019 c. Planning 24 th October 2019	Enclosure Enclosure Enclosure
6	To note the date of 12 th December 2019 for a general election and the purdah guidance that must be followed.	Verbal update Town Clerk
7	It is proposed by Cllr Luker that the resolution made by Full Council previously in relation to 5G was revisited as an exception to the usual 6 month rule outlined in Standing Orders. The background and the proposed amended resolution is as follows: <u>Original August 2019 Planning recommendation</u> To RECOMMEND to Full Council that Totnes Town Council makes a statement on its website that on the precautionary principle, Totnes Town Council is concerned about potential health risks caused by 5G based on a lack of scientific research into the issue. <u>From September 2019 Council minutes:</u> Totnes Town Council will issue a statement on its website issuing a moratorium on the installation of any 5G equipment (including phone masts and street lighting) into the public realm due to the significant health and safety concerns raised. All applications will be met with refusal until the safety of the effects of electromagnetic radiation is demonstrably proven. <u>Amended resolution put forward:</u> Totnes Town Council will issue a statement on its website and Facebook page stating that We object to the proposed reforms to permitted development rights. In particular as it currently relates to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage until we have <u>sound scientific</u> information with regard to the health impact on local residents.	Cllr Luker

8	It is proposed by Cllr Hodgson that Totnes becomes an Earth Protector Town and uphold our Council duties and support and endorse the principle of making a stand and speaking out for the protection of the planet, but that does not imply that and nor will we be supporting breaches of the peace or advocating public protest as that is a matter for individual citizens over which we have no jurisdiction	Enclosure
9	To note an update on the Neighbourhood Plan (standing item)	
10	To note an update on the Christmas Festival nights (standing item)	Verbal update Town Clerk
11	To note that the 11 th November Council Matters committee will start at the earlier time of 6.30pm and all Councillors are encouraged to attend to discuss the draft budget for 2020/21	
12	To consider a request from Cllr Luker to join the Council Matters committee	
<i>The Council will be asked to RESOLVE to exclude the press and public "by reason of the confidential nature of the business" to be discussed and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.</i>		
13	To discuss any confidential items from the Council Matters minutes.	
14	To note the date and time of the next meeting: Monday 2nd December 2019. Public session from 6.30pm in The Guildhall.	

Catherine Marlton



Town Clerk

30th October 2019

Key Issues Devon County Council: At the Full Council meeting on October 3rd, in accordance with the Council's Public Participation Rules, the Leader and relevant Cabinet Members responded to 15 questions from members of the public on street furniture and their refurbishment including how they operated, the duty of care towards Devon residents and public liability insurance, researching the legal obligation and duty of care for residents affected by high frequency radiation, provision of white zones, greenhouse gas emission levels for Devon's District and City Councils, Dartmoor National Park and Town Council areas for Climate Action Plans and the calculation of these figures, climate change marches and the detrimental impact of a 5G rollout on the environment, Government data on CO2 emissions (reductions made by industry versus increases in transport emissions) and annual estimates for transport CO2 emissions for the next 3 years, definition and written procedure on a 5g Moratorium and how this affected people's rights, what the Council was doing to increase the number of safe cycle routes and footpaths to encourage healthier and greener ways of getting to school, climate emergency declarations and training workshops and networking meetings to support and assist others to achieve carbon neutrality in towns, reviews of all relevant policies (procurement, investment, waste and public transport) to ensure they addressed the Climate Emergency and accorded with the emerging Climate Action Plan, dates for an evidence-led Devon Carbon plan and delegation of decisions to unelected community members, annual carbon reduction targets for the next decade and the review of the target of zero carbon by 2050 in light of earlier targets set by other local authorities in Devon, the Council's message to those who partook in the Global Strike for Climate on 20th September, the lack of safety studies by Public Health England and inadequacy of ICNIRP guidelines on 5G and its impacts and the relevant Act or directive that determined the rollout of 5G in Devon.

The Leader and Cabinet Members also responded orally to supplementary questions arising from the above. Copies of the questions and answers would be sent to those who were not present at the meeting.

The Council also received an oral representation made Mr Kay on 5G highlighting in particular that it was contrary to climate change and 'green' goals.

The Chair of the Council thanked all participants for their contributions. [NB: A copy of the questions and answers are available on the Council's Website at <http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Cid=132&Year=0> and may be observed through the webcast].

At that Full Council meeting I proposed the following motions:

'That DCC amends the Declaration of a Climate Emergency to include an Ecological Emergency'.

'In response to the recent Climate & ecological Emergency protests, this Council will reconsider its date for becoming carbon neutral from 2050 to a revised date of 2025'.

Despite my requests for DCC to reflect the urgency of these matters and take a vote at that meeting, both notices of motion were referred, without discussion, to the Cabinet for consideration.

Devon Carbon Plan: The following news bulletin has been issued by DCC. *"Help Devon to be 'Net-Zero' what's your idea?"* The top team of environmental experts who have been charged with ensuring that Devon becomes a net-zero county want your ideas on how to reduce carbon emissions as quickly as possible.

The Net-Zero Task Force has been appointed by the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group - made up of Devon's councils, emergency services and business groups - to deliver the Devon Carbon Plan. The Carbon Plan will lay out in stark terms what every resident, organisation and business has to do to reduce emissions and help safeguard the planet for the next generation.

This Call for Evidence is open to everybody, and submissions can be made through the Devon Climate Emergency website, and every submission will be reviewed by the Task Force.

Submissions will feed into the creation of the Carbon Plan, which includes a series of thematic hearings in November and December. Each hearing will focus on the different parts of our society that produce most of the emissions, like

transport for instance. The hearings will seek to understand what needs to happen and what we all need to do to achieve rapid decarbonisation in Devon, and how it can be delivered.

Then the Task Force will present a series of 'options' to a Citizen's Assembly - and the deliberations of the Citizen's Assembly will lead to the Draft Devon Carbon Plan, which is due for publication next spring.

Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee meeting 17th October '19. The outcomes of the public consultation held earlier in the year on whether to retain the Reuse Credit Scheme payments being made to REFURNISH and the other large goods recycling outlets came before this committee. Regrettably, and despite various representations from myself and David Banks from Refurnish to both the County Council in May and to this Committee, the following decision was taken:

- (a) that the contribution that the Reuse Credit Scheme has made to encouraging furniture reuse in Devon and the commitment of staff, volunteers and customers in supporting RCS be recognised;
- (b) that *Option 1 (Proposal) - 'Discontinue the RCS through a phased reduction in allocation'* as set out in paragraph 3 of the Report be approved; and
- (c) that consideration be given to allocating the proposed savings made in 2021/22 towards a new Waste and Recycling Advisors (WRA) contract to enable additional resources to have a wider impact.

