

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL**

Saltash Town Council has unanimously voted in favour of acknowledging a Climate Emergency. The motion, which was brought by the council's own Climate Change and Environmental Working Group to the February Full Council meeting asked Council to acknowledge a Climate and Ecological Emergency, commit to considering the implications of the emergency where relevant, and to lead by example in the community.

The working party, led by Cllr Sarah Martin, comprised of council members and representatives from Saltash Environmental Action group as well as other interested Saltash residents and groups. Cllr Martin said, "The working party was formed with the sole intention of working towards a resolution of the council acknowledging a climate emergency after it narrowly missed declaring one in December 2019. Lockdown in Spring last year thwarted our efforts, but we think, with the G7 summit coming to Cornwall, now is the time for Saltash Town Council to be leading from the front. We are delighted with the unanimous result and look forward to bringing proposals back to the council."

Saltash Town Council Mayor Cllr Pete Samuels said, "We thank all members of the working party for their efforts in this matter. It was important that we reached a declaration which upheld the sovereignty of STC and this has done just that. There is an urgent need to make Climate Change a top priority in the months and years to come and there is a lot of work for us all collectively to do. As a council, we look forward to continuing our efforts to reduce our impact on our planet and supporting this agenda within our community where possible."

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