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To all Environment Committee Councillors: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee via Microsoft Teams on Monday 25 January 2021 at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

To the press and public: Any member of the public may submit a written statement of no more than 500 words relating to any item on this agenda. These must be received by 10am on Friday 22 January 2021 by the Communications Officer Joanne Harper via the contact details above.

To listen to this meeting please contact the Communications Officer Joanne Harper, via the contact details above before 12 noon on Monday 25 January 2021.

Kelly Lawrence
Committee Clerk

Date: 19/01/2021



AGENDA

1	Chairman's opening remarks and apologies for absence:	
2	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda	Attach 1
3	The minutes of the Environment Committee held on Monday 16 November 2020 for approval: Decision required	Attach 2
4	Statements received from members of the public on items relating to the agenda to be read out by the Committee Clerk (maximum 15 minutes): For councillor information	
5	Co-opted Members: Update from Committee Clerk: For councillor information	Attach 3
6	Great British Spring Clean/Litter Pick: Report from Cllr C Oliver: Decision required	Attach 4
7	Ecological Regeneration of Victoria Park: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decisions required	Attach 5
8	Golf Courses as Carbon Sinks: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decision required	Attach 6
9	Power Parks: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decision required	Attach 7
10	Kent 2050: Road to Net Zero Conference: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decisions required	Attach 8
11	Library of Things – SHARE UK: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decisions required	Attach 9
	Date of next meeting: 15 February 2021	
	Cllr C Oliver, Cllr E Rowbotham, Cllr B Bano, Cllr T Bond, Cllr A Farrington, Cllr L Kettlewell, Cllr T Thompson, Ms S Watsham	

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

		Actions
1.	Chairman's opening remarks: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the remote meeting and advised on the procedures. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Bond.	
2.	Declarations of interest: Cllr Oliver declared a VAOI as GIKI Zero is funded by her employer.	
3.	Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Monday 19 October 2020 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment Committee held on Monday 19 October 2020 as a true and accurate record (P) LK (S) TT All agreed.	
4.	Statements received from members of the public on items relating to the agenda: No statements had been received from the public in time for the meeting.	
5.	KALC Net Zero Environment and Centre for Alternative Technology trainings: Report from Cllrs Oliver and Rowbotham: Members RESOLVED: 1. To note the report 2. To recommend to Full Council that in the absence of a District Council level Tree Strategy, Deal Town Council press ahead with plans to map and value the tree cover locally, but also develop a Natural Capital / Tree Strategy for the local area – potentially collaborating with neighbouring councils, where possible, in doing so. 3. The Chair, in conjunction with Officers, write to the Rotary Club's Deal contingent to investigate how we might work together on our areas of mutual interest in relation to the environment, with a particular focus on greening / tree planting. 4. The Town Clerk to investigate potential applications of GIKI Zero to the work of Deal Town Council. (P) CO (S) AF All agreed.	Chair Chair & Officers Town Clerk
6.	i-Tree Eco: Update from Adrian Oliver: Members RESOLVED: To note the report (P) LK (S) ER All agreed.	

7.	No Idling Schools Poster Competition: Update from Adrian Oliver: Members RESOLVED: To postpone the competition until 2021 due to the current Covid restrictions and to communicate with schools to promote the Air Pollution campaign and the competition via cycle safety packs and Mayoral letter. (P) LK (S) ER All agreed.	Chair & Vice Chair
8.	DDC Climate Change Officer invitation to speak: Members RESOLVED: To ask the Climate Change officer to address the following when she addresses the committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are DDC addressing the Climate Emergency in their work? • What are they doing to influence the public and what success are they having? • What are they doing about climate adaptation and mitigation particularly in relation to trees and greening? • What contribution will the Climate Officer be making to the local plan? • What does the Climate agenda look like in a post Covid world? • What difference will Brexit make? • Could the Climate Officer direct us to a single point of information on the website in advance of seeing her? (P) CO (S) LK All agreed.	Clerk
9.	Bringing DTC's business operations into alignment with our Environment Policy: Members RESOLVED: To note the report (P) CO (S) LK All agreed.	
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm	
	Date of next meeting – 25 January 2021	

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Attach 3

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr C Oliver Chairman of the Environment Committee, Committee Members
From: Kelly Lawrence, Committee Clerk
Date: 19 January 2021
Subject: **Co-opted Members Update**

At the Environment Committee held on Monday 19 October, members discussed co-opted members and made the following recommendation for Full Council;

RESOLVED: To invite a representative from the following local organisations to join the Environment Committee as Co-opted members: -

- **East Kent Climate Action Group**
- **The Kent Tree and Pond Partnership (for a local Tree Warden)**
- **Local Youth Climate Activists Group**

This recommendation was agreed by Full Council at their October meeting.

