

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Tintwistle Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

PURPOSE: To inform on actions to date and propose the earmarking of funds to support the programme of work

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Council approves:

- i) the progress of the Climate Emergency Action Plan
- ii) plans and costs of installing the children's Climate Change posters
- iii) the progress of the Opportunity Mapping exercise and links with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
- iv) proposals for awarding the prizes for Tintwistle Green Champions
- v) the continuation 23/24 of the roles of Climate Change Campaign Coordinator and Holybank Quarry Warden

Background

At the Tintwistle Parish Council (TPC) meeting on 12 December 2022 the Council approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan to date. There are earmarked funds of £200.00 towards the implementation of the Plan and £350.00 towards the costs of the Opportunity Mapping exercise.

1. The TPC Climate Change Champion/Activist Sara Scott-Rivers and the TPC Holybank Quarry Warden, Pete Girdlestone, have been supporting the activity identified in the Plan. See the updated plan attached as Appendix 1.
2. The children's posters have been completed and are ready for installation around the village. The cost of the production of the posters is £67.20.
3. DWT has offered their service for opportunity mapping which normally costs £1000.00. However, this project is being offered to Tintwistle Parish Council for £350.00. The report is providing us with:
 - Mapping and a description of the current state of diversity in the Tintwistle area, using the new Nature Recovery Network modelling to identify core network and priority sites. It would include existing corridors, strategic gaps and potential threats.
 - Development of an action plan which would identify the strategically important sites for habit restoration or creation; overview of next steps, including actions for restoration of key species groups in the area; resources on habit creation and management for core networks sites and priority habitats (including ancient hedgerows); and where possible funding recommendations will be provided.
 - DWT has been alerted that there plans for a housing development on the west side of the village – not yet approved. The DWT advice, should the TPC wish to challenge the development, is to get the area designated as a local green space. Also, to ask the HPBC Planning Department if they have a 'green wedge' policy within the Local Plan. A green wedge policy is designed to stop villages merging. and maintaining the landscape character.
 - The publicity and rules of participation in the Green Champion Competition will be published in July '23.

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1. Options for Council

- i. Approve the progress of the Plan and the earmarking of a total of £200.00 to cover the costs described above.
- ii. Approve the Plan with amendments
- iii. Reject the Plan with the implication that the Parish Council plans for combatting climate change do not go ahead and TPC is unlikely to comply with UK Government targets

2. Reason for Recommendation

TPC has already approved the intention to have a Climate Emergency Action Plan. The Council needs to be satisfied with the effectiveness of the Action Plan which requires a level of funding to enable its implementation.

3. Expected Benefits

The Parish of Tintwistle and Crowden will benefit in the following ways:

- The local community receives support and guidance to tackle the challenges of climate change and alert residents to actions that can be taken
- The Tintwistle and Crowden natural environment will benefit in respect of its biodiversity
- TPC Business Plan will incorporate Climate Change priorities

4. Implications

4.1 **Legal** - N/A

4.2 **Risks** – TPC cannot be seen as denying the Climate Emergency and any political fallout from this position

4.3 **Financial** – Expenditure to support the implementation of the Plan

4.4 **Timescales** – June 2022 – March 2025

4.5 **Stakeholders** – Peak District National Park, United Utilities, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, local community and businesses

4.6 **Contracts** – N/A

4.7 **Crime and Disorder**- N/A

4.8 **Biodiversity** – Central to the Plan

4.9 **Data Privacy Impact** – N/A

4.10 **Equality and Diversity** – All sectors of the community to be involved

4.11 **Climate Change**- Central to the Plan

Appendices

A. Tintwistle Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan as at 19 June 2023