



# BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

**Climate Change & Biodiversity Working Group Meeting**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7:00pm**

[Online via Teams](#)

## NOTES

### In Attendance

Cllr Pat Osborne

Cllr John Dallison

Cllr Hugo Mieville

Linda Scott-Giles

Yvonne Mieville

Janet Tyson

### 1. Apologies

Cllr Roger Carter

Cllr Noc Lacey-Clarke

### 2. 'Plastic Free Town' Status

Yvonne explained that she would like to proceed with the town becoming plastic-free and Surfers Against Sewage have the following four requirements:

#### Set up a plastic free steering group

- Evidence is required that there is a group having regular meetings and it was agreed that we would use these meetings because they are relevant and include the same people who would attend both meetings.
- Pat suggested it is an item on the agenda every month, which was agreed.

#### Governance

The motion to the council must say:

1. Council will remove plastic from its properties
  2. Council will promote this publicly to residents and businesses
  3. Name a representative of the council to sit on the steering group
- Pat added that the Action Plan evidences the commitment and subsequent actions.
  - Yvonne also referred back to the Minutes from May 2019 when council agreed to support the Blandford War on Waste.

#### Get Business Champions

Six businesses are required to sign up to this, due to the size of the town, and businesses already doing something and using alternatives are eligible. They need to register via the dashboard.

### Get Community Allies

- 20 allies are needed – schools, youth organisations, sports clubs, masons, rotary, business group, repair café, the WI, Hall & Woodhouse, Museums, trade unions, Community Fridge, the churches, playgroups and nurseries, the leisure centre and the library.
- The allies need to agree to the initiative.
- Yvonne asked for people from the working group to participate by agreeing to speak to a number of groups.
- Linda suggested holding an event in the Corn Exchange to invite the aforementioned groups and reach out to them in one session. We can then reach out to any other required after that session.
- Pat felt it was an achievable initiative and gave us a reason to reach out to the local community.

Yvonne will sort a pack of information and will draw up a letter to be sent to the local groups and organisations. Yvonne will also send out a list of groups so people can consider who they might like to present to.

### **3. To receive any updates**

Annabelle Valentine is starting work soon on the drains for the Only Rain Down the Drain campaign. Three drains will be worked on and Linda shared the designs.

The Green Fair was held on Sunday and, despite the weather, it was a successful event.

### **4. To agree next steps**

As above.

### **5. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7pm (online).