

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 24th November 2021

PRESENT: Councillor B Brookes (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors D Brookes, P Barry, S Blackburn, T Burnham (Town Mayor), R Cunnington, M Dannatt, S Dennis, D Edginton, A Findley, D Kirk, C Macey, J Sadler and T Tye.

Officers: Town Clerk (Via Zoom), Deputy Town Clerk and Admin Assistant.

Absent: Councillors S Claxton and P Sutton.

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

M34. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the minutes from the Extra Ordinary Management Committee Meeting on Wednesday 24th November 2021 be approved.*

M35. TO NOTE APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies were received from Councillors M Anderson, J Brookes, S Emsen, S Kirk and G Saxon.

M36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)

Cllr B Brookes item 4 recommendations from Mayors Working Group – Category A Deputy Mayor

M37. DRAFT BUDGET 2022/23 (Agenda Item 4)

The Deputy Town Clerk highlighted the approved changes that had been made to the draft budget.

Cllr B Brookes declared a Category A interest and withdrew from the meeting for this item.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

a) the draft budget be approved.

b) the recommendation to increase the Mayors allowance to £3000

for 2022/23 then increase by the rate of inflation each year be approved.

**M38. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN
(Agenda Item 5)**

A short discussion around the importance of engaging and sharing the consultation took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the consultation be noted.*

M39. LOCAL LIST OF HERITAGE ASSETS SKEGNESS (Agenda Item 6)

The Deputy Town Clerk spoke briefly on the invitation and a short discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That Councillors D Edginton, T Tye and P Barry be approved as Council representatives to assist with the project.*

M40. POST OFFICE SURVEY (Agenda Item 7)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the survey be noted.*

M41. DOGGER BANK SOUTH OFFSHORE WIND FARM (Agenda Item 8)

The proposals were considered, and a short discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That Skegness Town Council supports offshore windfarms along the coast.*

M42. MAYORS CHARITY ACCOUNT (Agenda Item 9)

The proposed changes to the account were considered, and a short discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That from 2022/23 the Mayors Charity Account is managed online by the Mayor.*

The meeting closed at 7.33pm

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REPORT TO:	MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 15TH DECEMBER 2021
BY:	TOWN CLERK
SUBJECT:	Climate Change

PURPOSE: To appraise the Committee of the current situation and to bring back initial ideas prior to the next budget round as requested.

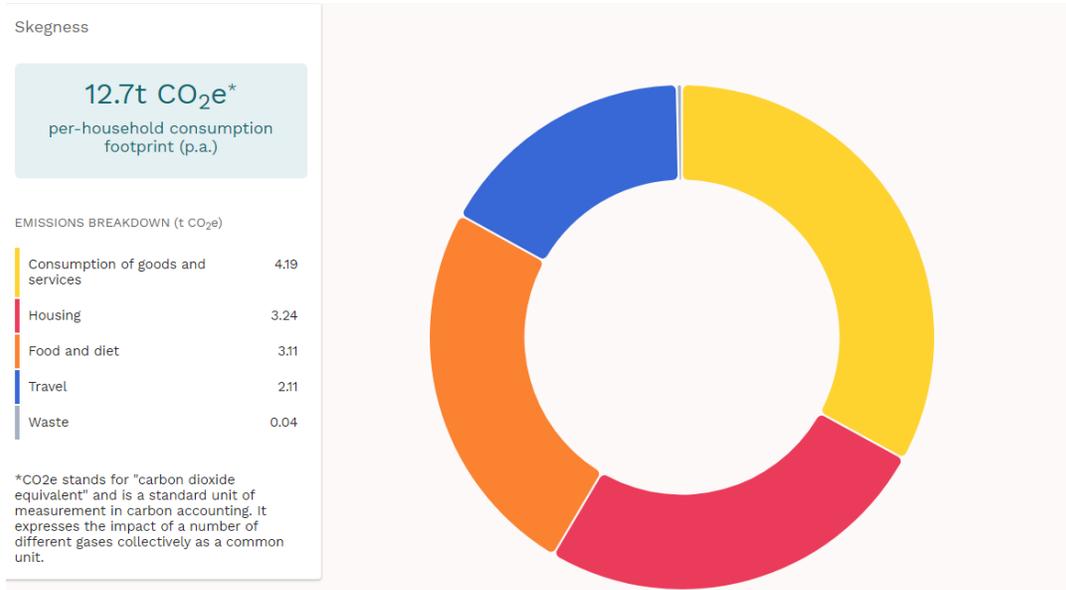
1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council declared a climate emergency and set up a Working Group which has met on a couple of occasions. The Town Clerk was asked to provide an estimated carbon baseline and bring back some ideas that could be incorporated into the budget round if Council desired.
- 1.2 The scope of what can be achieved by Skegness Town Council (STC) is very small. However, there is a role in terms of community leadership, acknowledging that making significant changes will require all organisations and individuals to make changes, even though those individual contributions may be small.