Update

Co-opted Invites went out to the East Kent Climate Action Group and The Kent Tree and Pond Partnership.

I am pleased to confirm that Sonja Watsham will be the representative from the East Kent Climate Action Group. I have received her signed declaration and she is now officially a co-opted member of this committee.

The representative from The Kent Tree and Pond Partnership will be David Carey, I am hoping to receive his signed declaration soon, in order that he can also attend the meetings as an official co-opted member.

Unfortunately, I and the Chairman of the Committee, have been unable to identify any Local Youth Climate Activist Association Groups at this time.

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Attach 4

MEMORANDUM

To: Environment Committee Members
From: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee
Date: 18th January 2021
Subject: Great British Spring Clean / litter picks

Background

Part of the Environment Committee's remit is to work to eliminate plastic pollution in Deal. We have discussed providing support for 'Trash Free Trails' initiatives on the DTC website, and the possibility of organising litter picks, perhaps by ward, when the COVID 19 situation allows. Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean' was also suggested to the committee by an interested member of the public.

Some desk research indicates that Trash Free Trails has not published any date in respect of their annual Spring TRT initiative, and their Autumn initiative was cancelled. The Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean has been postponed to September 2021 because of COVID 19.

The national lockdown makes organised litter picks impossible. Resources for Community Clean Up's are available for groups of up to six people from the District Council when such things become possible.

<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Recycling--Waste/CommunityCleanUps.aspx>

Recommendations:

- Note the information
- Consider whether to recommend to Full Council that DTC supports the Great British September Clean, COVID 19 situation permitting, with litter picks planned for each ward.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee and all Committee Members

From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer

Date: 18 January 2021

Subject: Dover District Council Issue 1 – Ecological Regeneration of Victoria Park

As DDC's Climate Officer has been unable to attend the Environment Committee a number of issues that could have been raised are now articulated as Memos to the Committee.

The first issue is the potential for DDC to ecologically regenerate Victoria Park.

Victoria Park is a green desert, a wasted natural space. Lots of cut grass. Not many natural features that could further assist biodiversity and ecological regeneration.

The map below illustrates some potential natural improvements including replacing the ugly chain link fence along Mill Road with a hedgerow.



Recommendations

- Environment Committee to review the concept of the ecological regeneration of Victoria Park
- Contact Dover District Council and request they develop a detailed ecological regeneration plan for Victoria Park along the lines decided by the Environment Committee and implement it during 2021.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee and all Committee Members

From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer

Date: 18 January 2021

Subject: Dover District Council Issue 2 – Golf Courses as Carbon Sinks

As DDC's Climate Officer has been unable to attend the Environment Committee, a number of issues that could have been raised are now articulated as Memos to the Committee.

One of these issues is, could the golf courses across the district become carbon sinks?

Sports facilities like golf courses have been shown to have a positive impact on local biodiversity, quality of life and the economy. The grass of a golf course will sequester carbon through photosynthesis, but there are numerous emission sources associated with the management of golf courses which release CO₂ into the atmosphere. These include the engines used to power mechanised operations such as mowing and spraying, the application of agrochemicals, including fertilisers, and the disposal of waste.

A significant area of the district is dedicated to golf. There are four golf clubs:

- Walmer & Kingsdown
- Royal Cinque Ports
- Royal St George's
- Prince's

The 149th Open is still scheduled to take place this year at Royal St Georges, the District is still engaging with the golf community including these clubs and the R&A.

Whilst the event itself will bring many positive things to the district and some environmental unsavoury things such as increased traffic and emissions, this engagement is an opportunity to discuss and actively encourage all the golf clubs to become carbon sinks by:

- Applying organic management techniques
- Proactively helping wildlife through natural landscape management
- Better water management
- Using electric powered work vehicles and rechargeable tools
- Employing renewable energy such as
 - Ground source heat pumps
 - Wind turbines
 - Photovoltaic and thermal solar
- Promote environmentally sustainable behaviour amongst members

Recommendation

Committee to write to Dover District Council to request them to pursue this opportunity with the golf clubs and the R&A as soon as possible.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee and all Committee Members

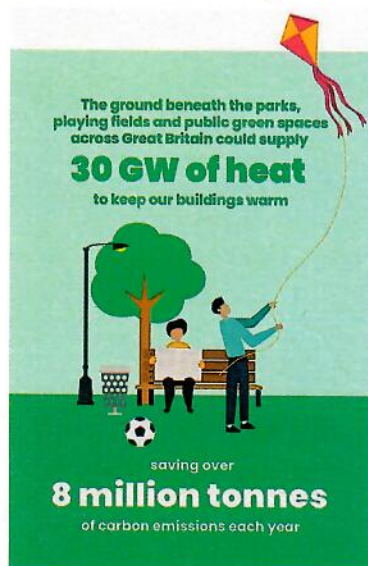
From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer

Date: 18 January 2021

Subject: Dover District Council Issue 3 – Power Parks

As DDC's Climate Officer has been unable to attend the Environment Committee, a number of issues that could have been raised are now articulated as Memos to the Committee.

