

**Minutes of Ludlow 21 Board Meeting
4th May 2021 via Zoom**

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

1. Apologies for absence – Di Lyle	
2. Declarations of interest – none	
3. Minutes of last board meeting held on 2nd March The Board agreed these as an accurate record of the meeting.	
4. Matters arising (not elsewhere on the agenda) Renewal of Green Festival domain is done. GDPR return done. Ludlow Hydro – JD had attended AGM. Doneation of books to Ludlow Library – MB to speak to Iran and arrange order with Castle Bookshop. KH to send any suitable vegan recipes to MB for newsletter and facebook.	MB KH
5. Green Festival Insurance likely to be no more than £100 due to not running workshops in advance of the day. IU had attended the Town Council meeting on 26 th April and spoken. The Town Council agreed for the GF to go ahead. Stallholders can now be sent booking forms. Christina O’Neill is dealing with this. TD will do an explanatory email for Christina and put her in touch with JD for financial side of bookings. Encourage payment by BACS and ask people to put their name/name of business on transaction. KH to forward list of interested stallholders to Christina. Soap box – this worked well last time for changeover between musicians. IU will contact schools nearer the time, plus can ask people on the day. KH had been in contact with organisations potentially interested in being part of the Democracy Tent: Neighbourhood Democracy; Hereford Youth Council, Shrewsbury CEE Bill Alliance; someone to talk about people’s assemblies. Living Fashion Show – plans are coming along for this, KH leading. Food / Catering – a number of stalls and pitches were discussed: Pueblo, The Fritter Shack, Itadakizen, Vegan fudge. Awaiting response from Matty’s Delices – TD to chase. Zero Carbon Shropshire working on a roadshow – possible presence at GF. DL to be asked for a contact.	TD KH IU TD
6. Carbon Watchers Project DL had proposed this. Lorraine Wollesey in Bishop’s Castle is running this in Shropshire. The aim is for communities to monitor their own carbon outputs – a way for groups to engage with Zero Carbon Shropshire.	
7. Di Lyle’s status on the Board Di had let us know that she would be unable to spend time on Ludlow 21 matters at	

<p>present due to unforeseen personal circumstances. The Board agreed that we would not want to lose Di and that she should take a sabbatical for as long as needed. The Board sent Di their best wishes.</p>	
<p>8. Plans for AGM The papers are with the accountant and this year's accounts should be fairly straightforward. It was agreed that we should aim to hold an AGM in the autumn when we may be able to meet in person and combine with a social event. Provisional date Tuesday 14th September.</p>	
<p>9. Feedback from affiliated groups</p> <p>Transport – the group is very busy but KH did not have any specifics to report. The cargo bike trial with Myriad is complete and it is hoped there will be publicity in the paper next week. There is a new ticket machine at the railway station. The NWR consultation period was extended.</p> <p>Fairtrade – A series of events has been organised for Traidcraft Exchange's Regenerators Appeal.</p> <p>Climate Friendly Diet – nothing to report.</p> <p>Swifts – CD had seen one swift on The Sheet. KH had contacted Robin Pote re presence at GF.</p> <p>Education – IU and MB working on a project with Ludlow Primary School for National Children's Gardening Week. Request for funds to pay for printing and seeds. The Board agreed to spend £50 - £100.</p> <p>Incredible Edible – The no-contact seed and plant swap is ongoing. Surplus fruit trees donate by Tom the apple man from north Shropshire had been collected, and some donated to Brimfield Community Hall where they were planted by local residents. The remaining trees are being kept to offer to other Parish councils in the autumn. The Restoring Shropshire's Verges (RSVP) project: following on from the meeting held last year, a group has taken this on in Ludlow with a project to plant up parts of the verge on Sheet Road, involving local residents. IE have helped to fund the printing of leaflets. TD suggested Ludlow 21 could fund the extension of this project to other parts of Ludlow.</p> <p>Energy – CD reported that following a refurb last year, Neen Sollars Hydro continues to run reliably, sometimes generating as much as 30Mwh in a day. There may be a dividend from shares at some point in the future. The shared ground loop heat study has finished. Interesting results but not in the way hoped. The study showed that thermal efficiency of buildings was not as good as thought, plus more holes were needed. The other study area at cottages in Burwarton was too small to benefit from financial incentives, but other technologies are being investigated for these houses. CD will be passing the report to Philip Dunne with reference to Government grants. One more payment is due to be processed for this project. Some funds to be paid to L21 for management costs.</p> <p>CD has been talking to people re running solar PV as a community co-operative. Money may be available to look at solar PV on large buildings in Ludlow.</p>	<p>CD</p>

<p>Zero Carbon Shropshire are due to conclude a mapping study to identify possible areas for wind/solar farm investment.</p> <p>South Shropshire Climate Partnership Conference being held on 22nd May.</p> <p>GSX – CD attending a meeting next week. Car Club – no news to report. Local to Ludlow – Cafe opened, Wed- Sun 9-2. Serving a range of local food. Going well. Market hopefully going up to full capacity later this month.</p>	
<p>10. Financial Matters JD reported £6,268 in current account. There has been some cashflow due to ground source project. JD now has online access to bank account. The Board thanked JD for his perseverance with this. JD thanked TD and IU for help. The books are with the accountant. JD to speak to Clare Currant to sort out who has paid membership subs.</p>	JD
<p>11. Green Drinks April GD was not very well attended. David Currant gave info about transport related issues. Next GD could be cargo bikes. KH to confirm to MB if this will go ahead. If not possible, TD will ask Christina to talk about RSVP project.</p>	KH / TD
<p>9. Communication Newsletter going well. Facebook project continuing. New content always welcome, please send to MB.</p>	
<p>10. Round-up of local, national and global developments Plastic Free Ludlow group – CD enquired if anything was happening. TD had received a request for a stall at the market.</p>	
<p>11. AOB None</p>	
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 8th June.</p>	