

**Minutes of Ludlow 21 Board Meeting
4th March 2020 at the Rose & Crown**

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

<p>1. Apologies for absence – John Daniels</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of interest – none</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of last board meeting held on 15th January 2020 The board agreed these as an accurate record.</p>	
<p>4. Matters arising (not elsewhere on the agenda) MB still to circulate Food Unfolded facebook page to membership. CD had looked at planning application for old Budgens site. Does not appear to be to a high energy standard. Green Drinks – MB to circulate list of themes for Green Drinks, initially to group reps who may be relevant and then to wider mailing list. Congratulations to Philip Adams who was elected to Ludlow Town Council. AGM set as June 3rd.</p>	<p>MB MB</p>
<p>5. Green Festival Meeting held last week. Small group but productive. Sponsorship. L21 has reserves in the bank which makes it harder to apply for grants, etc. TD will circulate a list of sponsors. All to pick some to approach and tick them off the list. Agreed not to ask Shukers for sponsorship this year. Aim to raise approx. £1000 sponsorship. Stall bookings TD had list of all stalls from KH. TD to transfer this to spreadsheet and add pitches. Di Lyle has offered to administer stall bookings this year. TD to send relevant info to CD who will then liaise with Di. CD meeting Di on Friday. Booking forms to go out early April. TD suggested adding terms & conditions e.g. payment in advance of the day. TD will draft these. Next meeting 18th March. KH had positive response from XR Marches “disco-bedience”. TD suggested linking this up with the dance teacher from Ludlow School. MB to make contact with Guide / Brownie leaders to ask if they will run a cake / tea stall again. Grow Cook Learn are planning a big display at the Discovery Centre on soil. Important to ask if they will attend. IU interested in getting the theme of rewilding and flood resilience into the GF.</p>	<p>All TD / CD MB</p>
<p>6. Feedback from affiliated groups</p> <p>Sustainable Transport Bus timetables have been distributed. Very well received. Another £500 applied for to print more. Electric bike hire in town not viable, but potential to set up from touring park. Electric bike parking racks are planned for in the town. Ludlow Town Council not yet responded to John Whitelegg’s survey. This to be followed up. Meeting planned in spring re. station forecourt. Car club cars due to have moved to the Foyer. Looking at reinstating charging point at Ludlow Farmshop (former Islabikes site). CD asked if Car Club cars could be made available to community groups eg Hands</p>	

Together Ludlow at a reduced rate. KH to enquire.

KH

Fairtrade

Fairtrade Fortnight been very busy.

Big event was Food Conference on 29th Feb with speakers from Traidcraft, Slow Food England, Fair Trade Foundation, local organic farmers. About 100 attendees. V. successful. Round-up of actions had been agreed.

Board congratulated Fairtrade Town group and Ludlow Food Network on the running of the day. TD felt that there needs to be a re-connection between Fairtrade group and L21. L21 could have e.g. helped with funding for the conference.

Climate Friendly Diet

KH and Pete Lawley from Myriad gave a talk at Ludlow Library.

Swifts

Nothing new to report

Education

IU led Ludlow 21 input on first joint Climate strike event with XR and local Ludlow College students. Two young people in particular had been very involved and worked hard on publicity etc. Valentine's day theme was 'love the planet'. Clarion the 15ft polar bear in attendance. Marched from Brewery up through town. Speeches and open mike event on Events Square. Somewhat disappointing that more students did not get involved. IU been contacted since by Bryony James from XR re projects with schools. Organising a schools conference in June.

Board agreed that Ludlow 21 should continue involvement. IU happy to be the link. TD expressed concern about insurance position.

Incredible Edible

Seed swap and potato day held on 15th Feb. Unfortunately coincided with Storm Denis, which affected turnout, but still successful. New people who had attended social came to the swap. Some leftover seeds been offered to a member who was flooded.

Restoring Shropshire Verges event held on 2nd March. Janet Cobb from Edgton spoke about her project. Work being done to set up an action group in Ludlow, and get Janet an invite to speak to Town Council and talk to them about managing verges more sustainably for wildlife, increasing wildflowers.

Next Incredible Edible social Monday 30th March, Wicked Grin.

Energy

Ground heat project going ahead. CD had done some work on this with Sharenergy and a Memorandum of Understanding had been agreed. Feasibility study wholly funded, with the idea then being that residents then form their own community association.

Neen Sollars Hydro was generating quite well. Flooding has clogged up the mechanism, this is being cleaned up by the owner.

Still little news about Town Council's zero carbon plans.

GSX

Climate meeting held last night.

Car Club

<p>Covered above</p> <p>Local to Ludlow New website launched, in line with new promotional material. TD working on recruiting new stallholders.</p>	
<p>7. Financial Matters TD to check with JD if we are on track to have draft accounts available by 29th April Board meeting in preparation for the AGM.</p>	TD
<p>8. Green Drinks Covered above.</p>	
<p>9. Communication Website action ongoing. Newsletter needed. TD will contact groups to ask for news.</p>	TD
<p>10. Round-up of local, national and global developments Shrewsbury North West Relief Road – new round of consultation happening. England National Planning Framework still will not allow for windfarms. Heathrow runway court case noted. 5G telecommunications is being trialled in Shropshire. There are health and environmental concerns.</p>	
<p>11. AOB AGM Provisional date 3rd June. Possible topics for speaker to do with land management, tree planting, flooding, soils, etc, or Green architecture and buildings. All to put out feelers for a suitable speaker. Aim to have speaker and venue agreed by end March.</p> <p>Community climate action group TD had been contacted by Di Lyle with a view to setting up a community Climate action group. TD felt that we have the makings of a plan from community engagement over the last year or more. TD to speak to Di about this.</p> <p>People and Planet student sponsorship The Big Shift – student training camp. Student led and run. Students trained on People and Planet campaigns, non-violent direct action, communication with the media, ongoing mentoring. Open to 18-25 yr olds. Cost approx £50, taking place in July near Manchester. KH proposed offering to fund places for local students. IU suggested offering this to students involved in the recent climate march. KH to circulate info to Board and make contact with students. Board agreed we could fund up to 5 students (up to £250). Students should be encouraged to come back and report on their experience at the Green Festival.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>TD</p> <p>KH</p>
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting Provisional date 29th April. Suggestion to change date to Tuesday 28th. TD to research venue.</p>	TD