



**Clun Town Council
with Chapel Lawn**

To Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Council Meeting of Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn which will be held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 at the Memorial Hall, Clun commencing at 19.30hrs for the transaction of business as set out in the Agenda below.

Gwilym J. Rippon
Fellow of the SLCC, Cert HE CEG
CiLCA (England and Wales)
Town Clerk

30th October 2025

AGENDA OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1.	TO RECORD PERSONS PRESENT
2.	APOLOGIES To note apologies and reasons for absence
3.	DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING AND WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS (Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members’ interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer). <i>Please note that all members need to complete a new declaration of pecuniary interests register for the Council term, whether previously a councillor or not.</i>
4.	MAYORS REPORT To receive a report from the Mayor



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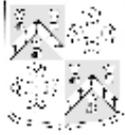
5.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES To approve and confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 2 nd September 2025.
6.	PUBLIC SESSION (i) Shropshire Councillor Report (ii) Police Report (iii) Public comments – If members of the public are present ten minutes will be set aside to allow the public to ask questions.
7.	INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES
8.	CLERK’S REPORT To Receive the Clerk’s Report
9.	PLANNING To consider the following planning applications and other planning matters 1. 25/03981/FUL Application for the demolition of existing dwelling, garage and associated works, replaced with new dwelling and associated works at Riverdale, High Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Shropshire. 2. 25/03882/FUL Application for the installation of roof mounted solar arrays of (total) 166 p.v. panels on two existing agricultural buildings Lower Weston Farm, Clun, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8QB 3. Proposal: Installation of roof mounted solar arrays of (total) 166 p.v. panels on two existing agricultural buildings
10.	<u>ASSETS OF THE COUNCIL AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> a) Town Hall b) Public Toilets
11.	<u>WEBSITE</u> Up date on the Website.
12.	TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM GROUPS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED (and consider recommendations)



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13.	FINANCE <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To receive the Bank Reconciliation2. To consider the grant application from Dennis and Margaret Twist Memorial group for £150.00p3. To approve the following invoices for payment.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. HMRC £450.12p (Tax £446.36 Employers NI 3.76) (S 112 Local Government Act 1972)b. HMRC underpayment £150.93 (S 112 Local Government Act 1972)c. G. J. Rippon £121.99p (home working allowance, mileage SLCC subscription and printing) (S 112 Local Government Act 1972)d. MRT Electrical £1896.00p (101 Local Government Act 1972)e. Poppy Wreath £50.00p (101 Local Government Act 1972) For informationf. Jon Churchett £600.00 Cleaner (S 111 Local Government Act 1972)
14.	CORRESPONDENCE To review any correspondence received
15.	INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS
16.*	<u>STAFFING</u> To receive recommendation form staffing committee regarding the minute secretary.
17.	AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING
18.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 nd December 2025

* Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under Section (1) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item.



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MINUTES OF CLUN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

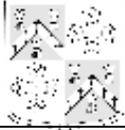
HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Cllr. J. Limond	Cllr. R Davies
Cllr. J. McVicar	Cllr. D. Morris
Cllr. R. Bowles	Cllr. M. Jones
Cllr. C. Page	
Cllr. A. Martin	

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)	Shropshire Cllr. Sam Walmsley Police Inspector Damien Kelly

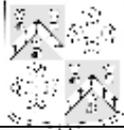
There was 1 member of the public present

	Agenda item	
137-2025	1.	<u>TO RECORD PERSONS PRESENT</u>
		Please see above. Cllr. Limond chaired the meeting.
138-2025	2.	<u>APOLOGIES</u>
		Please see above.
139-2025	3.	<u>DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING</u>
		All members have an interest in the Clun Memorial Hall. No others.
140-2025	4.	<u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u>
		None
141-2025	5.	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>
		Approved unanimously.
142-2025	6.	<u>PUBLIC SESSION</u>
		(i) Shropshire Councillor Report Andy Begley has stepped down as CEO of Shropshire Council. With the council facing very difficult times financially, this gives an opportunity to bring in somebody with the skills to lead the council and ensure the required savings are delivered. Recruitment is likely to take several months, while this



