# Climate Action Menston Meeting 9 – Minutes (Francesca Bridgewater)

16/09/2020 via Zoom

**Present:** Karen Casson, Francesca Bridgewater, Goodith White (Acting Chair), Marilyn Banister, Roger Banister, Jamie Needle, Chris Steele, David Palmer, Dale Smith, David Bridgewater, Hannah Bayston.

**Apologies:** Tommy Knowland, Ian Hunter, Emma Dalton

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| Item No. | Item | Action |
| 1 | Updates from Groups: |  |
| 1a | **Travel & Transport**  *Hole in Wall* – Have specification Bradford Council like, now sending out for quotes. **Action:** Need to publicise it so people are warned.  *Main St* – want to get consultants to help draw up ideas and get community involved. Parish Council supportive in principle but very busy due to Derry Hill & school crossing. **Action:** CAM will put out expression of interest requests for consultants to compete. Once have some quotes can return to Parish Council. | MB  MB |
| 1b | **Treewilding**  *Tree Planting Opportunities –* FB & ED have map of list of landowners to approach. Have contacted Otley Golf Club and are waiting for their Greens committee to consider our request. DP talked to acquaintance above Burley Woodhead who is keen & talked to other people. ED has produced small flyer to give landowners which describes what we want and can do to help. **Actions: *Printing*** – Menston Printers £20 for 50, web £6.27 for 50 - DP to talk to Justin Leeming re his price, & Hannah to inquire of her contact. ***Strategy*** *–* DP suggested drawing up a strategy for approaching landowners, with details of how it would help them, and what we can do for them. ***Follow up Otley Golf Club.***  *Jam & Jelly hedge* with MIB & Heather (Kirklands) – round back of Kirklands. Needs funding to buy whips, but Gemma applying for funding from Streets Parks & Openspaces. Failing that, may ask for 1/3rd of cost from CAM. Suppliers – Gemma choosing suppliers carefully, to get right mix of plants. Will need volunteers to plant it, if possible with C19.  *Railway clearance:* Chris & Karen said several large trees destroyed behind High Royds Cemetery – possible replanting opportunity. **Action -**Ask Network Rail for compensation and to replant where destroyed trees for access. | DP, HB  ALL  FB  ? |
| 1c | **Menston Walks** – lots of interest from Rambling On. Drawing up plans and asking for funds from PC, on 22th Sept. 5pm **Action:** Anyone with walks to offer, contact AGW asap. | AGW/All |
| 1d | **Zero C Energy**   1. DP presenting PV project to Kirklands on Thursday 17th September at 4:10pm. Feels we can pass this over to Kirklands now, just providing support as needed.   Going forward DP suggested we should rebase our perspective on Community energy:  2) Longer term – undertake surveys through social media to get a feel for the desire for community energy schemes from the wider community.  2) Shorter term – would like to do more energy saving work – more info on website, energy saving tips, C footprint analysis tool on website, talks from knowledgeable people? Do thermal imaging of houses to spot cold spots. Either buy a Thermal Imaging camera (possibly £500) which we could share with other groups, or rent one off other groups. HB suggested contacting the Yorkshire group, MB suggested asking Northern Powergrid to fund it. **Action –** investigate Thermal Imaging camera options. Have Energy Saving page on website. | DP  DB |
| 1e | **Public Activism**  CAM has responded to Environmental Land Management & Tree Strategy consultations. Coming up:   * Peat strategy * Private members bill to commit more strongly to C emissions reduction targets * Energy Bill. * Others – need early warning system! * Continue to post any opportunities on Slack channel.   Should we continue to reply in CAM’s name?  MB – to get a CAM view, needs time to coordinate. Care not to bring CAM’s name into disrepute. DS felt there was danger in speaking as if CAM was a solid organization, although DP felt the constitution achieves this. DB wondered what the danger/consequences actually are. Either:   * Get a group together eg treewilding, to agree it, and respond from Treewilding group of CAM. * Or GW suggested say “as a member of CAM my view is”. Or “I, as an executive member of CAM…” | DP/FB |