I am deeply disappointed by this decision which is likely to lead to a reduction in services by REFURNISH and the other similar providers as this support is vital to their base income. I also believe that this does not reflect the results of the public consultation which indicated a groundswell of support for Option 3, which was to retain the RCS payments of £48,500.00 pa to these companies. I.e the approximate cost of 2 DCC staff members to deliver all this recycling and diversion of waste from landfill. I will be asking further questions at DCC regarding what I consider to be a flawed and political decision. In the meantime, I have nominated Mr David Banks as a RECYCLING HERO. See this link if you would like to support this too:

<https://www.recycledevon.org/node/720/done?sid=26455&token=4d69a230f7753060a404088d96c3e346>

LOCAL MATTERS:

Illegal Traveller Camps and Residential Vehicles: I met with a group of approx. 18 Dartington residents to discuss the three illegally parked caravans sited in Barracks Hill, Longcause and Sawpit Lane. Further to which I have written again to SHDC and DCC requesting that properly serviced transit and permanent sites are developed and made available to meet what is becoming a clear residential need.

Totnes Town Council Climate & Ecological Emergency Action Planning events- Sun 3rd Nov – Sat 9th Nov.

The week will start on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm in the Civic Square where we invite the young people who are the future of the town to assemble in the Civic Square with their placards and posters for the changes they seek. We will welcome soapbox speeches. We will then proceed to the Guildhall for the official launch of the week when the posters and placards will be placed around the rooms to remind and inspire the week's deliberations and ideas. The week itself has sessions and discussions on all the themes identified so far in the work to date. The intention of the sessions and workshops is to gather and put ideas around different topic themes into timelines or pathways over the next few years to help us see the wood from the trees. There will also be sessions where groups and individuals can sign up for specific actions they would like to do as part of the work going forward.

The week will close on Saturday 9th November at St. John's Church with a day of celebration and public scrutiny of the outputs from the week. The young people who brought their placards and posters to the Guildhall will be invited to come and collect them and proceed down to St John's Church where the exhibitions and all the work of the week will have been moved to. We will invite the young people to look at the timelines for actions that we will have produced during the week and check if we have answered their questions and responded adequately to ensuring a safe future for them. During the afternoon we will be hosting some live performance and music. We will close with a celebration and cake. (Schedule for the event is attached). All welcome

Totnes Travel Partnership mtg. (15.10.19) The 106 monies from the redevelopment at Baltic Wharf which is now almost at 90% occupancy and due to trigger these monies for projects was discussed. Green Travel Coordination for this development and the new residents as well as a Green Travel Coordinator for the town that formed part of the 106 agreement was discussed and how this could be managed considered.

Attendance at meetings etc. as elected public representative:

- Tues Oct 1st Totnes Travel Partnership: to discuss Green Travel Coordination
Meeting with reps from Rattery PC and South Brent PC to discuss Climate Action – public engagement
- Weds 2nd Oct. Staverton Parish Council meeting
- Thurs 3rd Oct DCC Full Council meeting – see report above
Berry Pomeroy Parish Council meeting
- Fri. 4th Oct DCC Climate Action scrutiny working group
- Mon 7th Oct. Totnes TC – Full Council meeting:
My motion to amend the Climate Emergency Declaration to include Ecological Emergency was approved
The TC Approved a motion to become an 'Earth Protector Town'
- Weds 9th Oct. Dartington Parish Council Meeting
- Thurs 10th Oct South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau AGM – attended
Totnes Neighbourhood Plan meeting – the draft plan will go to public consultation in November
- Sat. 12th Oct. Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement (TRAYE) project – Steering Group meeting
Public meeting hosted by Sarah Wollaston MP regarding the Climate Emergency
- Tues 15th Oct Meeting with David Banks from Refurnish regarding DASWC meeting
Totnes Travel Partnership – see report above
- Weds 16th Oct. Transition Town Totnes (TTT) – Core Group meeting – attended
- Thurs 17th Oct. DCC – Heart of South West (HOSW) & Local Enterprise Committee (LEP) scrutiny committee – I attended and spoke.
Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee (DASWC) meeting – I sent in a statement (but it coincided with HOSW meeting) – see report above.
- Fri 18th – Sun 20th Oct. Communiversity. Representatives from Stroud, Glastonbury, Frome and myself from Totnes had a weekend long seminar to see where our progressive townships can share ideas and information and work closer together on Climate & Ecological Emergency measures. Very productive
- Tues 22nd Oct. TTT Climate Change workshop – 'public engagement & getting the climate change message across'
- Weds 23rd Oct Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) – I presented on the work of Totnes TC regarding Climate & Ecological Emergency at a workshop – together with other speakers from south Brent, DCC and North Devon
Totnes AGM – attended
- Thurs 24th Oct.- Sat 26th Oct. Lifeworks – Family Quest 3 day seminar – wonderful and inspiring
- Sat. 26th Oct Meeting with Totnes Rowing Association
Meeting with Dartington residents regarding illegal roadside camps
- Mon 28th Oct Totnes Extinction Rebellion event – I attended