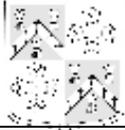
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		<p>process is completed. Tanya Miles, the Council’s executive director of people, will act as interim CEO.</p> <p>The financial report for Period 5 (August) was released yesterday (7th October) and showed a further deterioration in the forecast for the end of the financial year. On current projections we will have -£1.25m in reserve funds (i.e. negative) at the end of March and would be forced to put in a section 114 notice, effectively declaring the Council bankrupt. This period was prior to the declaration of the financial emergency on September 10th and we expect to see a more positive picture in the September report. In order to bring the finances back in line, three key steps are being taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An improvement board is being set up to monitor all council spending • All Cabinet members and officers have been directed to identify specific savings within their areas of responsibility • The council is working to ensure all areas of revenue are maximised e.g. strengthening the Planning team, which will both bring direct revenue to the council and improve the broader economy in Shropshire as construction projects are completed. <p>(ii) Police Report Inspector Damien Kelly reported. Changes to the local police team following the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee: South Shropshire now have 15 Safe Neighbourhood Police Officers (SNPO) and 15 PCSO’s instead of 7 and 15 respectively and 3 Sergeants instead of 1. Clun has 2 SNPO’s – Daryl McWatt and Simon Wilkie - and 2 PCSO’s. Recent focus on drug issues in South Shropshire has resulted in drugs worth £1.34 million being seized since June. Clun has had the lowest number of incidents in last 3 months. 20 incidents including 12 crimes, of which 8 were assaults. 4 main current operations focusing on drugs, rural theft, speeding and anti-social driving. Resources are pooled for these as more effective than if many scattered separate operations. To contact please ring 101 or go online to neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk</p> <p>(iii) Public comments – none.</p>
143-2025	7.	<u>INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES</u>
		<p>Cllr Bowles reported that Stephen Wallace has agreed to install the bins at the Bridge car park.</p> <p>Cllr. Bowles reported from attendance at SALC Nature Recovery conference and presented workbook provided to each parish. Actions list from previous meeting discussed and updated.</p>



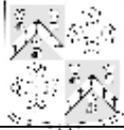
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144-2025	8.	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>
		None
145-2025	9.	<u>PLANNING</u>
		To consider the following planning applications and other planning matters 1. 25/03120/FUL Application for retrospective planning for building including rest space for community infrastructure works and programs, Jenny Knoll Farm, Woodside, Clun, Shropshire. Unanimous decision to object to the application.
146-2025	10.	<u>ASSETS OF THE COUNCIL</u>
		a) Town Hall Cllr. Bowles reported that the electrical contractor will carry out the work on Mon 13 th October. b) Public Toilets Clerk to contract Stephen Wallace for tap repair.
147-2025	11.	<u>POLICIES</u>
		1. To adopt the following procedures and policies discussed at the Personnel Committee in September: a) Grievance Policy b) Disciplinary Procedure c) Anti-harassment and Bullying Policy Approved unanimously 2. To consider amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Personnel Committee. Approved unanimously
148-2025	12.	<u>WEBSITE</u>
		Cllr. Bowles presented document of proposals produced by Cllrs. Bowles, Page and Martin. The following proposals were approved unanimously: 1. The initial changes to the home page given in Appendix 1 be made to the homepage as a matter of priority.



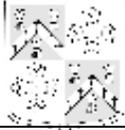
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The council ratify a website working group to suggest further improvements. This group to report within agenda item “Groups attended” and make recommendations to council. 3. Minutes to be added to the website within 3 days of the meeting at which they were approved. 4. The working group, in consultation with the Clerk, to review the currently published documents for accuracy and whether up-to-date. <p>The Clerk clarified that Matt Watson is technical support only. The Clerk suggested Vision ICT package to replace Parish Online.</p>
149-2025	13.	<u>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM GROUPS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED</u>
		<p>Cllr Bowles reported from Clun Climate and Environment Group:</p> <p>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 and an article in the Chronicle. Litter picking resumes on Oct 19th.</p> <p>The Clun in the Future event on Sunday 28th Sept was very successful, with 17 stalls, 7 speakers and approx. 130 people attended. Thank you to Shropshire Councillor Sam Walmsley for his excellent opening speech and to Cllr Davies for his valuable contribution to the opening speech in his absence. Thank you to the council for covering the cost of hiring the hall. A report will follow in due course, once CCEG have analysed the feedback and considered possible next steps.</p> <p>Response to herbicide question recommending a different chemical passed to Clerk.</p> <p>Concern is expressed at CCEG minutes and other documents not being put on website.</p>
150-2025	14.	FINANCE
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		<p>Cllr. Martin reported an email received from Christina Anderson regarding the initiative by the Probation Service for volunteering by probationers. Other voluntary work in the Clun area is planned.</p> <p>Council response: no work available for council but suggest English Heritage might have suitable work available on castle grounds.</p> <p>Shropshire Cllr. Walmsley passed on request from Shropshire Council to put a wireless antenna sensor on a streetlight in Chapel Lawn owned by the town council, to take sense measures of the river level. All costs covered by Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Council response: defer decision to next meeting when see details, but agree in principle.</p>																																																
152-2025	16.	<u>INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS</u>																																																
		<p>Cllr Limond request to establish a Christmas Lights Group. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>Cllr Limond raised issue of broken signpost on Shropshire Way in area towards Bury Ditches.</p>																																																



