

Merton Parish Council – Agenda Support Document

Meeting to be held Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Agenda Item 10.10.19 (a): Council motion request re national community energy campaign

I am contacting you to ask you to help our campaign for more local, clean energy generation that would benefit local communities.

We are a not-for-profit organisation campaigning for the [Local Electricity Bill](#) – that we authored – to become law. The Bill is currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs. The Bill aims to solve the current problem whereby local renewable energy generators, such as community energy groups, are unable to sell energy that they generate to local people. This is because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

The Bill would fix this problem by establishing a Right to Local Supply that would make the costs of selling locally generated clean energy proportionate to the scale of the operation. This would benefit the existing community energy groups across the country and, even more excitingly, create the opportunity for huge growth in such groups and other local clean energy providers.

If the Bill became law it would be excellent news for Parish and Town Councils that wished to set up their own energy companies to sell locally generated renewable energy to local people, as the set up and running costs involved would be proportionate and thus a fraction of what they are now. The revenues received by such councils could be ploughed back into local emissions reduction schemes and other local services and facilities.

Could you please help by doing the following?

1. Ask Merton Parish Council to pass a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill. A model resolution is below.

2. Sign up to the campaign which you can do here: www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up

Council Draft Resolution

That [*insert council's name*]

(i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;

(ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;

(iii) further recognises that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so, that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and

(v) further resolves to inform the local media of this decision, write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and

write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

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Agenda Item 10.9.19 (b): Devon County Council (Traffic Management) Permit Scheme Order reference IMR/B16273-5781

Devon County Council (Traffic Management) Permit Scheme Order

As required by Regulation 17(1) of The Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007, notice is given that Devon County Council is proposing to introduce the Devon Permit Scheme for Road and Street Works.

Devon County Council would be operating a permit scheme under Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

The Devon Permit Scheme for Road and Street Works, describing the types of works or activities for which, and type of roads on which permits will be required, and all other details of the Scheme including the processes for applying for permits, the level of fees and when and by whom they are payable, are at www.devon.gov.uk/worksp permit-scheme

The draft order may be seen at www.devon.gov.uk/worksp permit-scheme (free internet access at Libraries Unlimited (excluding mobile) libraries) and during usual office hours at the address below in main reception.

Objections & other comments specifying the proposal & the grounds on which they are made must be in writing to the address below or via www.devon.gov.uk/worksp permit-scheme to arrive by **18th November 2019**. If you make a submission be aware that contact details and points contributed may be made publicly available in accordance with our legal obligations. Receipt of submissions may not be acknowledged but those received will be considered and may be shared within Devon County Council and our partners.

Statement of Reasons

Devon County Council has identified a strong business case for the introduction of a Roadworks Permit Scheme in Devon. The introduction of a Roadworks Permit scheme offers an opportunity to reduce journey delay and associated congestion / fuel emissions through better control and planning of works on the highway.

Draft Order as separate document titled: Devon County Council Traffic Management Permit Scheme Order DRAFT

Agenda Item 10.9.19 (c): Glow in the dark defibrillator signs



Glow in the dark AED location sign – Vinyl – £14.95 (£17.94 inc. VAT)

Agenda Item 10.9.19 (d) Taxi-Bus Suggestion Tarka Line Link

To the Clerks;

From Dolton Parish Council

Torrington Town Council

Little Torrington Parish Council

Merton Parish Council

Winkleigh Parish Council

5 November 2019

Copies; District Councillor Mrs R Lock, County Councillor Mr A Saywell & Dolton Parish Council.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Taxi-Bus Suggestion Tarka Line Link

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We are pleased to see that GWR are currently up-grading the Tarka railway line between Exeter and Barnstaple with a new generation of trains to be working the line and an enhanced timetable to be introduced. At the same time we note current thoughts that public transport might need to play a more important role in coming years, as evidenced by the numbers attending the recent North Devon public transport meeting.

With these thoughts in mind we were wondering if more could be done to improve the link between our areas and any of the nearby stations on the Tarka line (Umberleigh, Portsmouth Arms, Kings Nympton & Eggesford). We have seen references to Taxi-Bus services and have wondered if this could be an option to provide a better link for our local residents and the National Train network? I have put a few bus-taxi related links below for information.

<https://www.nexus.org.uk/news/item/new-taxi-bus-route-south-tyneside>

<https://www.stagecoach.com/~media/Files/S/Stagecoach->

<Group/Attachments/media/publication-policy-documents/yellowtaxi.pdf>

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2017/sep/21/gett-citymapper-launch-new-taxi-bus-london-commuters>

Should such an idea prove viable in this area the operating criteria, fare structure, possible operating grants, routes and timetable would all need to be discussed and established.

However, these are of course matters for future consideration; the first issue is to establish whether there is local interest in such a scheme and whether we feel that there would be sufficient passenger numbers to justify carrying out a feasibility study for a taxi-bus railway link for this area? We would be interested to hear your thoughts on this matter.

Yours Sincerely

Steve Martindale Dolton Parish Council