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Climate Emergency

12 messages

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Sun, Feb 3, 2019 at 5:12 PM

To: mike.bell@n-somerset.gov.uk, mark.canniford@n-somerset.gov.uk, john.crockford-hawley@n-somerset.gov.uk, tom.leimdorfer@n-somerset.gov.uk, donald.davies@n-somerset.gov.uk

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 **Climate emergency motion.pdf**
65K**Tom Leimdorfer** <leimdorfer@care4free.net>

Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 7:38 PM

To: Mike Bell <mike@mikebell.org.uk>, Richard Tucker <tucker2@talktalk.net>, Donald Davies <dcplogisticsltd@gmail.com>
Cc: Hollylaw84@gmail.com

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Mike Bell <mike@mikebell.org.uk>

Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 10:21 AM

To: Tom Leimdorfer <leimdorfer@care4free.net>, Richard Tucker <rtucker2@talktalk.net>, Donald Davies <dcplogisticsltd@gmail.com>

Cc: "Hollylaw84@gmail.com" <Hollylaw84@gmail.com>

Thanks Tom and Holly. Perhaps we can discuss this on Friday at our opposition leaders meeting?

I am inclined towards tabling it for February as I am not totally confident that the March meeting won't end up being cancelled.

Best wishes

Mike

From: Tom Leimdorfer [leimdorfer@care4free.net]

Sent: 04 February 2019 19:38

To: Mike Bell; Richard Tucker ; 'Donald Davies'

Cc: Hollylaw84@gmail.com

Subject: RE: Climate Emergency

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Donald Davies (Councillor) <Donald.Davies@n-somerset.gov.uk>
To: Holly Law <hollylaw84@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 12:42 PM

Holly

All opposition groups are working on this.

I believe you are being copied in on email exchanges.

Thanks
Don

From: Holly Law <hollylaw84@gmail.com>

Sent: 03 February 2019 17:12:47

To: Mike Bell (Councillor); Mark Canniford (Councillor); John Crockford-Hawley (Councillor); Tom Leimdorfer (Councillor); Donald Davies (Councillor)

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Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 3:45 PM

To: Hollylaw84@gmail.com

Cc: Richard.Tucker@n-somerset.gov.uk, Donald Davies <dcplogisticsltd@gmail.com>, Mike Bell <mike@mikebell.org.uk>

Hello Holly

Just to let you know that Mike Bell and I have submitted the attached motion to be debated at Council on the 19th February. Mike had already submitted a draft Climate Emergency motion with similar wording last week, but he agreed that my version (based on your suggested draft) should go forward. I have indicated to officers that the final wording could be 'tweaked' following discussions with members.

There was an element of urgency about this as the deadline for submission of motions for February is this Thursday. We were thinking that March Council could be better in some respects as the February meeting is dominated by the Budget while there is not a great deal on the agenda in March, so we might get better press coverage. However, after discussion with officers, we think there is a possibility that the March meeting could be cancelled. So we are going ahead in February.

Thank you for your work on this. You may wish to consider addressing Council on the day in Public Participation. If you or one of your colleagues would like to speak on the subject, please make sure that it is not party political as the only chance of getting the motion passed is to get the majority group to support it in sufficient numbers. Do feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards

Tom

Cllr Tom Leimdorfer

Congresbury & Puxton Ward

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Hi Tom,

I couldn't agree more for the need for urgency and I'm very happy to hear the motion will be tabled on the 19th February.

I'm glad you found the draft helpful. I will share the motion with my colleagues this evening and I can assure you there will be a public gallery full of supporters, and that we will also speak during public participation.

In regards to ensuring the motion is not seen as party political, will this be presented as a cross party motion supported by all parties in opposition, not just from the Greens and Lib Dems (I'm assuming yourself and Mike will be proposing and seconding?). Excuse my ignorance in this regard, but I'm not sure how in practice motions are demonstrated to be cross party.

Best wishes,

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Donald Davies <dcplogisticsltd@gmail.com> Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 11:01 PM
To: Tom Leimdorfer <leimdorfer@care4free.net>
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Happy to support.

Thanks

Don

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Tom Leimdorfer <leimdorfer@care4free.net> Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 3:00 PM
To: Holly Law <hollylaw84@gmail.com>

Hello Holly

Thank you for all your support and your excellent speech last night.

As Mike Bell and I knew, Nigel Ashton insisted on his wording, which he produced only just before the meeting handwritten on his notepad. We then had a real struggle to get him to agree to put the words 'emergency' and the phrase 'carbon neutrality by 2030' into his version of the motion. Once he agreed reluctantly, we were not inclined to be nit picking over the rest of his wording. In the end, he has the majority on his side. So we were very pleased that the motion was passed unanimously. You can see the original motion and the version unanimously agreed on the attached. We feel that we have retained the essence of the motion and laid down a marker. Given the fact that we elections in May, there is some sense in asking officers to

prepare a report by June rather than setting up a members' working group. I hope you are not disappointed.

Kind regards

Tom

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Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 3:42 PM

Hello Tom,

Thank you for sharing the actual wording with me.

I'm not disappointed - I was half expecting it to be rejected full stop, so this is an achievement in my eyes.

I really appreciate you making it happen. Thank you. Would you be able to find out which officers will be tasked with writing the report please, so we may be able to offer them ideas and assistance?

Best wishes,
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Thank you. And yes, great idea!

You might be interested in this - looks like you can just follow along for free online: <https://climateemergency.uk/civicrm/?page=CiviCRM&q=civicrm%2Fevent%2Finfo&id=1&reset=1>

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