

URCHFONT PARISH COUNCIL

CLIMATE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Notes of the meeting of the CFC Working Group held on 2nd September 2008 at 4 Peppercombe Close, Urchfont

Present - Peter Newell, Chairman
Jim Batt
Richard Bromley
Alan Cannon
Pete Nobes

1. Welcome and apologies - David Byford, Mary Treneer
2. Notes of the meeting held on 26th June 2008 - Agreed
3. Matters arising -
 - (a) School Waste Committee - Still outstanding Mary
 - (b) Sustain the Plain - Jim had not heard whether the LEADER+ application had been approved to enable this programme to continue in a new guise.
 - (c) RegenSW and other grant sources - Richard had not been able to pursue these. Richard
4. Parish Council Carbon Footprint - In response to the draft previously circulated, it was suggested that wherever possible photocopying should be two sided and papers should be sent by email if possible. Richard undertook to produce a methodology by the end of September. Richard
5. Energy Efficiency Campaign -
 - (a) Extension to Pilot - Peter reported that the AONB were awaiting the outcome of their applications to LEADER+. The South East application had been approved but it would take them a while to set up the administrative procedures to process grant applications. Peter would continue to pursue. Peter

It was noted that the Energy Advice Centre would continue under the auspices of the Wildlife Trust with funding from local authorities in Wiltshire with a programme of roadshows planned.
 - (b) Energy Saving Products - Peter reported distribution as follows -

Low Energy Light Bulbs	162
Pipe Lagging	12 packets (x 5 - 1m)
Draught Proofing	15 rolls
Radiator Panels	195

There had been some requests from adjacent Parishes.

Pete would let Peter have three hot water cylinder jackets for Alan to publicize. Pete/Alan

(c) Energy Day and smaller Saturday am sessions - Deferred for Energy Day Working Party immediately following the meeting. Energy Day W/P

(d) Street Lighting Review - Peter reported that the second paper circulated had been approved by the Amenities Committee and the proposals for part night lighting would go to the Police and Fire Service for their views.

(e) Currentcost Electricity Monitors and Thermometers - These had been supplied by Pete. The Monitors would be advertised for loan by Alan and the thermometers could be widely distributed through the School and Community Shop. Peter would arrange this. Peter

6. Community Wind Turbine(s) - Peter reported upon discussions with Good Energy, the interest of the Planks, the grant of £5000 from KDC and the application to the Cooperative Fund; the latter through the Redhone Community Trust who were better placed than the Parish Council to pursue grants and to develop this project. There was a shortfall of £3500 to cover the cost of the Feasibility Study including VAT. It was suggested that the Redhone Community Trust would be wise to register for VAT. Peter would enquire as to whether there were any remaining funds available through Sustain the Plain. Peter

7. Publicity - It was agreed that Alan would publicize - the free products, hot water cylinder jackets, electricity monitors and when the dates finalised the energy Saturday morning sessions. He wanted ideas for articles for which it was suggested he contact WWT. He would be meeting Alan Lancashire to see a handbook he produced for Shell worldwide on energy conservation guidance. Alan

There was now a CFC page on the Parish Website.

8. Updated Action Plan - This was noted.

9. Date of next meeting - 10.00am Thursday 6th November 2008 at 4 Peppercombe Close, Urchfont

10. Any other business -

(a) Carbon Positive Award booklet - Further copies were available on request. Jim asked for 12 copies. Peter

(b) Ecohouse Open Days - It was agreed that the offer from COIN should not be pursued.

(c) Local Government Association Booklet ('Be Aware, Be Prepared, Take Action') - Peter expressed disappointment that this booklet did not address the leadership role of local authorities with climate change nor did it address transport.

(d) KDC Recycling report - Peter drew attention to a recent Press report highlighting the poor take up of recycling facilities by local businesses.

(e) Wiltshire Council - Pete reported that the WC would be establishing a Climate Friendly Department under Alastair Cunningham.