Schedule for Totnes Town Council Climate & Ecological Action Planning week

Times/Days	Sunday 3 rd Nov	Mon 4 th Nov	Tues 5 th Nov	Weds 6 th Nov	Thurs 7 th Nov	Fri 8 th Nov	Sat 9 th Nov
10 AM		Open / Exhibition. drop in in Totnes Guildhall	Open / Exhibition. drop in in Totnes Guildhall	Open / Exhibition. drop in Totnes Guildhall	Open / Exhibition. drop in Totnes Guildhall	Open / Exhibition. drop in Totnes Guildhall	Open / Exhibition drop in. Plus draft Action Plan & more @ St. John's Church
10.30am		Actions, Visions & Backcasting session CONSUMPTION & WASTE	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session ENTERPRISE & ECONOMICS	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session ENERGY DEMAND & GENERATION	Building Resilience across South Devon – a BIOREGIONAL LEARNING JOURNEY – adding to the timelines	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session HEALTH & WELLBEING	All assemble at Guildhall – incl Young people and set off for Bridgetown – carrying the placards – Review of Action Plans – YOUNG PEOPLE RESPOND
11.30am							
12.30pm		CARBON COUNTING workshop (1)	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session FOOD (bring lunch to share)	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session AIR QUALITY	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session WATER	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	BRIDGETOWN BIG LUNCH
2.00pm		Actions, Visions & Backcasting session MIGRATION & REFUGEES	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session AGRICULTURE & LAND USE	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session TRANSPORTATION	PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS – young people give their feedback and add some thoughts	MANAGING VALUES, FEELINGS AND GRIEF AROUND CHANGE & LOSS session	Stalls & discussions on each of the different climate & ecological action topic themes, pathways & plans. WHO IS DOING WHAT? Signing up for actions and involvement - everyone
3.00pm	EVENT STARTS Young people et al assemble in Civic Square with placards & soapbox speeches						Performance "What 2030 looks like?"
4.00pm	Arrive at Guildhall and launch the week with invited guests and others Fizz, juice & nibbles	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session HOUSING, BUILDING & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session WILDLIFE & BIODIVERSITY	Actions, Visions & Backcasting session EDUCATION	SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS session – feedback and adding to the action plans	Finish 4pm	Music, singing Celebration & thanks. Fizz & Cake
5.00pm	Finish 5pm		ARTS, CULTURE & ENGAGEMENT session		Film Show – The Power of Community	(Exhibition moves to St. John's Church, Bridgetown)	EVENT CLOSURE @ 5pm
6.00pm		CARBON COUNTING workshop (2)	WILDLIFE SPACES workshop	TECHNOLOGY, DATA, SECURITY & PRIVACY session	100 Climate Champions – signing up for Actions		
7.00pm		Totnes Town Council – FULL COUNCIL monthly meeting	TREE PLANTING – get together to plant events on November 24 th plus other tree planting	Teachers Workshop: UN CLIMATE CHANGE TEACHERS ACCREDITED COURSE info & get started	100 Wildlife Champions – signing up for Actions		
8.00pm		Finish 9pm	Finish 9pm	Finish 9pm	Finish 8pm		
9.00pm							

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John Birch
SHDC Member for Totnes

Report for Totnes Town Council
meeting to be held on Monday 4 November 2019

I report on the following matters;

THE BRUTUS CENTRE, TOTNES

On Thursday 10 October 2019 Churchill held a further public exhibition at the Totnes Civic Hall. It exhibited a new set of plans showing an element of further retail space within the proposed development along with public car parking.

It is my view that any proposed retail space and public car parking should be more than just a token gesture. It is important Totnes does not lose an important car parking facility.

What must not be overlooked is the need for a very high quality design considering the proposed development is in and adjacent to a Conservation Area as well as adjacent to two Grade II Listed Buildings. It is also close to a Grade I Listed Building and Scheduled Ancient Monument. This is an important heritage area.

I believe the proposed new development fails to conserve and enhance the Conservation Area and falls well short of promoting good design expected in an important heritage area. I will be surprised if Historic England, as a consultee, are prepared to support the scheme as currently proposed.

CLIMATE CHANGE

South Hams District Council is a member of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group, chaired by Phil Norrey and comprising of public and private sector organisations. It has appointed a Net-Zero Task Force to deliver a Devon Carbon Plan.

The Net-Zero Task Force is chaired by Professor Patrick Devine-Wright, a leading climate expert, and it includes experts drawn from environmental, economic, health and academic organisations.

The Task Force has issued an invitation – a 'call for evidence' – to all Devon residents to submit their ideas about how Devon can reduce carbon emissions as quickly as possible. It will be conducting a series of hearings to

help gather views, evidence and data that will be used to develop recommendations for the Devon Carbon Plan.

Here is a link to the Net-Zero Task Force's press announcement about the 'call for evidence'. <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/category/media-releases/>

A new Devon Climate Emergency website has been launched detailing the work of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group and the Net-Zero Task Force. This can be viewed at <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/>

Draft Plymouth and South West Devon Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

An important planning document known as the Draft Plymouth and South West Devon Supplementary Planning Document is in the process of preparation. The purpose of this document is to add further detail and guidance to the policies in the adopted Joint Local Plan (JLP). The SPD will be a material consideration when making decisions on future planning applications in South Hams.

This draft SPD covers Development Management Policies, planning obligations and a limited number of specific policies for the Thriving Towns and Villages Policy Area.

Once adopted the JLP SPD will supersede all currently adopted SPDs across the three authorities (South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth City Council)

The SPD will require separate adoption by the three JLP Councils. This will follow public consultation, possible revisions and the final version being approved by the Full Council of the three authorities

There will be an opportunity for public involvement through a six week public consultation. The consultation will run from 13 November 2019 to 6 January 2020. Amendments may be made to the SPD as a result of this process. The SPD would then be presented to Full Council in the spring of 2020 for formal adoption.

The draft SPD is a lengthy document and the Town Council may wish to set aside sufficient time to consider its contents and respond during the consultation period.

Cllr John Birch. – SHDC Member for Totnes

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District Councillor Report for Totnes Town Council November 2019

Cllr Joanna Sweett

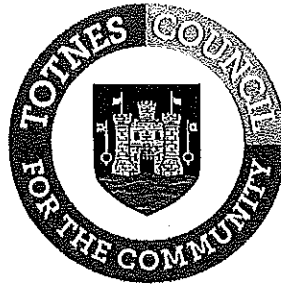
Looking forward to Sarah Woody from the SHDC waste and recycling team to come to November full council to answer questions on waste and recycling particularly the new system for 2020. If you forward any questions I can pass them on beforehand though on the day is also fine.

Skatepark – The project has been allocated £27500 S106 money. This brings the current total to £86000. The Lottery EOI is still grinding slowly and we hope to find out within 2 weeks if we can submit the official application. There was a small design consultation on Monday night at the Rugby Club. The other clubs at Borough park have also been allocated awards, all applications were scored by the same points system.

I've been quite focused at Great Court Farm this month. There are several issues being addressed which have been raised by residents and parish councillors. Please keep an eye on your local developments. It's potentially much easier to rectify mistakes while contractors are still onsite. With so many open enforcement cases throughout the district planning officers do not have the capacity to make regular checks on developments so it's down to us and the public to ensure things are proceeding as they should and to report via the website or to District councillors.

