

# Meeting Notes: Malmesbury CAN! (Climate Action Network)

7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Present

Chess, Liz/Gavin, Fran, Brian, Ana, Laura  
Apologies: Katie, Sam and Martin

## Community Energy

Chess read out an update from Martin. Brian noted that Church buildings are not subject to some of the same regulations as other buildings, noting that Salisbury Cathedral have installed many solar panels on its roof. This could be an avenue that Malmesbury could explore.

Campbell noted that there were plans for a solar farm north of Malmesbury that were out for consultation and might be worth looking at.

## Resource Sharing

Ana provided an update. The group are currently drafting a constitution and are looking for volunteers to help support the running of the café. They are liaising with a group in Cirencester for assistance.

## Community Agriculture

Laura highlighted that the Fruitful Malmesbury project had received some funding. There had also been a successful orchard pruning training event at Abbey House Gardens which had been attended by a good handful of people. A useful connection had been made at the event with a gentleman who ran a similar project in Bristol.

## Transport

Campbell noted that the proposals developed by the group as part of an application for Wiltshire Council funding had been taken to the Town Council Planning and Environment committee which were endorsed. Sadly the application wasn't considered by Wiltshire Council as many funds had already been allocated and the projects that were allocated funding were typically more urban focused.

The next stages are to get the other parishes together and liaise with Martin Rose from Wiltshire Council for costing of the ideas proposed in the application.

## Speakers and Events

Chess notified the group that the decision had been made to make the two David Attenborough films £5 each. Chess encouraged all to buy their tickets and to continue to spread the word.

Fran will continue to chase Tom Lawton to give a talk.

The grant for the 2040 film had also been resubmitted and is being considered at the full council meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted that we had a gap in the diary in Nov/December. A stall/series of stalls at Market Cross were proposed in the run up to Christmas which could be used to promote MCAN and MAP activities. Could include live demonstrations, encourage environmentally friendly/local gift buying at Christmas.

**Chess: to liaise with Town Council/Town Hall about dates.**

## **AOB**

Laura suggested that each work stream create a display board to put up at the David Attenborough screenings to let visitors know about their local Climate Action Network. These could be reused at the events proposed at Market Cross.

**Chess: email those not present about creating a display board.**

Campbell noted that the Explore Malmesbury was up and running and had been used with success for many Carnival events. MCAN should consider how we might use this going forwards.

The application for a new school at Filands is not happening. Gleason want the land back. People have until 24<sup>th</sup> October to suggest alternative uses e.g. a community orchard/farm? Suggestions which are attached to a body which carries clout (e.g. University, Prince's Trust etc.) are preferred. Ideas to be forwarded to Campbell.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 7pm.