

## Parish Council Agenda Item June 2021

### *Background*

We The Ivers Parish Council support the declaration of a climate emergency and commit to encourage The Ivers to become at least carbon neutral.

Local Councils that have declared a climate emergency tend to do so to provide leadership and help educate their communities about both the threat of and solutions to the climate crisis. This should then act to harness “people power” to make that change possible at all levels, especially driving higher levels of government to act and ultimately force them to pull the economic and legislative levers needed to reverse global warming and restore a safe climate

It is our hope that this declaration will help to raise the profile of this vital issue within our community and secure external support and funding.

### *The Motion submitted to Council is:*

“That The Ivers Parish Council declares a climate emergency and commits to encourage The Ivers to become carbon neutral. We aim is to make The Ivers Parish Council carbon neutral by 2030 and encourage the local population, organisations and businesses to work with us to reduce pollution and protect and improve the environment.”

### *Our Objectives*

- 1 Energy: to reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat.
- 2 Transport: to promote walking, cycling and public transport. Accelerating the move to Council owned electric vehicles.
- 3 Food & Land: to promote sustainable land management, including tree planting to help absorb carbon & water.
- 4 d) Economy, Housing & Waste: to support the local economy to ensure existing and new homes are climate resilient through initiatives which reduce, reuse and recycle materials and natural resources e.g. water
- 5 Community Engagement: to engage local people in accelerating their own responses and building resilience to ongoing climate impacts.
- 6 To ensure that The Parish Council and the Community strongly support the development of an Air Quality Improvement Plan for The Ivers.

### *Next Steps*

To support this declaration, we will create an action plan which lists actions that we as a Parish Council can undertake in each of the six (6) objectives. The draft action plan will be tabled at the September 2021 Parish Council Meeting.

Members of the community who are interested in working on the development of the action plan are asked to email Cllr. Ciaran Beary or Cllr. Julie Cook

*Supporting Documents*

The United Nations has developed 17 Goals for sustainability. Many relate to the objectives in the motion. Accessed at <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

Principles and tools of the Circular Economy can assist us to rethink how we use resources and opportunities to change. Accessed at

<https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/circular-economy/what-is-the-circular-economy>