

CLUN CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP (CEEG) Minutes of meeting by ZOOM on Thursday 18th September 2025

Summary for next Council meeting: Himalayan Balsam pulling along the Clun from Waterloo to the coalyard has now concluded. Observation of the areas pulled last summer suggests that we intervened successfully and there is a significant reduction in the prevalence of this highly invasive species. A report will be placed on the Council website. **Attendees:** Robert Humphreys (chair), Mary Eminson, Chrissie Verduyn (sec), Rowena Bowles (treasurer), Rowan Cairns-Wade, Alison Weeks, Christina Anderson, Dave Thomlinson, Catherine Humphreys,

Apologies for absence: Tom Wall, Dave Lewis **Declarations of interest:** none

2. **Minutes of last meeting** (21.8.25): were agreed. **Matters arising:** Mary drew attention to a follow up article on sewage sludge. RCMG will raise the question with STW of whether sewage sludge is used in Clun Valley.

3. **Finance:** Our current balance is £183.55. More invoices expected. There will be facility at CitF day for donations.

4. **Feedback from Council meetings:** Sam Walmsley arranged meeting with Strategic Clun Liaison Group and Shropshire Council but it was cancelled. SC are frustrated about lack of response by responsible agencies about river quality issues. Clun TC website will be updated soon. Little Hall chicken farm issue: TC raised concerns after lengthy discussion but not allowed to comment. Robert will raise with Sam Walmsley the issue of how to challenge the proposal. Clun Town Council requests our advice on alternative use of glyphosate for contractor, who is happy to oblige. Robert to ask advice from Pesticide Action Network.

5. **Clun in the Future 2** Steve Clark joined meeting to discuss EV session. All bringing EVs to send Chrissie a photo of themselves with the car. Rowena will bring cones to cordon off an area in the car park.

6. **Campaigns : Blister pack recycling** Robert continuing to pursue, no reply as yet from relevant Government department. Government levy from EPR is higher for more complex packaging. SC not recycling at present. 2 suppliers of more recyclable products discovered Liveo and Cushtab. Local petition to MPs: Robert has in hand. We may be signatories. **Glyphosate.** SC uses in most locations. .

7. **Nature Recovery** Document out for consultation. Agreed very impressive document and no need for group response.

8. **Events** Rowena attending SALC conference 3rd October in Ellesmere on Nature Recovery. Also presentation in Newcastle VH 10th October. Group visit to Smilingtree Farm offered. Agreed Chrissie to take further.

Feedback on events: none

9. Updates

Clun castle grounds Mary reported on progress on the Castle grounds. English Heritage have a management plan own progress. The local grazer is willing in principle but has conditions and due to communication issues is not acceptable to EH. Possible drone survey £400. Photographs available at Clun in the Future will show deterioration of the site. Further meeting of interested parties planned. Christina advised that community service workers can be engaged to help with scrub

eradication via P3 and Probation Service. **St George's church** decarbonisation heat assessment ongoing. report expected soon.

Litter picking first session Sunday 19th October 10 am at Memorial Hall

Clunbury Much activity with Parish Council regarding LNRS consultation. Will be a public meeting. **HB Pulling** Report submitted. Summary article for Clun Chronicle submitted.

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.

River RCMG have noted need for campaigning group to progress issues. CCEG recognise valuable role of RCMG in river quality monitoring and is keen to support work of RCMG. We can raise issues on a case by case basis as appropriate for a TC advisory group.

10. Correspondence: all covered above..

11. Events CPRE Shropshire has funding for a fifth year to run its Hedgerow Heroes project. We are seeking local sites to plant native, mixed species hedges (closing date Mid Sept latest). Would be good to do more in the Clun area! We will be running hedgelaying workshops at Pennerley once more and plan a hedgerow management workshop for farmers/landowners at Purlogue Farm (Steve and George Roberts) near New Invention on 29th Oct aimed at local farmers and farmer groups. Contact Sarah Jameson for info (images@sarahjameson.co.uk)

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

11. Date of next meetings: third Thursday of the month 6-7.30 by zoom 18th September, 16th October, 20th November, 18th December.

Our information is on the website at <https://cluntowncouncil.gov.uk/clun-climate-and-environment-group>.