

# Herefordshire Climate and Nature Board

## Minutes

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00 – 11:30  
In Person – Shell Store

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1. **Apologies:** Jamie Audsley, Rebecca Tully, not present  
**HC Officers:** Richard Vaughan, Gareth Ellis (Via Teams at 11:00 am)  
**Not present:** Elly Deacon Smith, Emily Partridge
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### 2. Minutes of the last meeting held – approved JM

- Matters Arising (JM)
  - Board Action Log (RV)
  - **Action** – SCC (GE) to review national data and see if food waste is reported and let Claire know
  - Minutes agreed
  - Recruitment of educational rep ongoing
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### 3. Further review of HCNPB's ToR and succession plan for Chair and member recruitment

- Broad agreement not to let 50% of members drop off at the same time as continuity very important
  - Discussion on flexible extensions to help provide more resilience for continuity
  - **Chair** -JM - happy to step down as Chair or carry on if no-one else want to chair - but needs ToR update. Item deferred for members to consider and for members not present to have the opportunity
  - **Vice Chair.** IH proposed that we have a vice chair
    - GW volunteered and was confirmed as vice chair
    - Agreed to continue with up to 2 as per current ToR
  - **Action** - call for offers of second vice chair from all members
  - **Action** - secretariat to draft amendment to ToR offering further one or two 2 year extension
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### 4. Update of progress of the Carbon budget

#### • Economy and Place Board update

Discussion on economic plans -

- GW and JM comments received and considered. BB has followed up with Cllr Swinglehurst and RA
- HC will ensure sister document targets are included within each **mins** other for a robust and consistent set of metrics - these will then flow up to the corporate plan

- JM to share comments too

- **County Carbon Budget**

- **Action** - to share data source with the board as some have had difficulty accessing this.
- Discussion on mapping different sector targets / projections. Noted importance of using national datasets to ensure ability to compare and also noting the improvements in the robustness of this over time as it has developed
- **Action** - note what is missing for clarity when publishing anything relating to the data

SK noted it was important to show actual emissions in terms of CO2e to demonstrate progress year on year by each sector. Percentages of totals can be misleading when looked at over time.

- **Action for all sub-groups** – to provide some narrative to each trend line to help explain previous performance and also drivers for future projections

GC - noted buildings crosses across a number of these - please can we present as simpler - buildings, transport, agriculture.

JJ - request to break down in more granular manner when interrogating the data and reporting in more detail.

- **Action** – Task and Finish Group to present in both more and less detail as above.

- **Action to establish a Task & Finish carbon reporting sub-group**

- GC and EA volunteered
  - Request to invite Tim Yair as well
- Task and Finish Group to produce a view on trajectories
- Cllr S - can we also do some more local projections?
  - Is sample size statistically robust and also inconsistent methodology / access to data
  - What local data is available?
  - For transport - speak to Dave Land, Head of Transport and Access Services, about Hereford Transport modelling
- Look to link to Tyndall Centre
- Request for public friendly explanations
  - Tyndall have done a report on Powys - can we look at this?

- **Action** - JM to share/ ask team to find this.

- **Action** - to produce a report and agree with the HCNP Board by March 2025

## 5. Nutrient management tool

- No longer just Phosphate, now a whole nutrient tool, driven by Farm Herefordshire
  - Cardiff PHD study (not yet published) states that Phosphate isn't the primary driver of Algal Blooms - as Nitrogen and others included
  - As such need to consider all nutrients
- Environment Agency want it to be a national tool
- JM also chair of Wye Catchment Partnership
  - Proposing a joint letter to England and Wales ministers - including request for funding for this.
- The Partnership are beginning to have a better understanding of the issues in the catchment

- Need to look at targeting and the nutrient tool will be key part of this.
- **Action** - SK to update Board on as the tool develops
- **Action - SK** - convene the farming and land use group at right time to consider these issues further
- Agreement to utilise Farm Herefordshire as the land-use group to enable a broader engagement
- **Action** - JM to share Office of Environmental Protection guidance
- **Action** - to better explain the ongoing work and make available to the public e.g. via Greener Footprints.
- Conference will be an opportunity (follow up from bridge over troubled water) 21st Nov @ Shell Store

### **Renewables Mapping project**

- GC intro
  - Suggestion came from energy subgroup and funded by climate reserve funding
- GE - should be ready in the next 2/3 weeks depending on ICT staff resource from Hoople
  - Split into a solar and wind map
  - Eases complexity of mapping due to different constraints for the technologies
  - Drafting introductory text and will note that it is still subject to local planning policy
  - Will explain what it doesn't consider
  - The report has been shared with planners and Local Nature Recovery Strategy
  - Grid constraint
    - We have old data regarding local substations
      - This can be updated when available
      - Current data is 8 months old which includes snapshot of capacity with names and codes
  - **Action** - Energy group to meet and run through test system with GE.
- Mapping tool will be hosted on the Council website and promote through Climate and Nature pages and wider

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### **6. HC response to follow up AD meeting on 19 August 2024**

- **Action** - BB to produce a one page summary as follow up to meeting that was held and ensure it responds to the letter from GC
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- GW question about carbon footprint of the feedstock and whether we can condition local sourcing in same way as farm shops.

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### **7. AOB & Good News Items and Funding Opportunities – All**

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

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30 – 7.00pm on Teams

- LNRS update
- FCA update and forward look to next year and available budget and discuss board aspiration (4R to be present) Next steps discussion - need to consider options here.  
Invite 4R to present on FCA's.
- Adaptation discussion (MB)

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

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