Minutes of Ludlow 21 Board Meeting 2nd October 2019 at the Rose & Crown

Present – Tish Dockerty, Chris Deaves, John Daniels, Kim Holroyd, Ian Urry, Megan Blackmore

1. Apologies for absence – none	
2. Declarations of interest – none	
3. Minutes of last board meeting held on 2 nd July 2019 Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
4. Matters arising (not elsewhere on the agenda) IU had not seen Jenny Nicol to speak about the treasurer's role. IU to follow this up. KH had spoken to Roger Furniss to express Board's apology about the AGM. KH to arrange a Family groups meeting.	IU KH
KH to check with Jenny if all payments are in for GF stalls.	KH
Local to Ludlow donation JD had drafted a letter and circulated for comments. Received comment from CD to invite Local to Ludlow to confirm that they were happy with the arrangement. KH suggested that we could ask for a contribution in kind instead of financial donation, e.g. a free stall for Ludlow 21 Family groups (e.g. Fairtrade) at the Local to Ludlow market. Board agreed that JD to send his letter with these suggested amendments.	JD
Follow-up from Shared Ideas meeting 2 rd September Meeting went well. MB had sent follow-up email to mailing list giving contact details for L21 groups. (Education may have been omitted – MB to check) Many attendees had filled in sign-up sheet but not ticked mailing list box. MB to send	MB MB
personalised email to these people inviting them to join mailing list. Collation of ideas gathered at the meeting is needed. Photos had been added to Facebook and website. IU to collate ideas and see where there is cross-over. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting and shared with the Family groups	IU
5. Green Festival Board felt that this year's GF was a very positive, energetic one. Need to set a date for next year's festival. 2 nd Sunday in July is 12 th July. TD will not be available on this date. Need to set up a first planning meeting. Monday 25 th November proposed as thank you and post mortem (with mince pies and drinks). IU to send invitiation email to GF list, MB to copy to L21 mailing list. TD to double-check 12 th July is available and arrange for listing in Calendar of Events. JD to put together a financial summary of GF for next Board meeting.	IU MB TD JD
6. Feedback from affiliated groups Transport KH not able to report any activity at this stage. Fairtrade KH not able to report any activity at this stage Climate Friendly Diet Nothing to report Swifts Attended Shared Ideas meeting – keen to widen into more wildlife-related activities. Education Nothing to report	

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Held produce swap in September

Held meeting on 30th Sept. Working on signage for trees, and new ideas for more planting for pollinators and finding more public space for planting. Will be a social event on first Monday of every month.

Energy

CD had attended meeting looking at how planning can be affected to improve Renewable Energy, e.g. wind turbines. Ludlow Town Council have working group as result of Climate Emergency declaration. CD has had an informal discussion about this. CD felt that there is a lack of leadership within the town on this issue. Likely way forward is to promote renewable heating and improved insulation in households.

Plastics

Shropshire against pointless plastic is developing slowly. General focus is on persuading supermarkets to remove plastic packaging. CD will also be trying to make contact with organiser of Make Ludlow Plastic Free campaign.

GSX

CD has attended several meetings. CD trying to promote more involvement with community groups instead of doing everything through Shropshire Council.

Car Club

Electric car almost ready. Allocated parking space in Galdeford car park has been removed.

Food and Farming (Local to Ludlow)

Monitoring financial situation. Spending less on marketing and promotion. Rewarding stallholders who attend in the winter. Cafe and shop had a good few weeks around Food Festival. Wet weather has seen a downturn however.

7. Financial Matters

Current balance £6,835 current account, £1,815 deposit account.

Income of £820 in August – JD will check what this is.

Funding for bus timetable has been cleared through L21 accounts. Grant of £50 from Rail Users group has been paid by cheque and does not appear on our statement. This needs to be cleared up.

JD due to meet with Jenny Nicol to go through finances.

Tax liability

L21 has paid corporation tax for the first time this year due to making a profit. Need to look at different deployment of our funds and seek advice on different constitutional models. JD to seek advice from accountant and from Peter Norman. Other Board members to seek advice from any appropriate contacts.

8. Green Drinks

To continue as a social event.

9. Communication

CD and MB to meet about website and enabling Family groups to submit their own content.

TD felt a newsletter was due.

10. Round-up of local, national and global developments Community Plan

No major new progress with this. CD felt there is nothing to stop L21 from doing things which are aligned with the Community Plan.

KH attended Hereford talk by Paul Allen (CAT) on Zero Carbon Britain. Lots of info

JD

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available on CAT website.	
Greta Thunberg been prominent in world news. UN summit on climate – lots of smaller countries taking leadership. Larger nations resistant to progress. Urgent global collaboration needed. Extinction Rebellion in London 7 th - 19 th October. KH attending. Procession being organised from Church Stretton to the Long Mynd to raise awareness of loss of heather on Long Mynd due to climate change.	
11. AOB None	
12. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 12th November Wednesday 15th January	