

Progress to date against policy commitments

Policy 1 Leadership	
The council will demonstrate leadership across the parish by working to best practice in all aspects of the management of its estate and assets.	
Item	Action
All administrative functions will be reviewed and amended to reduce carbon emissions and recycle where possible.	Any office printing is in draft mode. Published documents minimise the use of colour Both sides of paper are used to eliminate wastepaper. Toner cartridges are recycled back to supplier.
The parish council is digital by default.	All council documents published on its website. Councillors and residents encouraged to view reports online. Reports for council meetings are linked to the website so reducing the need to send large (and CO2 producing) attachments. Printed paper only used when requested by a councillor or resident. No paper agendas or minutes supplied at public meetings. The parish council uses a projector to illustrate its agenda (for example with planning applications)
Use of water across council properties is managed by mechanical means to minimise waste.	Water supply at the public toilets on East Road (cistern miser), and the allotments on East Road (float valves) are controlled.
Electricity can be sourced from a renewable tariff.	Council has received a quotation for renewable tariff for toilets and public lighting.
Lanterns in council managed light fittings (car park at Bowling Green) can be upgraded to be energy efficient and are already regularly maintained.	Low energy lightbulbs used in public toilets. Lamps are subject to annual inspection and council has received a quotation for energy-efficient replacements.
The council will consult on alternative methods to manage weeds and ground management as part of its biannual contractor review.	Menheniot Green will be asked to lead on a parish-wide consultation to recommend a specification for the ground maintenance contract due for renewal from April 2022.
Council can adopt a voluntary pledge to reduce individual carbon emissions and promote actions across the parish.	Council may ask Menheniot Green to recommend a public and personal pledge that councillors and residents will be asked to adopt voluntarily.
Council will recognise and reward individual people or voluntary groups who are making significant contributions to mitigating the impact of climate change.	Councillors will be asked to consider recognition for outstanding contributions to public efforts to mitigate the impact of climate change.

Policy 2 Influencing

Where the council has no direct control over issues that may impact on climate change, it will use its best endeavours to influence other parish stakeholders.

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Council can review its grants and donation policy so as to encourage the adoption of climate friendly practices among applicants.	Recommendations in preparation following feedback from public consultation.
Council can review the tenancy agreement of its allotment holders in order to enable them to sell surplus produce at local markets, so reducing food miles and encouraging local production.	Recommendations in preparation following feedback from public consultation and advice from the National Allotments Society.
Council can work with stakeholders (for example, local school, playgroup, church, parish hall, Old School Trust, farming community) to encourage a joined-up approach to issues that impact the whole of the parish.	Council is recommended to support the establishment of Menheniot Green as a task and finish working group.

Policy 3 Resources

The parish council can establish an annual budget for projects that can mitigate the impact of climate change and support movement towards a zero-carbon environment. The funding could be drawn from reserves and determined in November as part of the council's annual financial review.

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The council already has a working system for receiving and assessing applications for grants and donation. Using this as a template, the council could quickly set up an equivalent system for climate change projects. Consultation will be needed to agree criteria for awards.	Recommendations in preparation following feedback from public consultation. Councillors will be given the option of extending the use of current grants and donations and/or setting up new funding streams.
The council's reserves are finite and so there will need to be a limit to the annual budget. If the climate change fund mirrors the existing funds, then there is scope for quick decisions on low value donations, and sufficient separate funding for larger projects that may need substantial financial support.	Recommendations in preparation following feedback from public consultation. This will take account of the scope for using unallocated reserves as well as windfall grants that the council has received.

Policy 4 Planning

The council will discharge its duties as a consultee in the planning process to comply with all aspects of the Cornwall Local Plan 2010-2030 and its subsequent iterations.

It will apply all policies contained in the Menheniot Neighbourhood Development Plan that relate to climate change.
 It will incorporate new policies arising from the Cornwall Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD), and other documents as they are adopted.
Councillors are reminded that under the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act, the council has a right to be notified of all planning applications made within its boundaries. There is no legal duty or legal responsibility to respond to any planning consultation.

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<p>The current system of receiving planning applications, producing a Weekly Planning Report, inviting applicants to attend the public meeting and publishing maps and drawings exceeds the statutory minimum requirements for a consultee.</p>	<p>Councillors will be asked to affirm their commitment to respond to all planning applications notified within its boundary.</p>
<p>The system of Planning Index, created by the parish council, will continue to evolve to include new policies contained in the NDP.</p>	<p>The council's commitment to tackling climate change is included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan that will be published for referendum in the summer/autumn of 2021. If adopted, this planning conditions will be included as material considerations when the parish council and Cornwall Council planning officers make their decisions. Both councils are publicly accountable for implementing policies that are agreed in referendum.</p>
<p>Parish council will continue to act as an active consultee in the production of new policies, and their application within the parish.</p>	<p>The council will maintain its long established links with the Cornwall Planning Partnership, and actively engage with new policy proposals either alone or in partnership with Menheniot Green.</p>

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