

# Herefordshire Climate and Nature Board Minutes

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 10.00 – 11.30am  
In Person - Shell Store, Hereford

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1. **Apologies:** Ian Howie, Jackie Jones, Philip Percy, Jamie Audsley, Robert Miln  
**Attendees:** James Marsden, Gordon Coppock, Gareth Williams, Emma Adams, Claire Kingston, Rebecca Tully, Steve Klenk, Cllr Swinglehurst  
**HC Officers:** Richard Vaughan  
**Not present:** Elly Deacon-Smith, Emily Partridge
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## 2. Minutes of the last meeting held – JM approved

- Matters Arising (JM)
    - Board presentation guidelines (RV)
  - **Action** – RV to simplify and also reflect Board members speaking on behalf of the board informally
  - **Action** - elaborate on what we are about on the website (proposed text for board to review)
  - **Action** – carbon budget (variable geometry by sector i.e. different speeds for sectors to 2030 and 2040 and 2050) Gareth Ellis to contact GC, GW and EA
  - **Action** -Re-schedule AD meeting – and invite, Gareth, Gordon, Emma, James, Cllr S, Steve
  - Recruitment proposal (RV) supported – Secondary and Further education
  - Minutes 'agreed
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## 3. Review and agree publication of designed 18 priority actions grid

- Board to ensure all actions include baselining and reporting of outcomes/outputs (with officer support) RV.
  - Change protocol for action plan, sub group leads for each theme can propose changes to secretariat and report back to board, if significant then it may require board approval.
  - Quarterly formal quarterly review of action plan from September 2024.
  - For the website - single page per theme, easy to find. When published circulate link to Board.
  - SCC to follow up with all sub groups for baselines and reporting
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## 4. Review actions from the last meeting (All) and specific sub group project proposals:

- Food Project - River Friendly Food (RT)  
Board supports this proposal.
- **Action** RT bring back in September **action all** to email RT about the proposal

- It was noted that the food and farming subgroups are joined up on this agenda and that the message would be kept simple to avoid confusion around specific definitions, rather celebrate existing good work.
  - Farming & Land Use Project - Whole farm/field scale Phosphate Measurement Tool to replace Farmscoper (SK)
  - SK proposed a bespoke phosphate tool for the county to the board, it needs to be Herefordshire specific as a national tool would not accurately reflect local conditions (extreme variations in soils).
  - Current software is outdated (5/10 years without update)
  - Emma has bid for funding to add Phosphate balancing into calculator (Farm Carbon Audit)
  - Board cannot yet agree on supporting the tool, **action** subgroup need to work up a proposal to bring back to the board
  - **Action** have all projects on web and have board members accountable to board for delivery with SCC support.
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#### **5. Review new Food sub group project proposal - CK**

- The proposal is Herefordshire Council to sign the Plant Based Treaty <https://plantbasedtreaty.org/cities/>
  - Board however do not recommend HC or the Board sign up to this
  - **Action** – RV to link RT to procurement lead for PL café contract
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#### **6. AOB & Good News Items and Funding Opportunities – All**

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

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

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