The special planning document SPD is in draft form and due to be discussed at SHDC executive Thursdays morning. Please do read this draft and comment while in consultation stage.

I've visited Totnes Pavilion several times to catch up with staff since the introduction of the cashless system there. The response is mostly positive, those negatively affected seem to be the homeless/caravan dwellers who use the facilities but don't have bank accounts. There is a task and finish group trip to the other SHs fusion centres next month so it will be useful to see what's working well elsewhere before plans are drawn up for the £1.5 million investment spend on Totnes! I'm impressed by the Youth Genesis Friday night events. They are well attended and staffed, the atmosphere and activities varied and fun. I don't know who they will be applying for future funding but it seems money very well spent.



DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2019 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES

Present: Cllr J Hodgson (Chair), Cllr Adams, Cllr Paine, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Hendriksen, Cllr Luker, Cllr Allen, Cllr Piper, Cllr Price, Cllr Simms, Cllr Allford, Cllr Webberley AND Cllr Vint

Apologies: Cllr Trow, Cllr Perkins and Cllr Skinner

In Attendance: Catherine Marlton (Town Clerk), Christina Bewley (minutes), Peter Bethel (Town Sergeant), Soundart Radio x 1, Press x 1, Ben Cattrall, D.Cllr Birch, D.Cllr Rose and 15 members of the public.

No	Subject	Comments
1	To receive apologies and vote on whether to agree.	Cllr Trow, Cllr Perkins and Cllr Skinner gave apologies. It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies.
2	The Mayor will request confirmation that all Members have completed or made any necessary amendments to their Declaration of Interests.	Confirmed.
3	<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i> <u>Reports from County and District Councillors</u>	It was RESOLVED to suspend standing orders a) C.Cllr Hodgson provided a written report. Re. the public consultation on D&C Fire Service – DCC invited senior officers of the Fire Services to come to a scrutiny meeting to discuss the proposed cuts but they refused. b) D.Cllr Birch provided a written report. He gave a reminder that the further consultation on Churchills is on Thursday in the Civic Hall at 4pm. Revised plans will be available. Cllr Birch does not feel the design is suitable for a heritage conservation area. Cllr Allen advised that the County Archaeologist have asked Churchills to do a pre-application check for hidden trenches. Churchills want to do this after planning permission has been granted. That would mean if anything was discovered they just have to record it rather than preserve it. Cllr Allen wants to push the Archaeologists to do a pre-application dig. c) D.Cllr Rose e-mailed his report to Cllrs. He advised that the Dart Harbour Communities group would like to speak with a Town Council representative in regards to making an estuaries plan and get the Town's view on what they would like to happen with the river at the bottom section. Cllr Piper agreed he would contact them as he is the link councillor.
	<i>The Council will convene.</i>	
4	To receive a verbal update from Keith Rennells in relation to a possible biodiversity scheme in the Cemetery.	P.Boswell explained that a £1000 donation has been proposed for the scheme but it must be used this year. A.Price explain the scheme which is proposing the rewilding of areas of the Cemetery. This would allow the cutting regime to be reduced and allow insects to increase.

		<p>The Clerk was supportive of the idea but explained that there were increasing legal requirements for the Cemetery, that the Council budget has not included any funds for this type of scheme and the reducing grass cutting raises complaints.</p> <p>A.Price advised that they were aiming to set up a CIC and seek match funding. Costings would need to be calculated if the Council wants to go ahead.</p> <p>Cllr Paine expressed concerns over any reduction in grass cutting due to the high public usage of the Cemetery and he disagreed with the proposal for the island in the middle of the roundabout to be one of the areas.</p> <p>Cllr Simms suggested rewinding the now redundant play area adjoining the side of the Cemetery instead.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would meet with A.Price & K.Rennells to establish a costed proposal to submit to Council Matters In November, with the idea that the scheme should be in two phases with the costs of phase one being covered by the £1000 donation In order to ensure the donation is used by the deadline.</p>
5	<p>To receive a verbal update from Ben Cattrall regarding the Christmas Festival nights.</p>	<p>Ben Cattrall provided an update on progress with the Christmas Festival.</p> <p>The traders list has now been finalised and most are local. The list of traders will be announced on social media soon.</p> <p>Most of the entertainment is local too, only 4 acts are from outside the area. Entertainment venues are the Market square – main stage, St Mary’s Church, and the Rotherfold – open mic.</p> <p>Efforts are being made to get visitors up to the Narrows and the Rotherfold. The park & ride drop-off will be at the top of town.</p> <p>An event guide with a map is being produced.</p> <p>There will be fewer hot food stalls to encourage use of the existing food outlets and more arts & crafts stalls.</p> <p>There will be designated busking sites to prevent blockages in the street and stewards will be moving buskers on to these specified sites.</p> <p>Existing shop entrances will be kept clear to encourage visitors into the shops.</p>
6	<p>To approve and sign the Minutes of the following Meetings: <i>(Please note confidential minutes can be agreed but any discussion must be held in Part 2):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Full Council 2nd September 2019 b. Council Matters 9th September 2019 c. Town Matters 16th September 2019 d. Planning 19th September 2019 	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the following meetings :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Full Council 2nd September 2019 b. Council Matters 9th September 2019 c. Town Matters 16th September 2019 d. Planning 19th September 2019
7	<p>To consider any matters arising from the Minutes <u>and to approve any recommendations</u> from Committees <i>(Please note confidential recommendations can be agreed but any discussion must be held</i></p>	<p>The following matters arose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Full Council 2nd September 2019</u> <p>Item 3 – Cllr Luker updated that lift at the station is due to be</p>

<p><i>In Part 2):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Full Council 2nd September 2019 b. Council Matters 9th September 2019 c. Town Matters 16th September 2019 d. Planning 19th September 2019 <p style="font-size: 48pt; opacity: 0.5; text-align: center;">DRAFT</p>	<p>operational by the end of October.</p> <p>Item 5 – f. Item 6, Cllr Hodgson AGREED to draft a position paper on this matter to go to the next Council Matters meeting to provide a bit more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. <u>Council Matters 9th September 2019</u> <p>Item 5 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.</p> <p>Item 14 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. <u>Town Matters 16th September 2019</u> <p>Item 3 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation. No invitation has been received yet from TCDS.</p> <p>Item 5 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.</p> <p>Item 6 – Cllr Webberley expressed her concerns that all the Councillors voted for the 'Meet your Councillor' sessions but only six have signed up to do them.</p> <p>Item 8 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation. Cllr Adams raised her concerns that the phone box on Steamer Quay has been removed without any consultation. This was not one of the boxes listed for adoption but it was AGREED the Clerk would make enquiries about why it has been removed.</p> <p>Item 9 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.</p> <p>Item 10 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.</p> <p>Item 12 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. <u>Planning 19th September 2019</u> <p>Cllr Simms and Cllr Adams left.</p> <p>Item 5 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.</p> <p>Item 6 - It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.</p>
<p>8 To review committee, working group and link councillor positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request from Cllr Vint to join the Climate Change Working Group, Town Matters and Planning. b. Request from Cllr Allford to swap her link councillor role of environment and sustainability to elderly and vulnerable, to resign from the Climate Change Working Group, to resign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was RESOLVED to accept these changes. b) It was RESOLVED to accept these changes.