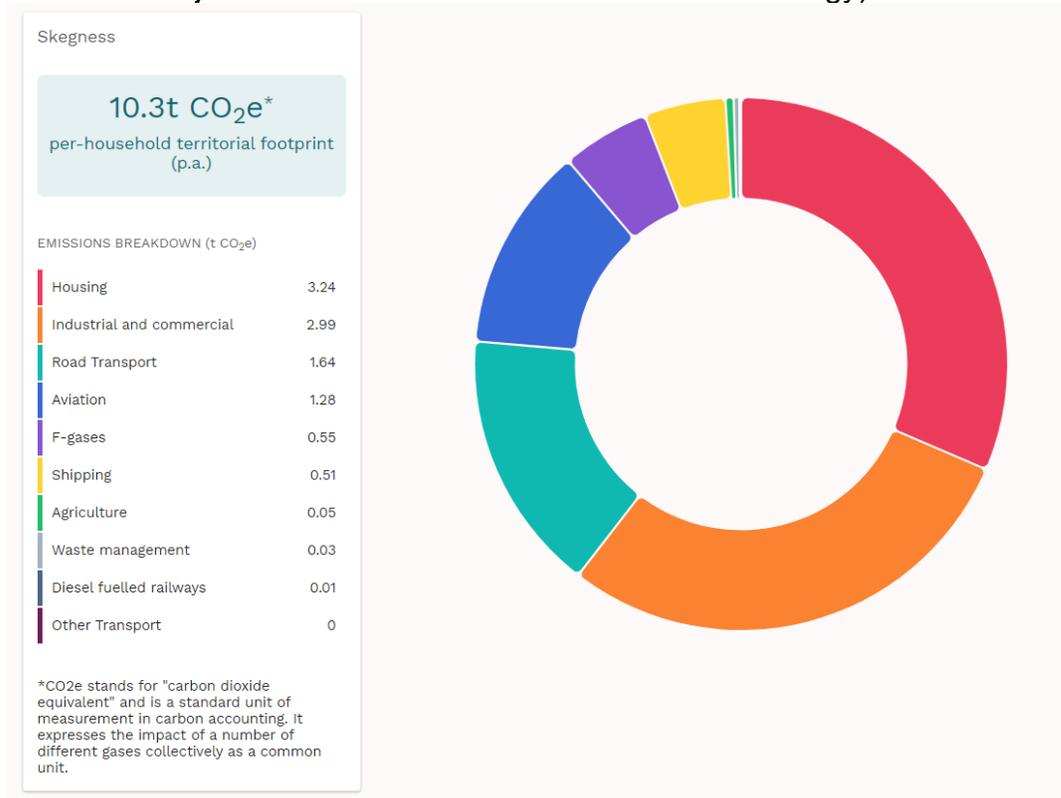
2 BASELINES

- 2.1 The calculation of any Baseline of carbon emissions is at best an approximation. Even at Government level, no absolutely certain figures exist and therefore baselines can realistically only be used to estimate the current position and give a direction of travel over a period of time.
- 2.2 There are multiple models for calculating carbon emissions and there are risks of the same carbon outputs being captured multiple times by different organisations in a supply or service chain or some emissions being missed entirely.
- 2.3 For the purposes of a Skegness baseline three models are presented here.