| 1f | **Culture & Community** – Business activism – AGW met with Stephen Proudlove, but agreed to pause business signups at moment. Currently 11 businesses signed up. | AGW |
| 2 | **Ilkley Sustainability Plan** – Jane from Ilkley CA with Zoom meeting 24/9 10:10-12:10 to produce sustainability plan. AGW to put on Slack. | AGW |
| 3 | **Publicity:** |  |
| 3a | *Website* – DB asked for more regular contributions, as he updates it so seldom he forgets how. Also now in our 2nd year, he is owed £99.30 for hosting fees.  **Action** DB & DP to collaborate on an Energy Saving Ideas Page on website. | DB/DP |
| 3b | *Facebook/Twitter/Posters* etc Keep putting stuff on the CAM facebook page, and advertising our work in the general Menston chat is effective. | All |
| 3c | *Menston News* – MB wrote article for last one. Next deadline is february 12th. **Action:** Put reminder on slack to ask for items for MN, in plenty of time.  DP is there a revamp of Menston.org – ask to have link from there, and/or page on there about CAM. DS says the volunteer is being very slow to redo it. **Action** Need to flag for their meeting (week on Thursday) | MB |
| 4 | **Fundraising** – DP created a log, available to all, will post link on Slack fundraising channel. To raise funds, have to follow constitution – **Action** DP to put together how to do it. If people sees an opportunity, have a go at raising funds.  Jamie – Rural Community Energy fund research – fewer than 10000 population and vaguely rural, so includes us, but we need bigger projects to qualify.  **Action** – post any funding opportunities on Slack. | DP  All |
| 5 | * **Finance & Banking** – RB – got account at Nat West with cheque & paying in book. Next – applied for online banking on 3/6 – NW have now lost the record of it. RB sent back their confirmation of it for them to process the application again. Constitution allows 2 executive people to approve withdrawals from bank. In general, would discuss any payments in the general meeting.   *Finances: Income -*   * Need cheque of £200 from village show. * Also have the £30 donations to tree planting. * Membership fees – DS said we now need to pay these to maintain our credibility. Minimum £10 unless unwaged etc. We all owe £20 as now in 2nd year. **Action** RB to inform us of the Bank Account exact Name, sort code and account number   *Outgoings -*   * Website hosting £99.30 * J&J hedge – possible £100 contribution (MIB and Kirklands also to contribute). **Action** HB & Karen to research funding options and suppliers. * Thermal Imaging Camera £500? **Action** DP to research see if can rent/borrow. * Tree planting Poster £6.37-£20 | RB  **ALL**  RB |
| 6 | **Membership**  Next steps? MB pointed out that the website is key to attracting members, particularly during Covid.  Mechanism for signing up:   * DB suggested a simple form on website that might either   + Link directly to a membership database or register of members   + Just send email to membership secretary and others. **Action** DB to trial embedding form in website page   Mechanism for payments:   * A website form could link to a paypal payment? This might cost more to host. * Stripe – used by CAIlkley – costs £70pa. May be overkill, at least initially.   Renewal dates – need mechanism to keep track of these for all members.  **Action** AGW to send out a general email to all members warning that they will soon be getting a request for their membership payments. To be followed up by an official email from Membership Secretary Chris Steele asking them to pay. | DB  AGW/CS |
| 7 | **Planning Updates** –   * MB suggested we should comment on proposed changes to Planning Bill. * Parish Council objected to the swales at Derry hill & Bingley road. PC waiting to hear where the application stands. PC appealed to ombudsman. Still fighting. |  |
| 8 | **Affiliations/ links to other groups**?  Yorkshire Rewilding Network – a very new group linking interested people and projects. Currently suggest anyone interested should join as individuals as they aren’t set up for affiliating groups. | Any |
| 9 | **AOB**  DS slack – only a few people using it regularly, but an effective and quick way of keeping in touch, a working tool. **Action** – FB to send DS simple slack guide. | FB |
| 10 | **Date of next meeting**  Tuesday 3rd November 2020 8pm almost certainly via Zoom |  |