	<p>from the Network of Wellbeing and to be added to the Totnes Allotment Association.</p> <p>c. Vacancy on KEVICC Foundation Governors.</p>	<p>c) Cllr Luker volunteered to take this role and it was RESOLVED to accept his nomination.</p>
9	<p>Motion from Cllr Hodgson - That this Council amends its original Declaration of a Climate Emergency to include recognition of the impending sixth great extinction of our wildlife that is currently taking place. The original declaration will be amended to read "Totnes Town Council Declares a Climate and Ecological Emergency".</p>	<p>It was RESOLVED to accept the motion.</p>
10	<p>Motion from Cllr Vint - That in accord with this Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency the Council signs the Devon Climate Declaration and notifies Devon County Council and the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group of this decision.</p>	<p>The motion was amended to say that with the provision that Totnes Town Council declares an ecological emergency and aspires to be carbon neutral by 2030, this Council signs the Devon Climate Declaration and notifies Devon County Council and the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group of this decision.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the amended motion.</p>
11	<p>To consider the draft Neighbourhood Plan and any actions, delegation and expenditure required.</p>	<p>Cllr Luker gave an update. The 6 week consultation will start in early November. Plans for the consultation will be finalised at the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on Thursday. It will need publicising in the local press. After submission of the Plan the timescale will be dependent on SHDC completing their consultation which is likely to be a couple of months.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the draft Plan.</p>
12	<p>To consider a draft timetable and process budget setting 2020/21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 14th October 19 - Community budgeting survey format considered by Council Matters • Monday 4th November – Community budgeting survey format agreed by Full Council • 5th November – 5th December – Consultation open on budget process • Monday 9th December – Council Matters considers draft 2020/21 budget for recommendation to Full Council (including feedback from Community Budgeting process) • Monday 6th January 2020 – Full Council consider setting the 2020/21 budget and precept required. 	<p>The Clerk explained the draft timetable. Due to the timescales involved it was requested that Council Matters are given delegated authority to approve the Community budgeting survey format.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to Council Matters for agreeing the Community Budgeting survey design and content.</p>

13	To note the deadline for submissions to the Clerk for inclusion in December 2019 issue of the Totnes Directory is 1st November by 5pm.	Noted.
14	To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk regarding any issues from the SLCC National Conference that are pertinent to the Town Council.	It was AGREED that the Clerk would update Councillors with feedback from the Conference through the Committees and by sending out any updates by email.
15	To discuss any confidential items from the Council Matters minutes.	None to discuss.
16	To note the date and time of the next meeting: Monday 4th November 2019. Public session from 6.30pm In The Guildhall.	Noted.

Ended 9.20pm

Catherine Marlton
Town Clerk

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE
MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2019 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES

Present: Cllr E Price (Chair), Cllr C Allford, Cllr P Paine, Cllr M Adams, Cllr J Hodgson

Apologies: Cllr Simms, Cllr Piper

In Attendance: Catherine Marlton (Town Clerk)

No	Subject	Comments
1	To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.	Apologies were received and these were AGREED .
<i>The Committee will adjourn for the following item:</i>		
Public Question Time: A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.		None.
<i>The Committee will convene to consider the following items:</i>		
2	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of: Council Matters 9 th September 2019 - (already agreed through Full Council)	None.
3	To consider the current year's budget allocations, budget monitor, balances and forecast	The current year budget monitor was considered and AGREED unanimously.
4	To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan (standing item).	Noted. No actions to approve
5	To consider any expenditure of resource implications from the Cemetery Working Group Meeting on 3 rd October 2019	<p>The minor expenditure required for signage was AGREED and the Clerk could agree under delegated authority given the small sums.</p> <p>The Clerk updated that SHDC Tree Officer would inspect the trees suspected of requiring remedial work. If urgent works are required then this will be carried out otherwise the works may wait until the next financial year.</p> <p>The issue of the air ambulance landing zone was discussed. It was AGREED that Cllr Adams would approach the charity direct to discuss whether floodlights are required and if so would send a proposal to a future Council Matters committee for consideration.</p> <p>The offer from Allwoods to provide a free repair was AGREED and the company thanked.</p>
6	To consider any expenditure or resource implications from the Public Realm Working Group Meeting on 26 th September 2019	The proposed expenditure of £1500 for two planters was AGREED . This includes manufacture of the planters, compost, delivery, a small tree and estimated installation costs. The locations for the trial are to be one outside the Guildhall next to the trough and one at Bank Lane to obscure the unsightly commercial waste bins.
7	To agree a Community Budgeting survey for open comment from 4 th November – 5 th December 2019	The draft survey design was unanimously AGREED .
8	To receive an update on the Civic/Birdwood refurbishment project	Noted. No actions to approve.
9	To receive an update on the Market Square project	Noted. No actions to approve.
10	To consider IT equipment and Town Council email addresses for all Councillors	<p>It was AGREED to offer the provision of a second hand refurbished tablet to all Councillors but to encourage the use of own equipment to keep costs to a minimum.</p> <p>The investment in Town Council email addresses was considered essential to be GDPR compliant and therefore the estimate of £1170 for the google licence was AGREED. The format for email addresses will be cldr.surname@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk</p>

