# Climate Action Menston Meeting 8 – Minutes (Francesca Bridgewater)

14/07/2020 via Zoom

Present: Karen Casson, Francesca Bridgewater, Goodith White (Acting Chair), Marilyn Banister, Roger Banister, Jamie Needle, Chris Steele, David Palmer, Dale Smith, Tommy Knowland, Niamh McGee, Christine Halsall, David Bridgewater.

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| 1.0 | **Derry Hill**  Regulation Appeals held a meeting via Zoom. Parish Council nominated Dale Smith and Chris Schofield to speak. Both planning applications approved. PC now submitted concerns on how the meeting was held. So far the reply has been unsatisfactory, and is being followed up. |
| 2.0 | **Bank Account**  Progressing slowly. Nat West supplied the wrong password for the account. Roger Bannister following up. |
| 3.0  3.1  3.2  3.3  3.4  3.5  3.6 | **Subgroup Activity**  COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT  Kirklands Trustees meeting was held up by Covid. Next meeting now August 6th, hopefully at Kirklands. David Palmer has written a presentation but will be on holiday. **Action:** Roger offered to present the proposal to the Trustees. DP & RB to coordinate via Slack.  CAM’s involvement to be limited to research and support.  Jamie said the Kirklands Trust might benefit from evidence of village support for the project. **Action:** DP is putting together a survey to ellicit local feelings. He will circulate this amongst CAM when draft ready.  Travel & Transport:  MAIN STREET  MB feels there is a need for some funds to pay for taking the ideas for this further, after successful survey. Also aware that we need to have dialogue with Contractors to manage the future construction traffic in the village.  HOLE IN THE WALL  Jamie Needle said Bradford Council have agreed to plans, which includes a ramp parallel to the wall and a gate. Hoping there will be sufficient funding.  LAND & NATURE  DP highlighted the need to send as many submissions as possible to the Environmental Land Management Plans which will inform the Agriculture and Environment Bill post EU. **Action:** FB agreed to write a submission from CAM and others are encouraged to send in their own suggestions. Closing date 31st July 2020. |
| 4.0  4.1  4.2  4.3  4.4  4.5  4.6 | **Fundraising:**  DP said the Constitution lays out fundraising approach and this needs to be circulated to the membership. Any member of CAM is encouraged to fundraise as long as they follow the agreed process. **Action:** DP will make a database to keep a log of any fundraising. DP is setting up a Zoom meeting to discuss further.  There is a fundraising channel on Slack, where any fundraising ideas can be shared.  The PC has some funds that CAM could apply for, eg for the hole in the wall, and to hire a consultant for Main Street work. DP will coordinate to prevent a piecemeal approach.  Goodith said Jonathon Gadd is applying for COOP funding for the village good, in which CAM could be included.  There is the possibility a Youth Group might meet on Saturday mornings who would be involved in Climate Action, perhaps fundraising. The Woodcraft Folk could be approached too.  Tommy suggested for items like PV on Kirklands we could try crowdfunding. There are options which give individuals a return on investment, or just a donation. Municipal Community Investment Bonds have been used in West Berkshire via a crowdfunding site (Abundance <https://issuers.abundanceinvestment.com/local-authorities>). These allow the public to invest directly in shares for local projects for a low return (but above bank interest rates) – roughly equivalent to an ISA. Leeds is producing a prospectus later this year. Not known if Bradford is involved, but they should be encouraged. CAM could promote the scheme. **Action:** Dale Smith to enquire of Bradford Council. |
| 5.0 | **COVID19 & Effect on Environmental Issues**  How can we keep the positive effects of lockdown, after restrictions are eased?   * Local Walks pamphlet update to include child and dog friendly areas. Previously done by Becky Bond and Rachel Winter from the Ramblers.   **Action** – DP to contact the above. Any ideas for walks to go on new Slack channel. |
| 6.0 | **AOB**  New member – Niamh McGee |
|  | **Next Meeting:**  Wednesday 16th September 2020 8pm at Parish Rooms if possible. |