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153-2025	17. *	<u>STAFFING ISSUES</u>
		To receive an update on progress towards the appointment of Assistant Clerk and to agree necessary actions. Cllr McVicar expressed frustration at lack of progress regarding agreed contact with candidate.
154-2025	18.	<u>AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING</u>
		Cllr Martin: discussion and decision on establishment of Tourism working group. Cllr McVicar: discussion and decision on date for award of Freeman of Clun certificate. Discussion and decision regarding sensor on streetlight in Chapel Lawn.
155-2025	19.	<u>DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</u>
		Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 th November 2025 at Memorial Hall
		Signed by the Chair.
		Meeting closed 9.30pm

Current account												
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
C/F	£5,426.32	£76,604.32	69750.63	£60,949.50	£23,563.42	£19,025.37	£12,570.58					
Fund transfer				-35000.00								
Precept												
Other												
Grant												
Vat refund												
Interest												
Expenditure	-7696.42	-6853.69	-8801.13	-2386.08	-4538.05	-6454.79	-3534.89					
Balance	£76,604.32	£69,750.63	£60,949.50	£23,563.42	£19,025.37	£12,570.58	£9,035.69					

Deposit account												
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
C/F	£26,904.58	£21,904.58	£21,904.58	£22,035.10	£57,035.10	£57,035.10	£57,306.78					
Interest /other												
Transfer			£130.52			£271.68						
Balance	£21,904.58	£21,904.58	£22,035.10	£57,035.10	£57,035.10	£57,306.78	£57,306.78	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Total Balances												
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Current Account	76604.32	69750.63	60949.50	23563.42	19025.37	12570.58	9035.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deposit Account	21904.58	21904.58	22035.10	57035.10	57035.10	57306.78	57306.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HSBC current	6134.48	6134.48	6134.48	6134.48	6134.48	6134.48	6134.48					
HSBC Deposit	6779.43	6779.43	6808.37	6808.37	6808.37	6808.37	6808.37					
Total	111422.81	104569.12	95927.45	93541.37	89003.32	82820.21	79285.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Bond	15476.93	15476.93	15476.93	15476.93	15476.93	15476.93	15476.93					
Grand Total	£126,899.74	£120,046.05	£111,404.38	£109,018.30	£104,480.25	£98,297.14	£94,762.25					

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Bank reconciliation end of October

Balance b/fwd from 30th September 2025	98297.14	TRUST FUND	
less payments		HSBC 51104616	1805.73
add receipts	3534.89	HSBC61231995	100.00
Balance as per cashbook	94762.25	CCLA Coif	5643.00
Represented by bank balances			<u>7548.73</u>
UTB Acc No.20374648	11201.49		
UTB Acc No.20374716	57306.78		
HSBC 11037625	6134.48		
HSBC 51104608	6808.37		
Cambridge Building Society	15476.93		
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	40.00		
	-42.97		
	6.00		
	2165.80		
	<u><u>94762.25</u></u>		
Add uncredited receipts			
Reconciled Balance as at 31.10.25			

HMRC	Tax
G.J.Rippon	expenses
Glasdon	rubbish bins
Memorial	Room hire
Highline	street light maintenance
Shaws	Licence
St Georges	
Church	Grass cutting
SALC	training
A. Wallace	Grass cutting
Not taken	
UTB	Bank charges

Your Account Statement



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Date: 30/09/2025

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Your Current T1 account transactions:

Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
31/08/2025		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£18,982.40
01/09/2025	Standing Order	S/O to: J. Churchett	£600.00	£0.00	£18,382.40
02/09/2025	Standing Order	S/O to: G.J.Rippon	£669.64	£0.00	£17,712.76
10/09/2025	Direct Debit	Direct Debit (SSE ENERGY SUPPLY)	£463.76	£0.00	£17,249.00