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11	To note the deadline for the second round of the Community Grants process is 4 th November 2019 for consideration by Council Matters on 11 th November under delegated authority.	Noted. No actions to approve..
12	To note the meeting scheduled with the company undertaking the public realm audit – midday on Thursday 21 st November 2019	Noted. No actions to approve.
13	To note the latest Christmas Events budget and to receive any necessary updates	Noted. No actions to approve.
14	To receive an update on the Museum works and receive any requests from Trustees	It was reported that the remedial works to the roof were completed. The Town Clerk explained that the Chair of trustees has expressed an interest in joint working with the Town Council on heritage issues.
15	To consider how best to investigate public toilet provision from 2020 onwards	A site meeting scheduled for 5 th November at 2pm in Paignton was noted. All Councillors were encouraged to attend.
16	To consider a Budget Setting Training session for Councillors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Session – date TBC • Community Budgeting open for feedback – 4th November – 5th December • Council Matters considered draft 2020/21 budget and Community Budgeting feedback – 9th December 2019 • Full Council sets the 2020/21 budget and requests the precept – 6th January 2020 	It was AGREED that rather than a separate training session for Councillors that the Council Matters meeting in November should include consideration of the draft budget for 20/21 and all Councillors should be encouraged to attend. The Town Clerk agreed to forward a draft working budget spreadsheet showing projections for the next 4 years to all Councillors by email.
17	To consider a request from the Climate Change Working Group for traffic pollution sensors	It was AGREED to invest in two of the sensors at a cost of £320 approximately.
18	To note an update on the Museum – terms of lease, fire risk assessment and maintenance requirements	The Town Clerk explained that a fire safety risk assessment has been sent from the Trust which shows areas of concern. Further detailed information will follow to a future Council Matters meeting. The Town Clerk reported that she is seeking legal advice on the detailed terms of the lease regarding the responsibilities of the Council as freeholder and the Museum Trust as leaseholder.
19	To consider and agree the bank and petty cash reconciliations (confidential as contains personal information of payees).	These were reviewed and unanimously AGREED
20	To consider and sign (Clerk and Chair) the 2019/20 staffing budget	This was reviewed, unanimously AGREED and signed by the Clerk and Chair during the meeting.
21	To consider a recruitment timeline and job descriptions for Events Officer and Groundsman roles	These were reviewed and unanimously AGREED Interview panel for Groundsman – Clerk, Deputy and Cllr Adams Interview panel for Events Officer – Clerk, Cllr Piper and Cllr Adams
22	Date of the next meeting – Monday 11 th November 2019 at the earlier time of 6.30pm.	

Members – quorum is 3 members (1/3 of elected)

- Cllr E Price (Chair)
- Cllr M Adams
- VACANCY
- Cllr C Allford

- Cllr J Hodgson
- Cllr P Paine
- Cllr A Simms
- Cllr B Piper



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2019 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES**

Present: Councillors G Allen, R Hendricksen (Chair), J Hodgson, P Paine and R Vint.

Apologies: Cllrs C Luker and V Trow.

Not Present: Cllr A Simms.

In Attendance: Sara Halliday (Committee and Cemetery Administrator).

No	Subject	Comments
1	To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.	It was resolved to accept the apologies. Cllr Hendricksen chaired as Cllr Allen was unwell and unlikely to attend all of the meeting, with a re-ordered agenda.
	<i>The Committee will adjourn for the following items:</i>	
	A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.	There were no members of the public present.
	<i>The Committee will convene to consider the following items:</i>	
2	To update on any matters arising from the minutes of 19 th September 2019. (Note: already agreed through October 2019 Full Council.)	Item 5 – Resolved by Full Council. The Totnes Town Council Transport Policy and Strategy is now on the Totnes Town Council website. Item 6 – Resolved by Full Council. These comments have been entered into the online public consultation questionnaire. Item 7 – The Heritage Officer at South Hams District Council has advised that extensions to conservation areas is part of a formal review process and unlikely to take place any time soon. It was AGREED that the Heritage Officer would be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the concerns that the Committee has, particularly in relation to Item 5 on the agenda – building safety in the town.
3	To consider a change in Councillor representation at the Totnes Travel Partnership.	To RECOMMEND to Full Council that with the reinstatement of the Planning Committee, the Planning Committee Chair (and not the Chair of Town Matters) should represent Totnes Town Council at these South Hams District Council meetings.
4	To note the status of the community garden behind Baltic Wharf.	Concerns had been raised with Councillors out of Committee about the delivery of the community gardens at the Baltic Wharf development. Complaints include few trees planted in the community orchard and no work in creating a kitchen garden.

		It was AGREED that Councillors would suggest that the newly created Residents Association at Baltic Wharf works with the Town Council on a tree planting day on 24 th November as part of Tree Charter day, and keeps Councillors updated on their discussions with the developer regarding progress in creating the community garden areas.
4	To consider how to encourage local land owners to plant trees.	It was AGREED to bring this issue to the next meeting and that Cllr Vint would invite individuals involved in local schemes to attend. Landowners would need to be written to and the financial benefits of tree planting made clear. Castle Meadow was suggested as a potential location for tree planting, but it was acknowledged that there may be archaeological factors to consider.
6	To make recommendations on the following tree works order: 6a) 3109/19/TCA – T1: Beech - Reduction of Northern stem by 8m, lateral reduction of the other two stems by 8m each to balance tree. Tree is leaning towards house and is at risk of falling. Fernleigh, Pomeroy Villas, Bridgetown, Totnes, TQ9 5BE. 6b) 3237/19/TPO – T1: Pine – Lateral reduction of lower primary branch on southwestern side (4m from ground level) by 2m to reduce overhang onto driveway. 6 Varian Court, Bridgetown, Totnes, TQ9 5BS.	Support. Support.
7	To make recommendations on the following planning applications: 7a) 3102/19/ARM - Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 0386/18/OPA: 4 Argyle Terrace, Totnes, TQ9 5JJ. 7b) 2527/19/VAR – Variation of conditions 2, 3 and 4 of planning consent 56/2244/14/F (Erection of apartment building comprising 3no. apartments and associated parking). 9 Queens Terrace, Kistor House, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5JQ.	Cllrs Allen and Hodgson declared personal interests. Object. The Committee has concerns that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash trees have been felled which were part of the planning conditions and the Committee requests that the Tree Officer advises what enforcement actions can be applied in relation to this breach. The Committee asks that suitable trees are planted as replacements. • The flood risk issues raised by the Environment Agency need to be addressed. No comment. The Committee continue to have concerns about drainage issues at this development and would suggest that trees are planted to help alleviate the problem. [Cllr Allen left the meeting at 11am.]

