

Basingstoke Transition Network
Meeting on Tuesday 3rd December 2019, 7.00 pm, Norden House, Basing View,
Basingstoke

Present: Martin Biermann (MB), chair; Bob Clifford (BC), Malcolm MacInnes (MM), Rob Score (RS), Sheila Peacock (SP);

Apologies: Martin Heath (MH), Arun Mummalaneni (AM).

1. **Minutes of last meeting** – were accepted;

2. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

2. RS was reimbursed from the BTN account for the £165 insurance premium; the a/c is in credit to ~£440 including BCAC money; BCAC hasn't collectively responded to the request for £82.50 towards the insurance premium so SP will ask them at the meeting being planned for later in December (if that happens). **Action – SP.**

3. **General Election Hustings meeting report**

BTN thanks those who helped make the evening a success, particularly Chris Tomblin as chair and Jonathan Clark and Christ Church Chineham for free use of the church; also Gill and Olivia Phipps and Paul Dennison for helping with refreshments. For future occasions we note that we should actively encourage the questions to be short and to be genuine questions; ask questioners in the audience to stand; and that the candidates do not need as much as 2 minutes for their opening speeches (Channel 4 allowed 30 seconds each during its programme the same night), although they should have 2 minutes each at the end. Candidates and questioners must use the microphone, both for deaf people in the audience and for the videoing of the event.

4. **Council Plan**

BDBC's plan for 2020-2024 has been posted on its website with supporting documents. Paul Beevers has prepared an extensive response on the ecological/conservation aspects of the plan. Agreed SP to prepare a response on the small number of commitments actually in the plan, pointing out the lack of specifics, and circulate it by Tues 10th for comment, with aim to submit it before Christmas (deadline for comment 1st Jan). **Action – SP, all.**

5. **Cafe Scientifique**

BC reported that MH will give the January CafeSci talk, about his project on solar panels connected to the railway network. We suggested that a technical topic relevant to the local elections be scheduled for the April slot (27th April). BC is keen to have a speaker on offsite manufacture of houses, which is relevant to Manydown and other local developments. **Action – All** to look out for such a speaker, and also for speakers for the February and March slots.

6. **BDBC environment summit, 5th December**

MH received an invitation to this occasion but BTN and MB did not; MB received a late invitation after meeting someone from the Council at another occasion. MM spoke to a Council official by phone and discovered that invitations were restricted to local businesses (which should have included MB). MB and MH are going.

7. **One Church Basingstoke hustings 5th December**

BC is attending and has sent a question (the same one as he sent for the BTN hustings, which unfortunately wasn't used). Agreed BTN submit a question, on the candidates' support for onshore wind and fracking: MM to submit on behalf of BTN. **Action – MM.**

8. **Next meeting** – Tuesday 7th January – SP to contact MH to ascertain whether we can hold it at Belvedere House (MH would need to be present). Start time 6.45 pm. **Action – SP.**

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.