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Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
15/09/2025	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: G.J.Rippon	£76.99	£0.00	£17,172.01
15/09/2025	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: memorial hall	£2,000.00	£0.00	£15,172.01
15/09/2025	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: T Amasse	£179.76	£0.00	£14,992.25
15/09/2025	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: HMRC PAYE	£446.36	£0.00	£14,545.89
15/09/2025	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: SALC	£632.98	£0.00	£13,912.91
15/09/2025	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: Shropshire Council	£704.80	£0.00	£13,208.11
15/09/2025	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: St Georges Church	£437.11	£0.00	£12,771.00
15/09/2025	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: Halls SMS	£180.91	£0.00	£12,590.09
16/09/2025	Direct Debit	Direct Debit (BT GROUP PLC)	£56.48	£0.00	£12,533.61
30/09/2025	Fee	Service Charge	£6.00	£0.00	£12,527.61

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Date: 30/09/2025

Account Name: Clun Town Council With Chapel Lawn

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Your Instant Access account transactions:					
Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
31/08/2025		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£57,035.10
30/09/2025	Credit Interest	Credit Interest	£0.00	£271.68	£57,306.78

Clun in the Future: Report from event Sunday 28th September 2025

As part of the Biodiversity Duty 2024, Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn pledged to raise local awareness of biodiversity throughout Clun, work with partner organisations and ask residents for their views on biodiversity conservation within the parish, including a parish map, promoting gardens as habitats, and supporting community initiatives with for example hedge and tree planting, and verge management. To put this into action the Clun Climate and Environment Group organised a one day event with involving local partner organisations. This involved local residents in considering what they themselves were already doing to promote biodiversity and what they would like to see done. An additional context is that at the time of the event Shropshire's Local Nature Recovery Plan was out for consultation with many themes in common. The event also linked with Clun's Climate Emergency Plan 2023 in its environment, energy, transport, waste and communication themes.

There were about 150 visitors to the event and more than 20 volunteer stewards and helpers as well as CCEG members. Active involvement from local organisations (including CADS Youth Wing, Clun School, St George's Church, Memorial Hall, River Clun Monitoring Group, Walter's Workshop, Repair Cafe and Clun Castle supporters as well as county-wide organisations such as Marches Energy Agency, Garden Organic and Severn Trent Water. Stall holders were pleased at the positive response to their inputs. There were informative talks on topics including the general loss of biodiversity and specifically the loss of biodiversity in the river system particularly the gradual extinction of the Fresh Water Pearl Mussel, sustainable food production, EVs and community energy. A mapping exercise for participants was the focus on entry to the hall. Children enjoyed participating in the quiz and other activities. Feedback was collected as people left the event.

Clun in the Future Mapping Exercise

This exercise was used to ask attenders what they were already doing for wildlife and biodiversity in their gardens, allotments etc. We used three maps, one of Clun, one of the entire parish and one of Chapel Lawn. Coloured stickers were used to indicate what participants were already doing and then they were encouraged to write down what they would do next.

Fifty five families made an entry on the Clun map, 2 on the Chapel Lawn map and 8 on the parish map, with 2 entries for other valley parishes. A very large proportion of the entries indicated participants had already undertaken many of the actions. (having a pond; feeding birds or other wildlife; area of long grass, participating in 'No Mow May'; habitat box or bird box, or hedgehog home; not using pesticides; planting for pollinators).

'What would you like to do NEXT for Nature and Biodiversity?' produced interesting responses.

Suggestions included :

Enlarging or starting a pond,

Raising awareness of the impact of pesticides and slug pellets

Better composting;

Bat boxes;

A community orchard or refurbishment of the orchard beside the Hightown Community Room.

Hoverfly lagoon (and a 'how to' article in Chronicle)

Sedum roof on village bus stops

Reduction of water use

Other suggestions (not related to wildlife) were;
20mph speed limit throughout Clun - extend 30mph limit (6 endorsements).
Interest free loans for financing heat pumps and solar
Build a compost toilet
More buses
Lobby DEFRA/MPs for support/advice locally for organic and traditional pasture farms in the catchment

Results and Summary

In general the event was seen as very worthwhile, with strong appreciation for talks on energy, food, and sustainability, and the opportunity to network. The event itself demonstrated that many of the actions in the diversity action plan are already underway for instance at the Memorial Hall, church and churchyard. Attendees wanted more practical information on local renewable energy, future EV charging provision for Clun, sustainable farming practices, food security projects, more involvement of young people, and clearer links to local/county policy. Many left motivated to take action at home and in the community.

