

CLUN CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP (CCEG) Minutes of meeting by ZOOM on Thursday 16th October 2025

Summary for next Council meeting: The group discussed plans to report to Council on the successful Clun in the Future Day and reviewed the work of contributing groups, particularly the Rivers Group.

.Attendees: Robert Humphreys (chair), Mary Eminson, Chrissie Verduyn (sec), Rowan Cairns-Wade, Dave Thomlinson, Catherine Humphreys, Dave Lewis

Apologies for absence: Tom Wall, Brian Angell, Alison Weeks, Christina Anderson, Rowena Bowles, **Declarations of interest:** none

2. **Minutes of last meeting** (18.9 25): were agreed. **Matters arising:** Smilingtree Farm visit deferred to spring. Dave T. to communicate re possible dates.

3. **Finance:** All payments and income relating to the CitF event have been completed and we have £34.12 in our account. The town council have paid the cost of the hall hire (£162.50). Thanks to Rowena for her work on this.

4.Feedback from Council meeting and planning applications.

Rowena reports: At the TC meeting on Tuesday reported that CCEG will be reporting on the CitF event in a later meeting - it was successful - currently analysing feedback and thinking about possible next steps. Conference in Ellesmere yesterday was interesting and I was given a useful "Workbook" for the council. An electronic copy sent with agenda. Contains ideas we're doing already and lots of other ideas, so good thoughts for further actions. Retrospective planning application on Jenny Knoll Farm; Council objected. Council thanks CCEG for herbicide information and will pass it on to the grasscutter; council apologises for further website delays.

5. **Clun in the Future 2** Rowena commented: very successful event, well done to everyone, happy to be involved in joint effort of getting report ready for council, one part of planning next steps would be good to consider the many actions suggested in the Nature Recovery workbook. Robert : need to think about people who didn't attend and younger age groups. Rowan: Everyone got something new out of it. Mary has summarised results of the mapping exercise. A lot of ideas. Possibly a street by street approach starting with Ford Street?. Dave Lewis: were we preaching to the converted? suggests we shouldn't have more of the same in the future. Follow up meeting to draft report Thursday 23rd October 4.30 at Rowan House tbc. Aim for report to Nov Council meeting.

6. **Campaigns : Blister pack recycling** Boots Shrewsbury and Hereford accepting. We need to publicise. To put a notice in surgery and SPAR. Robert to design and Mary to arrange putting up the notice. Robert drafting letter to MP and Sam Walmsley. Joint letter from different groups finally sent off. **Glyphosate.** Advice sent to TC. .

7. **AOB Clun castle grounds** Mary reported on progress on the Castle grounds. Scrub clearing planned next Tuesday with tour by curator at 12noon. Open to anyone. **St George's church** decarbonisation heat assessment ongoing. Report expected soon. **Litter picking** first session Sunday 19th October 10 am at Memorial Hall. Following session Sunday 16th Nov 9.45 at Memorial Hall.

Clunbury PC called a public meeting to discuss the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and subsequently held a PC meeting devoted to the matter. Upshot was a letter of support for the Strategy and its 51 Actions in so far as they are applicable to Clunbury Parish. Also agreed that the LNRS should be an agenda item at all future PC meetings so that a report can be given on nature recovery work and progress.

HB Pulling Article in Clun Chronicle. **Verges** meadow and yellow rattle seed obtained from Janet Cobb RSVP for 40 acre verge where we will remove very fertile topsoil in autumn. Help needed. **BC CAG** minutes available. Possibility of a joint project with the BC group. Positive response but need to think of a project. Maybe Air Quality, publicising safe cycle routes? CV to write.

River Clun Monitoring Group Participated in Clun in the future event. Meeting with Ruth Houghton and Sam Walmsley (who works in river quality) Shropshire Council Councillors and RCMG representatives including Robert to bring them up to speed on issues surrounding river quality in the Clun catchment including a discussion of the new build moratorium. Meeting with Jake White from the World Wildlife Fund to discuss the (remote) possibility of designating the Clun catchment a Water protection Zone, like the River Dee in Cheshire. This is a very powerful instrument and is only appropriate when all other measures have failed. A group are going to visit the Clun Freshwater Pearl Mussels that are being raised at the Freshwater Biological Association in Cumbria on 22nd October. The people going include local Clun people and representatives from the EA, Natural England, and Protected Landscapes. Dave Lewis reported sensors on footbridge currently out of action, being fixed. Others at Lower Spoad, below sewage outfall, in Broome, and at Jay Bridge. Didn't get grant from STW. ?approach Veolia. Robert reported on meeting on the Wye, Lugg etc legal action.

8. Correspondence: Shropshire Climate Action re insurance for climate groups. We are covered by TC.

9. Events

“Ask a farmer “ event Wed 29 October 6pm at Clun Memorial Hall 5 panellists are local farmers.

Engaging Issues - James Foster speaker on the Circular Economy 6 January 2026 in Church Stretton. See link for more information, within this programme of talks: [Engaging Issues](#) ; Green Open Homes takes place across November weekends. There is no need to pre-book, and all of the homes can be found using the postcode search at: <https://www.greenopenhomes.net/> .

10. Date of next meetings: third Thursday of the month 6-7.30 by zoom **20th November**, 18th December WILL BE A REVISED DATE face to face to meeting.

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