- A baseline for Household Consumption in the parish of Skegness and Winthorpe (based on a toolkit provided by The University of Exeter in conjunction with the Centre for Sustainable Energy).

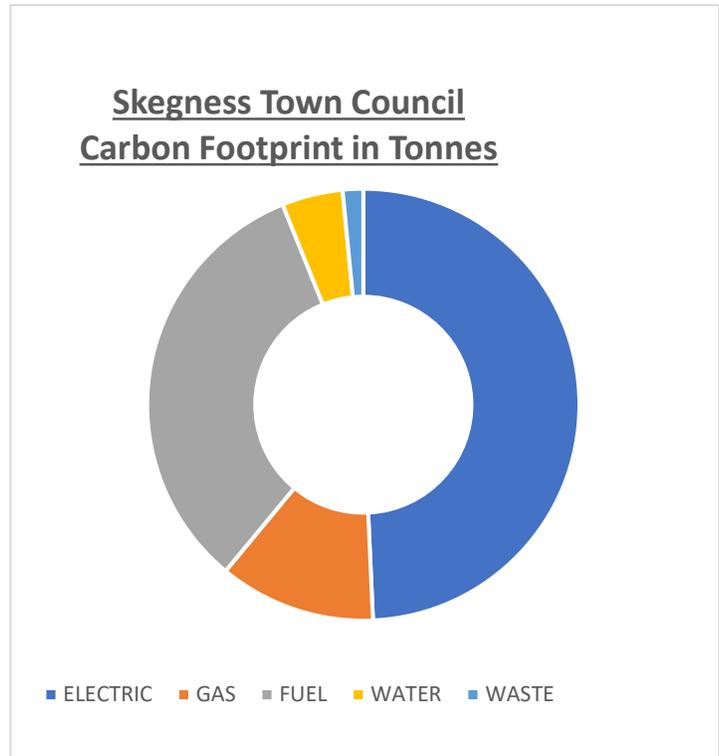


- A baseline for Territorial Consumption in the parish of Skegness and Winthorpe (based on a toolkit provided by The University of Exeter in conjunction with the Centre for Sustainable Energy)



- A baseline for Skegness Town Council as an organisation (based on in-house modelling).

Energy Use	Carbon Tonnes
ELECTRIC	14.12735
GAS	3.358202
FUEL	9.430887
WATER	1.306792
WASTE	0.440314
Total Carbon	28.66355



- 2.4 It should be noted that the Skegness Council model has limitations in that it excludes all individual consumption that would otherwise be included in the domestic calculations of staff or Councillors or the calculations that would be included in supplier or service provider chain (e.g. delivery of goods). This is where modelling becomes extremely complex. So, for instance if STC reduces consumption of certain goods, then the reduction may appear in the suppliers modelling rather than STC. Similarly, if residents reduce the amount of waste placed in Tower Gardens bins this will appear in the STC figures rather than in their domestic waste.
- 2.5 Overall, the figures can be used as a starting point to measure direction of travel and whether STC is reducing its figures overall, but should not be used as a definitive calculation of carbon emissions.

3 WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING?

- 3.1 East Lindsey District Council have launched a climate strategy in conjunction with Boston Borough Council and South Holland District Council. Even what they can achieve is relatively small and this is acknowledged. This strategy currently sits alongside a Carbon Reduction Plan published in August 2020 which aims to reduce carbon emissions by 45% on or before 2027 using 2019 as the baseline https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/media/17770/Carbon-Reduction-Plan-FINAL/pdf/ELDC_Carbon_Reduction_Plan_FINAL.pdf?m=63746827755960000 .
- 3.2 Lincolnshire County have produced a carbon management plan which aims to reduce carbon emissions by 20% from a baseline set in 2016/7 by a deadline of end of 2023 <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/3164/carbon-management-plan-2018-23-summary> .