Proposed actions:

1. Involving CCEG finding out more and lobbying:

- EVs and public transport: find out more about Shropshire Council's strategy from our councilor.
- Sustainable farming: consider organising farm visits. Ask a Farmer event scheduled.
- Gardening for biodiversity: approach Clun Open Gardens and Clun Show about spotlighting organic and wildlife gardening

2. Approaches involving supporting local people:

- Possible ways forward from the 2025 mapping exercise: It would be possible to look at nature restoration interventions on a street-by street basis, to encourage sharing ideas and moral support for changes of mixed popularity (e.g. leaving hedges untrimmed until late July/August).
- Gardening: Approach the mappers to see what resources would help with their goals. Ask if they would be interested in linking with other local people (e.g. same street) to promote garden diversity. Maybe try a pilot initiative on one street e.g. on ponds.
- Children: link with school Ecowarriors and maybe connect with initiatives on castle grounds
- Memorial Hall: another opportunity for guided walks.
- EVs: consider pilot project to identify the potential need for charging systems for people who have to park on the roadside
- Castle grounds: emphasising the importance of active involvement and support for the Castle grounds biodiversity restoration initiatives (particularly including grazing and scrub clearance on rotation but also the riverside riparian strip protection and enhancement and river bank habitat improvement) .
- Supporting measures to improve water quality by encouraging people to restrict putting polluting chemicals in their waste systems, and where they have land or influence improving riparian buffers and planting trees in order to restrict the inputs of sediment and nutrients from the land into the streams and river.

Appendices:

1. Summary of Attenders' Feedback on the event
2. Programme for the day

Review of Clun Environmental Day

A. SUMMARY:

1. Topics People Wanted More On / Felt Were Missing

- **Energy & Infrastructure**
 - EV charging in Clun – interest in future provision, e.g. The Garage site as a hub.
 - Solar panels, community heating/power projects.
 - Retrofitting (double glazing, insulation, etc.).
 - **Food & Land**
 - Food security and local growing.
 - The “Good Food Trail”.
 - Sustainable farming and land use.
 - **Nature & Climate**
 - Involving young people in nature and climate action.
 - More detail about county-level climate policies and sustainability plans.
 - Rewilding, biodiversity, nature recovery projects.
 - **Other**
 - Arts as part of a holistic approach.
 - Better coverage of “green and environmental” debate and information.
 - Local history/nature links (river, bridge, castle).
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2. Key Interests / What People Found Most Valuable

- **Talks and Workshops**
 - EV talk and discussions on renewable energy.
 - Food-related talks, especially on sustainability and security.
 - Local energy generation projects (solar, hydro, biomass, etc.).
 - “Good Food Trail”.
 - **Community & Networking**
 - Information on hedges, composting, informing garden biodiversity,
 - Chance to meet local organisations eg Repair Cafe and individuals.
 - Sharing ideas with neighbours and friends, local mapping.
 - “Very good turnout of visitors, organisers, local action.”
 - **Youth & Education**
 - Getting young people engaged in nature and climate.
 - Links with schools and education.
 - **General Comments**
 - “Excellent event”, “Really enjoyed”, “Very well set out”.
 - Appreciated the balance between information, discussion, and inspiration.
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3. Future Actions People Said They’d Take

- Practical:
 - Recycling more, composting better, reducing car use, get a pond.
 - Exploring solar, double glazing, insulation at home.
 - Joining local groups/projects (nature recovery, Good Food Trail).
 - Community Engagement:
 - Working with schools (primary and secondary).
 - Continuing conversations started at the event.
 - Getting more involved in local campaigns and projects eg litter picking.
 - Personal Reflection:
 - Greater awareness of challenges, waste less food, read recycling information on products.
 - Motivation to act locally.
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4. Overall Sentiment

- **Very positive.** Words like *excellent*, *great*, *useful*, *inspiring* appear frequently.
 - People valued:
 - The diversity of topics.
 - The range of stalls and speakers.
 - The mix of practical advice and visionary ideas.
 - **Constructive criticism:**
 - Wanted more on EV charging, food security, and county-level sustainability policy.
 - More action on public transport
 - Desire for continued events and follow-up actions.
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In short:

The event was seen as highly worthwhile, with strong appreciation for talks on energy, food, and sustainability, plus the opportunity to network. Attendees want more practical information on local renewable energy and food security projects, more involvement of young people, and clearer links to local/county policy. Many left motivated to take action in their homes and communities.

