

CLUN CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP (CCEG)
Minutes of meeting by ZOOM on Thursday 18th June 2026

Summary for next Council meeting

The Group is continuing to develop its planned projects.

Its involvement in the RCMG ties into its other environmental work on air pollution, which it is hoped will be undertaken in the town this autumn. It replicates the study carried-out in Bishops Castle and it is hoped will produce helpful information to residents.

Its work in helping the whole community live sustainably has involved its action over the planned loss of the bus service, provision of charging points for EV's and the known wish of residents to be better informed about the availability of locally produced food.

As usual it will have a stall at Clun Show where it will hope to engage more local residents in its efforts.

It is hoped that there will be good attendance at the Memorial Hall on 15/8/26 4.0pm, for the showing of the Chris Packham's film 'Public Emergency' which explains the dangers for us all of climate change.

1. Attenders Robert Humphreys (chair) Chrissie Verduyn (secretary) Catherine Humphreys (minutes secretary) Mary Eminson, Alison Weeks, Angela Martin. Dave Thomlinson, Christina Anderson,

Apologies for absence Tom Wall

Declaration of interest none

2. Minutes of last meeting (21/5/26)

Approved

Matters arising not on the agenda

Air pollution Christina and Dave reported.

Dave and Christina had met with Geraint Davies who has used the equipment in Bishops Castle. He provided training in its use. The operation of the equipment is not easy, but they thought they would manage.

The siting of the equipment was discussed, since it needs power and access to wifi.

Various places through personal contacts have been considered.

The recording needs to be undertaken for at least a month and in three locations.

Questions were raised about the equipment but since it had been used successfully in Bishops Castle all were reassured.

3. Feedback from Council Meeting

Angela reported.

The new Clerk Jan Wilkie has been appointed from August. She is also the clerk for Kinnersley PC in Herefordshire. More details are available on the TC website. Angela said the Council has had a tough 4 months so there will be some outstanding matters to be caught up with including finance. She said money was still available. Angela said she was especially concerned about accessibility issues.

No planning applications.

4. 745 Bus Campaign

Robert and Chrissie had attended the TC public session to further the matter of the Bus Campaign.

Angela said she and the Council had, at this point, little understanding about the Campaign but were anxious to learn more.

Alison asked Angela if the matter had been discussed by the TC.

Angela said it was not on the agenda but will be considered at a future meeting and the TC did support the need for a service.

It was noted that after the public session of the TC Sam Walmsley had met outside the meeting with those there to promote the campaign.

He had said Heather Kidd (Leader SCC) had confirmed that the service was not a Council initiative, but had received special funding through covid monies.

Chrissie asked if the TC had written to SCC?

Angela said there had been insufficient time to properly consider this matter because so much time had been taken with appointment of the clerk.

Robert reported that he had asked James McVicar whether it could be discussed in June and had been told it would be on the July agenda. Angela promised to ensure it was.

Action Chrissie to ensure Angela has petition to hand and an update of the progress of the campaign before the meeting on 7/7/26.

There was then further discussion about the trawl of support for the service and whether it would be possible to extend the area. Placing literature/publicity on the bus was suggested but Robert from his discussions with Minsterley Motors, wondered if this would be approved. Chrissie said further thought would be given to extending publicity.

It was suggested that the petition could be noted on Clun Valley Facebook page.

5. Public Emergency film update.

Alison reported that Susie Cuning had now booked the Memorial Hall for the showing on 15/8/26 3.30pm for 4.0pm.

The required post film discussion will be led by a number of people.

Angela is responsible for posters and it was suggested that flyers to be placed in the shops would be good.

Action Angela

6. Updates Clun in the future.

- a) EV's Robert said no more progress.
- b) Food Security Catherine said nothing as yet to report.
- c) Gardening Groups

Mary reported that she had spoken with Heather Morris and Frank Nichols and following the notes recording the meeting, various changes had been necessary, most especially the date of the 'Community Gardening Information' event postponed until September. It had become apparent to Mary that maybe using the organisation of 'Open Gardens' was not the best plan.

Various suggestions were made which Mary would consider.

Alison commended Mary for all the efforts towards forwarding this idea.

7. Flooding at Clun Bridge

Nothing to report.

8. RCMG

Alison reported that the group had been very busy. Applications for money were in hand.

Excitingly, the Group will provide input to a national project to map invertebrates and training is in hand for that.

The River Dipping education at the school was attended by 60 of the children and was very successful if not a little exhausting for Alison and Dave!

Robert reported on another success of the River Clun Monitoring Group in holding an on-line session with Kate Speke-Adams, MD of Rural Hub Herefordshire, who lead a seven-strong team working with farmers in the county helping them calculate the inputs/outputs of phosphates and nitrates on their farms. The results have been good for the farming community, since many show no excess. RCMG is considering how her work might help with our work with farmers in the Clun catchment in the absence of an equivalent body in Shropshire.

9. Events

Farm Walk

The farm walk at Chapel Lawn Farm was a great success. Christina has written a report for the Chronicle. She reported the useful observation of Wayne Davies of Purlogue/Natural England that phosphate is not soluble, it being retained in sediment.

Clun Show

1/8/26 It was agreed we should appear at the Show. Chrissie said the pitch is £17 plus table hire, which was agreed.

We would do the same as last year.

The gazebo presently stored at Pentre Farm needs to be taken to Chrissies and Marys for availability **Action** Robert/Catherine

The need for extra finance was raised, but Chrissie said it was unnecessary. Angela confirmed that the TC would be paying any backlogs in grants in the near future.

10. AOB

Castle Grounds.

Mary reported that a scheme to enrol people (free) to become a 'friend 'of Clun Castle would be advertised in the next Chronicle. She will circulate the email for applicants to use.

Action Mary

There were 60 or so attendees at the recent meeting about the Castle grounds in the Memorial Hall.

Himalayan Balsam

Chrissie said further clearing would be undertaken between the coal yard and Waterloo.

Discussion about wearing sufficient kit resulted in Robert reporting on an excellent tick remover he had just purchased. He promised to send details to all. **Action** Robert

11. Correspondence

none

12. Next meeting

Due to Robert and Catherine being away on the 16th July the meeting has been changed to July 23rd 6-730.