

# Herefordshire Climate and Nature Board

## Minutes

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 5.30 – 7.00pm

Online Teams

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1. **Apologies:** Emma Adams, Emily Partridge, Claire Kingston, Jamie Audsley

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### 2. Minutes of the last meeting held - JM

- Matters Arising (JM)
- Discussion around definition of nature rich shared via email with which the Board are happy to use 'Halt decline in species abundance by 2030' aligned with Government's Environmental Improvement Plan 2023 (EIP23) legally binding apex target.
- Herefordshire Council have made a bid to the [Local Area Retrofit Accelerator](#) Fund.
- Update on Economy & Place Board (GW) – noted the challenge to meet net zero by 2030 and the Board's emerging priority action grid as well as some of the projects that the Board have delivered or are delivering.
- The idea of a carbon budget for the county was discussed. The Board agreed that it was a useful thing but noted we need to be clear whose plan it is and who owns it - i.e. needs to be sectoral.

**Action** for SCC team to draft a high level carbon budget for county with options for the Board to consider such as differential pace of each sector's decarb.

- Recruitment update and welcome new Board members
    - Welcome Robert Milne - Archaeologist, artist, gardener, and campaigner for food gardening to be brought into the national curriculum.
    - Welcome Emma Adams - Senior Farm Carbon and Soils Advisor based in Herefordshire, championing sustainable farming practices across the agricultural sector. Emma was unfortunately unable to attend.
    - Buildings sub group also looking to second Jeremy Milln who has interest and expertise in historic and civic architecture.
  - Minutes agreed
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### 3. Sign-off Final Summary Action Plan - 18 Priority Actions, indicators & monitoring/reporting framework

- **Action** - Need to spell out acronyms
- **Action** - Communications to support roll out of messaging based on "Where do you want your energy to come from?" to general public JW and GC to discuss
- **Action** – energy sub group to consider domestic storage (home scale batteries)
- **Action** – SK to develop a specification for a new whole farm Phosphate Measurement Tool to replace Farmscoper with input from the farming subgroup
- **Action** – take RT's update and apply to the main grid
- **Action** – follow up with GW on request for charger in Fownhope

- **Action** - Board members to respond to LTP and core strategy consultations
  - **Action** – to include energy from waste as an indicator
  - All priorities agreed subject to changes identified in minutes.
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#### 4. Discuss projects to support these priorities

- **Energy Project 1:** Checking national data is representative of Herefordshire - this will now be the carbon budget.
- **Transport Project 2:** project for discussion – attached, agreed that GC to receive the offer of a free study from Prof John Whitelegg.

**Food Project 3:** River Friendly Food Trail – attached, RT to work up a proposal.

**Farming & Land Use Project 4:** Baseline and extend outreach of FCAs (additional six more audits (total 46) funded and another three workshops planned for 2024. Additional FCAs dependant on future funding) (agreed).

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#### 5. Defra River Wye Action Plan – Cllr Swinglehurst and James Marsden discussed the below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-wye-action-plan/river-wye-action-plan>

**Update to follow.**

Link to the meeting:

<https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1161&MId=9468&Ver=4>

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#### 6. AOB & Good News Items and Funding Opportunities - All

- Review of board presentation guidelines (**action**) to confirm them at next meeting
- Improving Farm Productivity grant Round 2  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/improving-farm-productivity-grant-round-2-applicant-guidance/about-the-improving-farm-productivity-grant-round-2-who-can-apply-and-what-the-grant-can-pay-for>

**Action** - Food Alliance UKSPF success – GF to promote the film (event?)

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#### 7. Date/ Time of next Board Meeting & Agenda Items

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 10.00-11.30am at the Shell Store, Hereford

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#### 8. HC Activity - One-Pager Update include Climate Reserve tracker (attached)

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