B. SHORT REPORT

Feedback Summary: Environmental Day – Talks & Workshops

Overall Mood

The day was very positively received. Attendees consistently described it as “excellent,” “great,” “really inspiring,” and valued both the information shared and the community spirit.

“It is lovely to see how passionate the community is.”

“Wonderful atmosphere + inspiration.”

What People Found Most Valuable

- **Talks & Workshops**
 - EV cars and renewable energy discussions – *“Discussion re: EVs was very useful.”*
 - Food sustainability and local growing – *“Good Food Trail,” “Food talks.”*
 - Broader climate and biodiversity sessions.
 - **Community & Networking**
 - Chance to connect with local groups and individuals – *“Great to promote understanding + meet likeminded local organisations.”*
 - **Youth & Education**
 - Strong appetite to involve schools and young people in future events.
 - **General Impression**
 - High turnout and a wide range of stalls.
 - *“Today was great!! Footfall was fab and everyone was engaged!”*
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What People Wanted More Of

- **Energy & Infrastructure**
 - Future EV charging provision for Clun – including community hub ideas.
 - Home retrofitting (solar, double glazing, insulation).
 - **Food & Land**
 - Food security and local growing.
 - Sustainable farming practices.
 - **Nature & Climate**
 - Greater focus on biodiversity and nature recovery.
 - More involvement of young people in climate action.
 - **Policy**
 - More information on county-level climate plans and sustainability strategies.
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Actions People Plan to Take

- **At Home**
 - “Recycle more.”

- Explore solar panels, double glazing, and energy efficiency measures.
 - Use local produce and milk.
 - **In the Community**
 - Join or start projects such as litter-picking, the Good Food Partnership, and nature recovery initiatives.
 - Work with schools to engage children and young people.
 - **Personal Reflections**
 - *“A good day, inspiring and hopeful for a greener, happier future.”*
 - *“What would Clun be like if there is no action to address all the challenges we face?”*
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Key Takeaway

The Environmental Day succeeded in **informing, inspiring, and motivating** the community. People particularly valued practical information on energy and food, networking opportunities, and the inclusive atmosphere. There is clear demand for follow-up activities, especially around EV infrastructure, local food security, and youth engagement.

Agenda item	Who	Action	Completed
133-2025	Cllr Davies	Discuss Caring For God's Acre arrangements with Churchwarden	
133-2025	Clerk	Request National Power terminate streetlight on Buffalo Lane	
134-2025	Clerk	Have Free Woman of Clun certificate prepared for 14th Sept event. Update - date to be confirmed at November meeting.	
136-2025	Clerk	To circulate the latest version of the Standing Orders and put it on the website	
143-2025	Cllr Bowles	Request CCEG advise on possible next steps and to send all councillors the electronic version of workbook when received.	
145-2025	Cllr McVicar	Email Clerk written reasons for planning application decision.	
146-2025	Clerk	Contract Stephen Wallace for tap repair at toilets.	
148-2025	Clerk	Amend agenda item heading to: "To receive reports from groups attended and consider recommendations"	
148-2025	Cllrs Bowles, Page, Martin	Assess Abermule Parish website which uses Vision ICT and report views to Clerk	
148-2025	Clerk	If opinions of Vision ICT are positive, Clerk to find out costs involved, including contractual obligation to Parish Online, and bring to November council meeting.	
149-2025	Clerk	Include CCEG website info for inclusion on website	
149-2025	Clerk	Pass on alternative herbicide information to grass cutting contractor	
151-2025	Cllr Martin	Reply to Christina Anderson regarding probationers	
151-2025	SC Walmsley	Email details to all councillors regarding streetlight sensor for river	
152-2025	Cllr Limond	Send exact location of Shropshire Way sign for repair to Shropshire Cllr Walmsley	
152-2025	SC Walmsley	Pass on sign repair info to relevant SC officer to ask that it be restored.	
153-2025	Clerk	Email Assistant Clerk job offer to candidate by end of this week (i.e. 12 th October) including hours minimum 5 and maximum 7.	
153-2025	Clerk	Email Assistant Clerk job description to all councillors.	