

Report from The Climate Change Working Party

Wednesday 12th January 2022, 4pm.

The Mayor's Parlour, Torpoint Town Council Offices.

1. Declaration, Council Business.

The group discussed actions previously taken by Torpoint Town Council to reduce carbon emissions and a DRAFT Action Plan for council consideration is appended to this report.

The group decided that the next steps should be to

- Construct a Draft Terms of Reference for the working party group (to enable the group membership to be extended).
- Promote the group and undertake an initial survey of all households in the town (which will include seeking support/volunteers for the Repair Café).
- The group to review and update Torpoint Town Council's Environment Policy.

2. Declaration, Context -Within Torpoint.

Cllr. Goodman explained the planned links with the TEA group and the plans for the February Half Term Environmental Focus.

3. Declaration, Context- Beyond the town.

Cllr. Goodman gave feedback from Cornwall Gateway Climate Change Working Group of 3rd December, 2021.

- A link to the Maker with Rame PC "The Rame Green Guide" has been shared (hardcopy given to Cllr. Goodman). This is an interesting and thought provoking document which makes many of the points that we have given previously for declaring the Climate Emergency ourselves. In the Introduction of the Rame Green Guide, the Parish Council makes the point that, crucially, many of the tips that they provide for their community in the Rame Green Guide will also help local households save a lot of money. Another point they make is that this is a living document.
- Information was shared relating to the County Gleaning Network.
- Information that Maker with Rame declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency on 18th October 2021.

From 'The Clerks' Magazine' 10th January 2022. (Page 2, Para 1.)

"Declaring a climate emergency must not be a passive process once the declaration is made."

This group believes this to be an important statement made by the author of the article and the group will be mindful of these words of advice given.