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## Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 23rd Mar 2023

### Present:

Steve Anderson (chair), Eunice Lord, Craig Clark, Lindsey Davis, Ed Conduit, Peter Barber, Christine Allen,

### 1. Terms of Reference

Draft terms of reference are attached for review and comment. The chair explained that since the group was set up by and reports to the Parish Council, we need to operate to similar standards. Any approaches/proposals to outside bodies should be agreed by the group in advance, to ensure a coherent approach and avoid confusion. The group is focussed on climate change actions at parish level.

### 2. Longer term investigations: Renewables

Craig described potential means of funding for solar. At present, rooftop solar is easiest because there is likely to be some on-site use for the power generated, which increases value; and because such schemes are usually small enough that the National Grid will accommodate them at minimal cost. Both commercial companies and not-for-profit organisations offer schemes whereby the funding, installation and aftercare are managed by a third party, while the host receives electricity at discount. The detail of the agreements varies, but they normally include full site survey and installation, with insurance and contingency cover for the 20-25 years of the deal. The power pricing agreement is usually designed to deliver reduced costs to the host right from the start, and further benefit from maximising direct use of the solar on site. In some cases there is an option for the host to provide some up-front funding. Many schools have installed solar under such agreements.

The group agreed that the High School appeared to have great potential for roof-top solar, and an approach should be considered. CC indicated that it might be economic to install solar on Brindley and move the panels if the school was rebuilt. It was felt that Foley was probably too small and shaded to be a good prospect, but the Council Offices should be considered.

Actions: CA and EL to consider how best to approach the High School  
EL to investigate parish offices potential for solar  
CC to contact Brindley informally

It was agreed that the potential for ground-mounted solar at Roundhill/ Severn Trent was probably poor given the likely cost of an electrical connection for this scale of installation.

Action: EL to report back once costs known.

### 3. Promoting awareness and individual action: GIKI Zero Project

Lindsey reported on progress with the Giki Zero project (report appended). The project is on target, with several 'Giki champions' recruited. Now the challenge is to maintain momentum. Committee members were asked to complete a short questionnaire on their experience with Giki (appended, please return to Kath Tunnicliffe).

*Action:* CA to put the Giki QR code on Hyperion Road Whatsapp group

### 4. Current Project: Reducing Energy Use for Heating

#### IR heat detector camera.

The new IR camera has been tested on several homes, and some of the photos will be displayed at the market. The Housing Association had expressed interest in borrowing the camera to engage local tenants when retrofit is proposed. It would be good to promote wider use before the weather turns warm.

*Action:* LD to promote offers of use of the IR camera on social media

#### Bulk Buying deals for Insulation

It was agreed to explore whether insulation materials could be bought at discount to encourage uptake

*Action :* LD to explore options

#### Reducing heat loss from public buildings

The assessment of 3 of Kinver's public buildings has been rescheduled for end of March. CC mentioned that funding could be available from the Public Decarbonisation Strategy funds, but is likely to require a full suite of measures including heat pumps.

*Action:* CC, EL, SA, GS to meet within next 2 weeks to assess these buildings.

EL has registered with SBEN and the Carbon Tracker they provide, which we can use to assess progress in decarbonising parish council operations.

*Action:* EL to work with the Parish Clerk to use Carbon Tracker.

### 5 Grants and other support

CC reported that the next round of Public Sector Decarbonisation grants were due to be launched this autumn, which could provide opportunities for bids.

The group discussed possible public buildings which might benefit from increased insulation or other decarbonisation measures; and/or boiler replacement. Buildings which are heavily used make the strongest cases. Buildings to review included the 3 schools; Senior Citizens; Library; Church Halls (especially Methodist since its in daily use for the playgroup); Surgery; Guide hut; Scout camp main room; possibly Edge View care home.

*Action:* EL/CC to review and prioritise the list

There may be grants for purchase of LED bulbs, from county or district.

## 6 Networking

EC, EL and PB had contacted **Moorlands Energy group**, who held a recent Energy Day in Leek. This was well attended with some excellent speakers on matters such as retrofit, zero carbon building and the new energy grid. The group is lively, well connected, and provided several contacts and potential speakers. They work closely with Moorlands District Council. **Sustainable Hayfield** reported a project giving free energy saving assessments to homes, and another providing solar installation at group discount prices. They have agreed to talk to us about their experience.

*Action* : EL to follow up links from Moorlands/Hayfield groups

## 7. Publicity and Social Media

Lindsey reported posting on several social media platforms. She welcomed additional material eg case studies from use of the IR camera. It was agreed that the group should create a website and consider having a group email address from which communications could be sent.

*Action*: EL to follow up website options (KinverClimate.co.uk domain purchased).  
EL/LD to consider next steps re social media and preparing materials.

## 8. Upcoming events / activities

**Market Stall**: We will be at the March market. No market in April, and it was agreed to try to get a local company or expert for the May market, and advertise this.

*Action*: EL to seek local company for May market.

**Climate /Zero Carbon Event**: It was agreed we should stage an event in the autumn, bringing together local companies and organisations around this theme, and striving to provide practical info and demonstrations to inform the debate. First steps: Talk to Ann Becke/KSCA; draw up target list of stall types; suggest potential local candidates.

*Action* : EL contact KSCA. all members to contribute ideas

## 9. Date of next meeting:

**27 April; 7 pm in the Con Club (small meeting room)**

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### Kinver Climate Action Working Group

#### **Proposed TERMS OF REFERENCE**

##### **Purpose**

To contribute to and promote changes which reduce the extent of climate change, and increase resilience; both within council operations and the wider community.

##### **Approach**

1. Continue to review parish council operations, with the aim of reducing carbon footprint to net zero by 2030, and publish progress.

2. Identify priority areas, and actions/approaches most likely to be effective in reducing carbon footprint, or improving resilience, for the parish as a whole. Areas for consideration to include but not be limited to:

- Household heating: Reducing heat loss; Increasing efficiency
- Renewable energy
- EV charging
- Active Travel

3. Work with other organisations and stakeholders in and beyond the parish; and with District and County councils, to share knowledge and funding, and develop common objectives.

4. Engage with and facilitate participation and action by residents.

5. Seek sources of external funding and match funding to achieve these aims.

### Membership and Quorum

6. The Group will invite members from the local community.

7. The Committee shall consist of up to 10 members, at least 2 of these to be Kinver Parish Councillors. A quorum for votes will be 5 members.

### Reporting

9. The Kinver Climate Action Working Group will report to the Full Council. All recommendations for proposed expenditure by the Parish Council will be submitted to Full Council for consideration.

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### Questionnaire on use of Giki Zero

To aid evaluation of the Giki App project so far I could do with everyone in the room completing this questionnaire .....honestly!

Name  optional and perfectly acceptable to complete anonymously

Have you downloaded the Giki Zero App? Yes No

If No Do you intend to download it? Yes No

If No you've finished

If Yes please continue .....

How long ago in wks (approx) did you download the APP? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 something else

How often do you open the App Never rarely weekly 2-3 times a week more or less every day

As a result of the App have you made changes? None 1 or 2 changes making quite a few changes

Have you persuaded anyone else to use the App? Yes No

If Yes how many? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Circle Agree, Disagree or No opinion to the following statements

The App isn't very easy to use.	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
I don't believe using the App is any use in reducing carbon	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Individual reduction of carbon isn't going to make any difference.	Agree	Disagree	No opinion