

Botus Fleming Climate Action Group

Meeting of 28th August 2019 20.00 hours

Venue : The Rising Sun PH.

1. Present: Margaret, Sarah, Victoria, Dan, Trevor and Helena.

2. Apologies: Ruth, Liz, Chris and Malcolm

3. Relationship with Parish Council.

3.1. Some of the group had attended the PC meeting immediately prior to tonight's meeting. The following facts were established:

- 3.1.1. BFPC have declared a climate emergency although this was not made clear in the PC minutes.
- 3.1.2. BFPC request the attendance of a Climate Group member at PC meetings to report progress.
- 3.1.3. BFPC are willing to give space in Parish Newsletter to the group.
- 3.1.4. BFPC are willing to identify funds to support the group. The budget for next year will be determined in September so the PC require details before then.
- 3.1.5. BFPC invited the group to define their relationship with the PC.

3.2. The group identified that it had two functions:

- 3.2.1. An independent group exploring and implementing actions that would encourage the communities to respond to the threat of climate change.
- 3.2.2. A group to advise the PC and CC of actions that they could take to address climate change.

4. Purpose and role of group

- 4.1. The group discussed two possible approaches. It could limit itself to focussing solely on the issue of climate change or it could broaden its remit and look at the issue of sustainability in its entirety .
- 4.2. It also needed a Mission statement or Vision Statement.
- 4.3. Should we formalise the group by creating a charity or Social Enterprise?
- 4.4. Members were asked to develop their thoughts on these issues and feedback at next meeting.

5. Challenges

- 5.1. How to motivate individuals to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle?
- 5.2. The possibility of promoting green energy was again discussed and there was general enthusiasm for this. It would reduce energy costs, reduce CO2 emissions and generate funds for the group by attracting referral fees.
- 5.3. Further discussion covered a range of possibilities such as drip-feeding information, events, door to door canvassing.

6. ACTIONS

- 6.1. Members will prepare a brief presentation of the thoughts and views about the structure and function of the group for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

- 7.1. Thursday 12th September, 12.00, West Park, Villaton. PL12 6PP