4 WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- 4.1 STC has agreed to plant over 100 trees on Westway. By 2040 these trees will be absorbing around 2.2 tonnes of carbon emissions per year. That's about 7.7% of the Council's carbon emissions.
- 4.2 The electricity used in Tower Gardens Pavilion is the equivalent of 9.3 tonnes of CO2 per annum, however the energy provider has set out the statement

British Gas fuel mix April 2020 - March 2021 British Gas Trading Limited
UK Average Coal 0%
Natural Gas 0%
Nuclear 25%
Renewables 75%
Other Fuels 0%
CO2 Emissions 0 g/kWh
High Level Radioactive Waste 0.0018 g/kWh

This means that 9.3 tonnes of potential CO2 has already been reduced by using an energy supplier that uses nuclear and renewables.

- 4.3 Every member of staff has been given a sheet suggesting ways in which they can help reduce energy use and carbon emissions at work.
- 4.4 The Council has solar panels which offsets about 0.5 tonnes of CO2 per annum.

- 4.5 The Pavilion has movement activated switches in the corridors and uses LED low energy bulbs.
- 4.6 There is a programme of replacing existing high energy lamps with low energy replacements.
- 4.7 The Council's Task and Finish Groups run using video conferencing, reducing the car travel to and from the meetings.

5 FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE

- 5.1 Invest in more solar panels at the Pavilion. A 10kw system without battery might cost between £8,000 and £14,000 to install. That would typically generate about 7500 kw over a year. The associated saving would be about £1455 per annum and so allowing for maintenance and the increasing cost of energy, the payback period is likely to be around 10 years.
- 5.2 Invest in a small wind turbine. Currently the cost of wind turbine systems is more expensive per KWH than the equivalent solar panels. It is likely that an investment of £30,000 plus would be required for a 6KW pole mounted system. There may also be additional costs associated with installing a battery storage system so that energy generated at night can be captured. A payback period is uncertain, but it is likely that the cost of such systems will fall in future years making such a scheme more viable.
- 5.3 Convert all remaining lights to LED. It makes sense to replace any failing lamps with LED heads. The replacement cost is not usually significantly more as labour installation costs are the same. The LED lamps give an immediate reduction in energy consumption and lamps tend to have a longer life when compared to traditional lamps.
- 5.4 Replace petrol/diesel vehicles with electric vehicles. Vehicles will likely start to need to be replaced within the next 5/6 years. At this point some will be approaching 15 to 20 years old. It is anticipated that the cost of electric vehicles will fall as adoption increases. Since the Council vehicles do a relatively low mileage, leasing might be a cost-effective option once the existing fuel charges is taken into account. Charging stations would be needed for the vehicles. Currently grants are available for these but it is uncertain how long this will continue. However, it is likely that infrastructure costs will fall as the market becomes more developed.
- 5.5 Replace existing mowers with battery operated versions. The battery powered professional tool market has been developing for some while. The upfront cost may be high, but fuel savings would be substantial. As with vehicles it might be that leasing of the larger mowers represents an

economic solution. It is anticipated that there will need to be replacement of some of the larger machines within the next 5 years, however the largest mower is already leased and so at the appropriate time this might be swappable to an electric alternative.

- 5.6 Replace all other petrol/diesel operated machinery with battery powered versions. Commercial brush cutters, hedge trimmers and other tools are already available on the market. Being able to use the same type of battery across machines will be important so that sufficient battery packs are available to operate machinery across a full working day.

6 COST IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 No recommendations are being made for 2022/23 as the Council has indicated a need to keep the budget at the level set out in the draft budget. However, future costs should be built into the Capital Programme so that costs can be identified and sufficient provisions made. Refinements to the Capital Programme can be made over the coming 12 months so that this represents a robust programme of work leading into budget setting next year.
- 6.2 Should the Committee wish to bring forward any projects early, this will have implications for the budget being set in January.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To receive the report
- 7.2 To consider any actions arising

For information relating to this report please contact The Town Clerk, Tower Gardens Pavilion, Skegness or email info@skegnesscouncil.org.uk

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