



Kinver Climate Action Group

Minutes of the Meeting on 24 July 2025

Present:

Eunice Lord, Christine Allen, Kathryn Clark, Peter Barber, James Bundred, Phil Jones, Amanda Coffey, Brian Ashmead, Andy Hughes, Yvonne Barron
New members Brian, Andy and Yvonne were welcomed to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Steve Anderson, Sally Harris, Nick Pearson, Lindsey Davies, Kate Byford

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the May meeting were passed as a true record. The June meeting was a talk on Straw Bale Building.

3. River Stour: update and outlook

The talk on the River Stour by Severn Trent (in March) has generated a great deal of local interest. AC reported that she has contacted several local bodies with interest in monitoring and improving the river, including Roger Meade of CARP (Angling Trust); Severn Rivers Trust who have been setting up Citizen Science databases; CastCo, (a project to bring together data and approaches to driving freshwater quality improvement); Col Maltby (who's developing the Stour Project to encourage monitoring and enjoyment of the Stour including a route along its course); and CaBA (CatchmentBasedApproach, whose website brings together info on catchments throughout the country, including the [Vision for the Worcestershire Middle Severn Catchment](#) which has recently been launched).

CA suggested the Ken Wrigley Trust as a potential source of funding eg for sampling kits. Severn Trent plc are running an Outfall Safari on 4 August, which anyone can join, to demonstrate how to check the many outfalls to the Stour (which in general should only be carrying runoff), and how to detect those which may be carrying additional pollution.

It was agreed to continue to monitor and seek to improve the river and its immediate environs, including sampling, potentially monthly. **CA, AH** and **EL** volunteered to participate, with **SA, KC** occasionally available.

Action: CA to develop monitoring programme and consider grant application

4. Programme of talks/activities

- **Building with Straw Bales:** 19 June:

This talk by Salli Gosling and PJ, was well attended, and elicited real practical interest. PJ's slides on the building of this straw office have been posted on our website.

- **Skip the Tip :** 4 Sept **EL:**

Talk by Gemma Wall, Waste Savvy Staffs, about ways to save usable but 'redundant' items, and benefit local people. Gemma inspired our electrical etc collections at Kinver Market.

Action: EL. Fix date (Sept?) and title.

- ***Will a heat pump work for my home?*** 6 Nov (PJ)

Bean Beanland and the Hall are booked, and questions have been sent to Mr Beanland. Bean's podcast is worth a look: <https://www.youtube.com/@happyheatpumppodcast>.

Action: PJ to confirm whether NP/K Tunncliffe wish to contribute formally on their experience of heat pumps.

- **Anaerobic Digesters:** NP suggested that one of his contacts in the business could come and talk about digesters at a KCAG committee meeting to improve our understanding.

Action: NP: invite speaker to a future meeting.

- ***Sustainable food*** or similar: **SA** : Possible contacts: Vale Farm; Harper Adams University.

Action: SA: Set up speaker and topic, for late autumn/winter

5. Update on Solar options (NP/PJ)

Crowle Community Solar: Crowle plan to install a 249 kWp Community Solar. Following contact, they have proposed a chat with NP/PJ about their community solar scheme .

Action: NP/PJ to discuss with Crowle and report

6. Finance

The account at Metro Bank is working well. As there has been some delay in changing signatory, it is necessary to confirm that the following 3 named officials should have full authority to operate the bank account; and that the signature of any one of them should be sufficient to authorise transactions and other actions. The named officials are: Steve Anderson as Chair; Eunice Lord as Vice Chair; and Kate (Catherine) Byford as Treasurer. Kate Byford will replace Sally Harris as Treasurer, and Sally Harris will no longer be a signatory official.

Action: KB/EL

8. AOB.

PJ reported that the Kinver Connections project is gathering enthusiasm from relevant organisations including National Trust; Sustrans; Dudley Council. The NT are keen to add biodiversity enhancement along the corridor, eg Whittington Hall Lane. AC considered that Severn Trent, who own much of the land along the corridor, would support this.

9. Dates of next meetings

NB the default committee meeting date has been changed to the first Thursday of the month from September, to avoid overlap with the Horticultural Society meetings.

August no meeting

4 Sept: ***Skip the Tip:*** Public Talk by Gemma Wall, Waste Savvy Staffs, on local initiatives to cut waste while helping local people and the environment. Senior Citizens Club, DY7 6ER

2 Oct: **Committee Meeting**, Con Club, DY7 6HL

6 Nov: ***Will a heat pump work for my home?*** Public Talk by Bean Beanland. Senior Citizens Club, DY7 6ER