<p>7c) 2688/19/HHO – Householder application for proposed single storey side/rear extension, replacement flat roof, demolition of existing garage and erection of new double garage. Rosearn, Hillbrook Rise, Totnes, TQ9 5AU.</p>	<p>Support.</p>
<p>7d) 3195/19/FUL – Replacement of existing garage/store to provide one dwelling. Glebe Coach House, Manor Way, Totnes, TQ9 5HP.</p>	<p>The Committee supports the comments made by Devon Historic Environment and would ask that any development retains as many historic materials as possible.</p>
<p>7e) 2709/19/HHO – Householder application for kitchen extension with loft space (amendment to 4423/17/HHO). 7 Cherry Cross, Totnes Down Hill, Totnes, TQ9 5EU.</p>	<p>Support.</p>
<p>7f) 2958/19/HHO and 2959/19/LBC – Householder application and Listed Building Consent for roof alterations and introduction of new windows and doors to single storey kitchen at rear of existing dwelling. 6 Seymour Place, Totnes, TQ9 5AY.</p>	<p>Support.</p>
<p>7g) 2787/19/HHO – Householder application for renovations including a new porch, rear extension, new and replacement windows and a replacement garage. Endsleigh, Jubilee Road, Totnes, TQ9 5BP.</p>	<p>Object. The Committee has concerns about the number of trees that will be felled as part of this development and would ask the Tree Officer to review the arboricultural report.</p>
<p>7h) 2734/19/FUL – Change of use of commercial premises from A3 Restaurant to B1 Office. 1 New Walk, Totnes, TQ9 5HA.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7i) 2125/19/HHO - READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plan Received) Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension and raised deck. 37 Follaton, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5ND.</p>	<p>Support.</p>
<p>7j) 3259/19/HHO – Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension. 16 Follaton, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NB.</p>	<p>Support.</p>
<p>7k) 2922/19/LBC – Listed Building Consent for removal of cracked cementitious render back to original stone on gable. 17A Cistern Street, Totnes, TQ9 5SP.</p>	<p>Support.</p>
<p>7l) 3106/19/LBC - Listed Building Consent for the creation of a new doorway (access to garden) within the aperture of an existing window. 57 High Street, Totnes.</p>	<p>Support.</p>

	7m) 2951/19/LBC – Listed Building Consent for amendments to previous listed building permission 3636/18/LBC, including replacement windows and doors, new roof lights, details of coping, floor finishes etc. 4 Seymour Villas, Pathfields, Totnes, TQ9 5QR.	Support.
	7n) 2952/19/LBC - Listed Building Consent for amendments to existing Listed Building permission 4141/18/LBC. 4 Seymour Villas, Pathfields, Totnes, TQ9 5QR.	Support.
<u>NOTE: Cllr JH observes and does not vote on any applications which would potentially be discussed at a Development Management Committee meeting at SHDC.</u>		
8	To consider the structural safety of buildings in Fore Street and High Street.	It was AGREED that this issue should be discussed with the Heritage/Conservation Officer at the next Committee. It was AGREED that Cllr Paine would invite builders who had worked on local buildings to a future meeting to discuss their experiences and the common problems they had found in older buildings in Totnes. Totnes Town Council can remind landowners of their legal responsibilities, but it cannot intervene or enforce action.
9	To consider a new premises licence application from Wine and Greene for 91 High Street.	No objection.
10	To consider a request for a name plate for Windeatt Lane off Plymouth Road.	To RECOMMEND to Full Council that Totnes Town Council approves the spend of £36 and submits an application to South Hams District Council to request that this road is named and signed as Windeatt Lane.
11	To note the following event requests received by SHDC: 11a) Rubber Duck Race on Saturday 9 th November from 1100-1600hrs, Vire Island.	Noted.
12	To note the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee – Thursday 21st November 2019 at 10.00am.	Noted.

Earth Protector Town – Declaration

In declaring Stroud an Earth Protector Town, the Council undertakes to collaborate and cooperate with communities, local government bodies, businesses and other organisations to protect land, wildlife, air, soil and water. The Council considers the repercussions of its decisions and rigorous care is observed to avoid environmental harm in the exercise of its functions.

To protect the Earth, this Council will;

Endorse, support and, through the publication of this declaration, raise awareness of the Earth Protector movement which campaigns to amend the Rome statute and declare ecocide* a crime at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Protect the community as best it can from environmental damage.

Produce a strategy for the Council's operations, including a date, to achieve a carbon zero future.

Work with the community to guide action on becoming a carbon neutral town and programme awareness raising about climate change into our community work.

Promote the movement from sustainable to regenerative living wherever possible across the town, including for households.

Campaign with and support the community to achieve single use Plastic Free Community status.

Work with the community to minimise the Town's environmental impact and create a strategy to protect, enhance and connect ecosystems/habitats/species in and around our town.

Raise awareness of climate and ecological emergencies through education, promotion of events and providing appropriate information.

Pledge that any future investment decisions consider the environmental practices of the institutions involved, as well as existing legal requirements on public investments.

Assure transparent and regular reporting of the implementation of the above pledges (including where possible a shared database of participating stakeholders' specific goals and progress achieved in attaining them).

In declaring itself an Earth Protector Town, Stroud is publicly supporting the campaign to amend the Rome statute and declare Ecocide a crime at the ICC.

**ECOCIDE is serious loss, damage or destruction of ecosystems, and includes climate and cultural damage*

STOP ECOCIDE: CHANGE THE LAW
ECOCIDE is serious loss, damage or destruction of ecosystems, and includes climate and cultural damage. We believe ECOCIDE should be recognised as an atrocity crime at the International Criminal Court - alongside Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity.

ECOCIDE has severe impacts on all of Earth's inhabitants, not just humans. We need to expand our collective duty of care to protect the natural living world and all life. International ECOCIDE crime is a law to protect the Earth.

This is about realigning law with a higher moral code: *first do no harm*.

A POWERFUL WAY TO CHANGE INDUSTRY DIRECTION
Climate negotiations have failed to prevent escalating harm to the natural world. Existing civil law cannot prevent serious ecological and climatic harm resulting from current industrial practices and new untested technologies.

Only a criminal law can stop investors from backing ecocidal practices, and insurers from underwriting them. Persons of superior responsibility - CEOs and government ministers - become individually criminally responsible for ECOCIDE which they recklessly cause or contribute to e.g. by issuing permits or licences.