One of these issues is, will the District use their parks and in particular Victoria Park, North Deal Recreation Ground and Cowdrey Park to generate heat energy?



A new report from Possible, a UK Climate Action charity, has made the link between ground source heat pumps and parks.

Heat pumps are a well-developed solution to heating our buildings and a key low-carbon way (as long as they don't use standard HFC refrigerants) to moving away from burning gas. A heat pump collects the ambient heat around us, in the air, in water and in the ground, then concentrates it and pumps it into our buildings.

Possible's report shows how putting heat pumps beneath parks and playing fields, capturing a large area of ambient heat, could supply clean heat to leisure centres, community buildings, sports facilities, schools and homes, saving 8 million tonnes of carbon emissions each year, tackling climate change, improving air quality and generating an income for councils.

There's more information and the report at <https://www.wearepossible.org/latest-news/powering-parks>

Recommendation

- The Committee writes to Dover District Council and encourage them to pursue this opportunity in:
 - Victoria Park, providing heat energy to:
 - Linwood Youth Hub
 - Tides Leisure Centre
 - Deal Gymnastics Club
 - Surrounding homes
 - North Deal Recreation Ground providing heat energy to:
 - New Century Nursery
 - Sandown Primary School
 - Surrounding homes
 - Cowdray Square providing heat energy to:
 - Deal Welfare Club and Social Institute
 - Surrounding Houses

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee and all Committee Members
From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer
Date: 19 January 2021
Subject: Kent 2050: Road to Net Zero Conference – 27 November 2020

The **Kent 2050: Road to Net Zero Conference** was about showcasing the Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy.

For collection of speakers was good with:

- Will Day providing global and national context
- Jessica Long providing insights in to people's behaviour, attitude and decision making around climate issues
- Susan Carey outlined the strategy
- Lord Deben talked about the Climate Change Committee's new Sixth Carbon Budget (it's huge, I have a copy)
- This was followed by a series of real-world presentations, of particular note are the presentations from Kent Wildlife Trust and Ryse Energy

There is a recording of the entire event available to view online at <https://youtu.be/4PCkb8DLgQc>, until **Friday 29th January**. The running times within the recording are:

- 00:00:00 Opening speech from the Chair, Roger Gough, Leader of Kent County Council
- 00:06:28 Will Day, Sustainability Advisor to PricewaterhouseCoopers UK and Fellow of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership
- 00:30:13 Jessica Long, Head of Sustainability, Ipsos MORI
- 00:53:54 The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP for Tunbridge Wells
- 01:10:30 Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Kent County Council
- 01:23:54 Lord Deben, Chair of the Committee on Climate Change
- 01:39:20 Nicholas Thurston, Canterbury City Council
- 01:46:53 Paul Hadaway, Kent Wildlife Trust
- 02:00:00 Will Edge, Greensand Ridge Distillery
- 02:08:24 Jash Rughani, Ryse Energy
- 02:15:45 Closing thoughts from Roger Gough, Leader of Kent County Council

Recommendations

- Environment Committee members to review the recording for a more in depth discussion at the next environment Committee.
- Environment Committee to work with the Transport & Infrastructure Committee to ensure that the buses serving Deal are running on Hydrogen from the new plant based at Herne Bay by 2022.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee and all Committee Members

From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer

Date: 19 January 2021

Subject: Library of Things – SHARE:UK

A Library of Things is a place where people can borrow the things they need rather than buy them. The focus is on things you might use occasionally such as tools, event items or camping equipment.

The Climate Assembly report recommended people share and repair more instead of owning all their things. This not only reduces the burden of ownership but offers environmental and financial benefits.

To put this in perspective, in 2019/20 SHARE:Frome not only saved it's borrowers £144,956, but calculated that it avoided:

- 199 tonnes in greenhouse gas emissions
- 254 tonnes of raw material use
- 22 tonnes of manufacturing waste

There are about a dozen Libraries of Things (LoTs) in the UK at the moment and SHARE:Frome (which was set up in partnership with Frome Town Council) are launching SHARE:UK this year with the aim to help facilitate the birth and growth of new LoTs. Member LoTs will be able to access funding pots acquired by the national body as well as being given templated systems, operational guides and start-up consultation.

There is more information about SHARE:Frome at <https://sharefrome.org/>

And more information about setting up a Library of Things and SHARE:UK at <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/home-garden/how-create-library-things-10-top-tips>

Recommendations

- The Environment Committee start liaising with local groups to explore the potential of establishing a partnership to start a Library of Things
- Contact SHARE:UK to learn more about membership and creating a Library of Things