



Kinver Climate Action Group

Minutes of the Meeting on 8 January 2026

Present:

Eunice Lord, Christine Allen, Kathryn Clark, Peter Barber, James Bundred, Phil Jones, Amanda Coffey, Steve Watt, Nick Pearson, Lindsey Davis, Kate Byford

1. Apologies

Cate Waymouth, Sally Harris, Yvone Beran, Andy Hughes

2. Election of new Chair

Election of Chair was deferred to the February meeting.

2. Home Energy MOT

EL reported that the season is in full swing. About 450 leaflets are being distributed to Enville Road and adjacent streets.

Several recent MOTs have raised issues of damp and mould, notably in built-in wardrobes against uninsulated outside walls; and in less-heated rooms eg bedrooms. In addition to the humidity meters which we give out, it was **agreed** we try using damp meters; and draught sensors. Ideas for publicity posts were also discussed

Action: **MOT team** explore these tools for diagnosis of damp issues

Action: **LD** to set up posts promoting MOT, freebies and subsidies, with info from **EL**.

3. River Stour

AC reported on great progress in setting up monthly river sampling with volunteers, and affiliating with Severn Rivers Trust and other groups. A training plan is being set up with Severn Rivers Trust. KCAG has been enrolled as one of a few groups in a National Rivers Trust pilot on using citizen science data to create change.

It was **agreed** we should post explaining links between the river work and climate change – eg flooding, water temperature and ecology etc. and how people can help, eg things you don't know you're doing that could harm rivers, how to use water butts.

Action: **AC** to prepare material for **LD/EL** to post

4. Community Solar Options

AH has circulated a report on how we could use the info and support on Community Energy England for ground-mounted solar. He suggests, first identify a site with connectivity.

The potential of lease-back domestic rooftop solar was discussed (ie zero up-front cost to householders). It was suggested that we set up an online questionnaire to find out 'what's stopping you installing rooftop solar' – and potentially other items including topping up loft insulation, cavity wall insulation.

It was noted that many energy suppliers have schemes to encourage rooftop solar. It was agreed that all members explore what their company provides, and we pool info, potentially for use in publicity.

Action: **KB/LD** to set up questionnaire on 'why not solar'

Action: All: Share your energy company's incentive schemes for solar (and eg insulation) with the group, as a basis for publicity.

5. Programme of talks/activities:

Redundant electricals/ Waste Savvy Staffs: There will be no market in 2026. It was **agreed** that we want to continue our collection of redundant but usable goods, from March onwards. Options include: Edward Marsh Centre, at regular times eg monthly; High Street clock shelter; Methodist Church Food Collection (first Saturday of month); and ad hoc with local groups eg playgroup, hortics, guides - tied to their activities.

Action: EL to contact EMC; and Guides

LD to contact Methodist Hall Playgroup

5 March: The Rev Rich on his trip to the **Solomon Isles**, and Climate Change impacts. 7pm, Kinver Senior Citizens

Future talks: Suggestions included Climate Friendly Gardening; Saving food, money and the planet; The Big Picture: what does climate change and action look like in Kinver. NP has prepared a summary of 'why we should know about anaerobic digestion'.

6. AOB

Strategy: It was suggested that we should review our strategic approach. The idea of a project/campaign for each of the four quadrants of our carbon footprint (Food, Travel, Goods and Home Energy) was mooted.

Action: KB to lead a session on strategic thinking at the Feb meeting.

Sponsor a tree: It was suggested we could sponsor a tree in Jubilee Gardens and report on its growth and carbon fixing etc. The PC clerk has confirmed we can, good candidates are Rowans (sorbus). Cost likely to be £100-200, plus planting costs.



Action: EL to find tree options and negotiate planting.

Kinver Connections: PJ reported that the article in Kinver News has been well received. The project is expecting funding for the Feasibility Study.

9. Next meetings

5 Feb: Meeting, 7pm, Kinver Constitutional Club

5 March: Public talk: 7pm Kinver Senior Citizens, The Rev Richard Clarkson on My Visit to the Solomon Islands, and how Climate Change could impact them.