SIGN UP TO BECOME AN EARTH PROTECTOR

By becoming an Earth Protector, you help fund the legal support required while creating visibility and momentum for this crucial amendment to international law.

If you happen to be a frontline environmental activist, signing up will also provide you with proof that you are taking peaceful action as a conscientious protector not a criminal: i.e. to prevent harm not to cause it.



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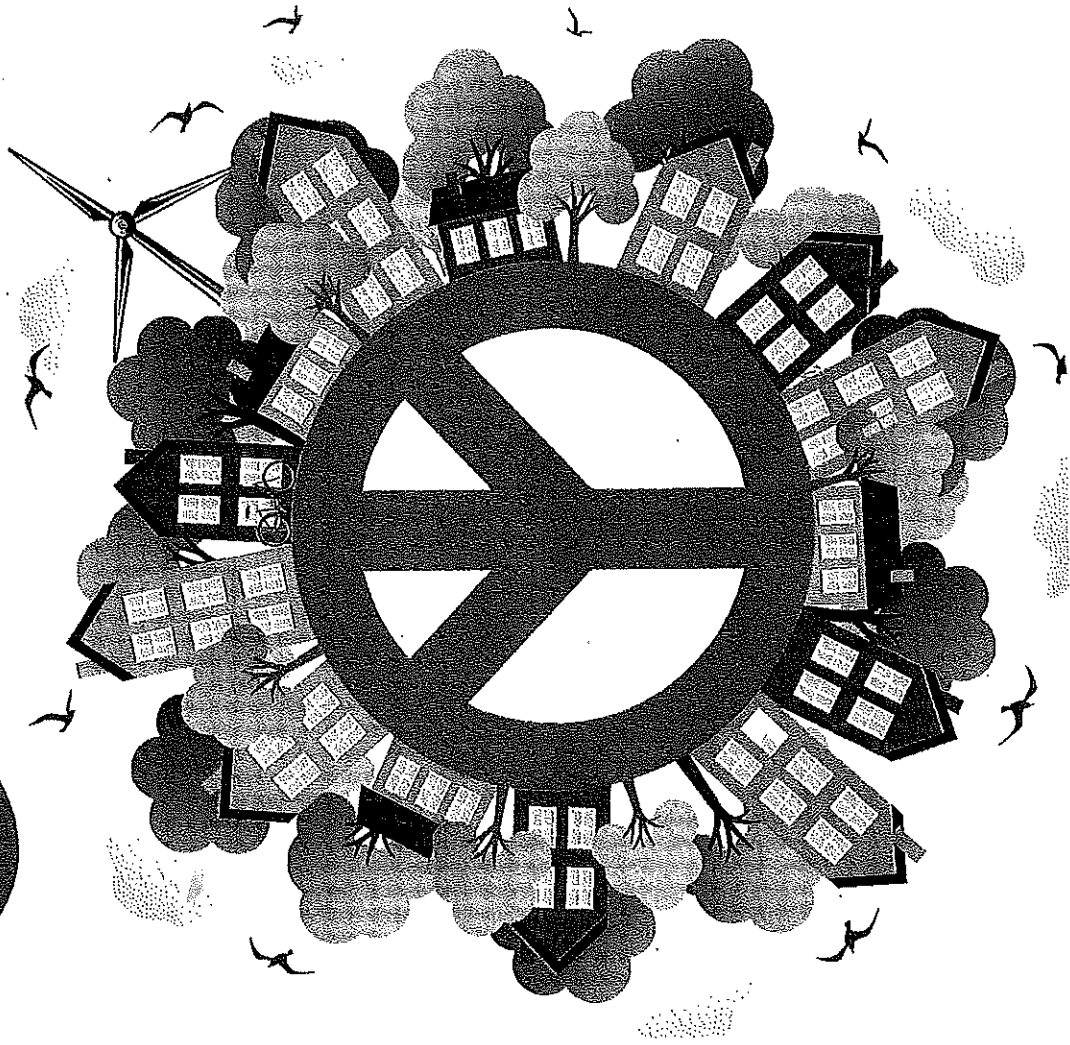
We all know in our hearts that serious harm to our Earth is wrong - it is already a matter of conscience.

Now it is time to make it a matter of law. Join us.

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HOW TO BECOME AN

EARTH PROTECTOR TOWN



What is an Earth Protector Town?

Earth Protector Towns (EPT) are a global collaborative movement of Towns to protect the Earth, using an interactive process including specific goals and guidelines.

In declaring itself an Earth Protector Town, a Council undertakes to collaborate and cooperate with communities, local government bodies, businesses, educational and other organisations to protect land, wildlife, air, soil and water. The town is also publicly supporting the campaign to amend the Rome statute and declare Ecocide* a crime at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

How is the Earth Protector Town different?

What we offer the Town Council is essentially the opportunity to be part of the movement to change the international law and to change the world; top down and bottom up. The framework will be by nature holistic, as well as participatory allowing for dialogue between Councils globally, and collaboration with participating business and NGOs. This is the time we need to act together and bring change. A movement of towns around the globe has exponentially more impact than one town acting on its own.



What does my town have to do to become an Earth Protector Town?

There are five goals for Earth Protector Towns:

- 🌱 Produce a strategy and a date to achieve a carbon zero future
- 🌱 Practice the movement from sustainable to regenerative living wherever possible
- 🌱 Protect and enhance eco-systems, habitats and species in and around the town
- 🌱 Pioneer the reduction and elimination of single use plastic
- 🌱 Promote awareness of climate and ecological emergencies

The Council pledges that any future investment decisions consider the environmental practices of the institutions involved, as well as existing legal requirements on public investments.

These goals form a framework for a steering group to audit, plan and monitor the activities and projects which will help to protect and enhance the environment in and around the town.

How do I get involved?

The pilot project is already underway, and the framework is evolving. Get in touch with us to register your interest. The framework will launch on 22nd April 2020 and will be shared for towns across the world to use.

In the meantime, you could create a steering group for your town to look at what's currently being done and audit the activities of the Council to see where any improvements can be made.

Has your Council declared a climate emergency and committed to become carbon neutral by 2025?

Are there other things your Council is doing that you'd like to tell us about?

Contact us at hello@EarthProtectorTowns.earth
to join the conversation visit www.stopcocide.earth

* Ecocide is "serious loss or damage to, or destruction of ecosystem(s) of a given territory(ies), such that peaceful enjoyment by the inhabitants has been or will be severely diminished."