

Lowestoft Town Council Climate Emergency and Ecological Committee

For the attention of all Committee Members

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Climate Emergency and Ecological Committee of Lowestoft Town Council at 15:30 on 2 August 2022, at **Whitton Residents' Hall, Hawthorn Avenue, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 9BB**.

The meeting is open to the public and press to attend and those attending the meeting shall be informed that the meeting may be reported on (including recording, photographing and filming). This does not apply to confidential items. Comments can also be submitted regarding any item on the agenda in advance of the meeting. Members of the public can join the meeting remotely via the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85007943207>. The meeting can also be observed via the following link: <https://youtu.be/EwcHUGiZ2DE>. In providing any comments members of the public accept that, where they are suitable, they may be considered at the meeting and published in our minutes. Any individual submitting the comments should ensure that their name, address and contact details are included in their communication and should note that anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Members of the public accept that their name may be noted and recorded at the meeting. However, their contact details will not be noted and reported publicly.

Councillors must register relevant interests and also declare them at a meeting if they have such an interest in a matter to be considered. Under the Localism Act 2011 a councillor with a **disclosable pecuniary interest** in a matter on the Agenda cannot take part or vote on that matter, unless they have been granted a dispensation. Under the Council's Code of Conduct a councillor must leave the meeting room if they have such an interest, unless they have been granted a dispensation. There may be other interests or matters in which councillors might be considered to be biased or predetermined in which cases they will need to consider whether they should be present.

The Council has a duty to pay due regard to preventing crime and disorder and to conserve biodiversity as part of relevant decisions.

To help prevent the spread of Covid-19, all attendees should bring their own refreshments, their own pen for signing in, and should dress appropriately given the need for increased ventilation on the site. Every person attending should make their own risk assessment of the advisability of attending and/or any measures they should take individually to ensure their safety.

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Shona Bendix, Clerk

26 July 2022

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AGENDA

37. Welcome

To explain the fire evacuation procedure, welcome the meeting, and remind councillors and members of the public of the right to report.

38. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

39. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

39.1. To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to note that there are no written requests and grants of dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

40. To consider the draft minutes of the meeting on 5 July 2022

41. Public forum

An opportunity for the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda, and to consider any advance comments from the public.

42. To consider the meeting schedule of the Climate Emergency and Ecological Committee

43. To monitor expenditure by this Committee from the climate emergency budget, under delegated authority

44. To consider any matters to raise with Cllr James Mallinder (East Suffolk Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment) and/or the Environment and Waste Working Group, and to receive feedback on any matters previously raised, including the following:

44.1. A proposal from the Environment and Waste Working Group regarding bulky waste collection to target fly tipping

45. To receive an update regarding liaison with Peter Aldous MP on Lowestoft's Blue Flag status

46. To receive feedback from East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councils regarding their activities during 'No Mow May', and to consider next steps

47. To receive feedback from a Town and Parish Council Zoom meeting regarding Sizewell C

48. To receive feedback from the Kittiwake Conference

49. To consider the following regarding ponds and waterways:

49.1. To receive feedback from a meeting regarding a biomass collection device for the Town Council's ponds and waterways, and to consider next steps

49.2. Recommendations regarding the management and ongoing maintenance of the Town Council's ponds and waterways

50. To consider Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Conservation Report of the Great Eastern Linear Park, and progressing any required works

51. To consider next steps for assessing the Town Council's carbon footprint

52. To consider whether the Town Council should declare itself an Earth Protector Town

53. To consider Town Council land and building use in light of the cost of living crisis

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54. To consider whether to submit an application to the Woodland Trust for free trees
55. To consider making recommendations to the Personnel Committee on officer home working arrangements in the Flexible Working Policy
56. To receive an update on plans for the Great Big Green Weekend events, and to consider provision of a transport service to the event
57. To consider submitting comments to the Lowestoft Neighbourhood Development Plan Local Green Spaces consultation
58. To consider the 'Food Hub' project and any suitable locations
59. **Date of the next meeting**
6 September 2022 15:30
60. **Items for the next agenda and close**
61. **To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda**