

## **Minutes from Environment Committee 12 January 2022 at the Civic Hall Uppermill.**

**Present: Cllrs.** K. Phillips (CH)  
S. Al-Hamdani J. Battye  
L. Dawson M. Scholes

### **532. Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Curley and Simpson

### **533. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Scholes declared he worked in the Fair Trade Coop in Holmfirth.

### **534. Minutes from 13 September 2021**

Agreed as true record and signed by the chair at the meeting.

### **535. Light Pollution.**

An email had been received from a resident raising concerns regarding light pollution in the borough. It was resolved that the clerk would forward the resident's concerns to planning at OMBC, asking if they could ask residents to switch to lights triggered by movement rather than on all night. This is in the Running Hill area of Dobcross. Also the appropriate ward councillors be informed.

### **536. Fair Trade.**

The clerk had previously sent out to councillors the criteria that needed to be met in order to become a fair trade parish/town. Cllr. Phillips stated that there were 5 goals that needed to be met

#### **Five Goals for a Fairtrade Town**

1. Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and agrees to serve Fairtrade products (for example, in meetings, offices and canteens).

2. A range of (at least two) Fairtrade products are readily available in the area's retail outlets (shops, supermarkets, newsagents, petrol stations) and served in local catering outlets (cafés, restaurants, pubs).

3. Local workplaces and community organisations (places of worship, schools, universities, colleges and other community organisations) support Fairtrade and use Fairtrade products whenever possible. Populations over 100,000 will also need a flagship employer.

4. Media coverage and events raise awareness and understanding of Fairtrade across the community.

5. A local Fairtrade steering group is convened to ensure the Fairtrade Town campaign continues to develop and gain new support

She stated that this was a large project to take on needing people resources that were unavailable to the parish council. The local community would need to be fully engaged, and a coordinator would be required to make any real impact and deliver the goals.

It was resolved that Cllr. Scholes would investigate what Fair Trade initiatives were already taking place in Saddleworth and if people within the community would be interested in taking it forward. He agreed to report back in the form of a presentation to the committee in March.

As a first step, a motion would be proposed to support Fair Trade in the Parish and would be added as an agenda item for the February ordinary Council meeting- Cllr. Phillips to forward to the clerk. This has never been done formally by the Parish Council before although it has been discussed.

**537. Electrical Charging Points.**

A resolution was agreed at November's Ordinary Council meeting, therefore it was resolved that no further action be taken by this committee

**538. Flood Prevention**

A motion put forward by OMBC to propose that funding be used on a pro- active basis to prevent flooding in at risk areas.

It was supported by this committee and will be added as an agenda item for noting at the Ordinary Council Meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

**539. Dog Fouling**

Cllr. Simpson had contacted various agencies and had not had responses. The clerk had contacted an officer from OMBC on two occasions and has received no reply. Cllr. Al-Hamdani said that new bins were due to be placed around the borough in February and Cllr. Scholes suggested that the parish could look at how to publicise the new bins.

**540. Items for the next agenda**

Report back from Cllr. Scholes re Fair trade criteria.

Soft plastic- recycling locally.

**Next meeting 14 March 18.00 hrs.**