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To All Members of the Environmental and Sustainability Committee:

Keynsham Town Councillors: D Biddleston, C Brennan, C Buxton, D Cooper, A Greenfield (Chairman), B. Simmons and A Wait

Lead Community Organisations: Keynsham Plastic Reaction (Fiona Edwards); Keynsham In Bloom (D Drury); Keynsham Wombles (E Davies): Transition Keynsham (new member to be appointed)

Business Representatives: Independent Trader (One member to attend); Large Business – (Pukka Herbs)

B&NES Ward Councillor (Cllr H MacFie) **B&NES Officer** (Jane Wildblood)

cc. All Other Town Councillors

Dear Members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee

You are invited to a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** on Tuesday 4th October 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm in the Baptist Church, High Street, Keynsham

Signed on 27th September 2022

Dawn Drury
By Dawn Drury, Town Clerk

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Procedures will be presented at the start of the meeting.

Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

THIS CONSULTATION MAY BE FILMED OR RECORDED (PLEASE REFER TO THE TOWN COUNCIL'S PROTOCOL ON THE FILMING AND RECORDING OF LOCAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (adopted August 2014).

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTATION AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES:

To receive apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest under Keynsham Town Council's Code of Conduct (adopted on 16th April 2019) issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, SI No. 1464 and as per Standing Order 3(v).

3. DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 13, to consider any requests for dispensations (for disclosable pecuniary interests) prior to the item(s) being discussed, that Members may only become aware of during the meeting itself and to receive any disclosures of decisions as per item 7 of Keynsham Town Council's Dispensations Policy and Procedure Guide.

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive requests for dispensations (for disclosable pecuniary interests) prior to an individual item(s) being discussed, that Members may only become aware of during the meeting itself.

4. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on Monday 28th July 2022 (previously circulated) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. PROPOSED ECO FESTIVAL – 14TH/15TH OCTOBER

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) *To receive any updates and information from Ros Durrant (CTKS).*
- (ii) *To ascertain volunteers for the Town Council stall at this event.*

6. GO GREEN WIDCOMBE AND WECA SOLAR TOGETHER SCHEME

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) To receive and note the information below.*
- (ii) To discuss the same along with Alastair Singleton a representative of Keynsham Energy Group.*
- (iii) To make recommendations to full Council in respect of any outcomes from discussions on this matter.*

The Go Green Widcombe group organised the selection and promotion of a group-buy solar scheme for homeowners in their area. Here is a link to a recording of a meeting the group held online recently [link to the recording](#).

Go Green Widcombe organised their own group-buy following some detailed research and being inspired by what other communities had done.

The Chew Valley Forum working group have been investigating options to do the same – temporarily hampered by the capacity and demand pressures that the solar installers are under at the moment. They are looking at running a group-buy scheme for their residents, once the solar companies are in a position to accept new areas. To manage their capacity, IDDEA have expanded the catchment area that they agreed with Go Green Widcombe and there is a possibility of this extending to Keynsham and Saltford area. It is suggested that going through Steve Cross to get an introduction to IDDEA.

The WECA Solar Together scheme was a pilot and depending on how that goes, will decide if there is another round of that. Solar Together has also been affected by supply chain issues which has delayed the installations so the expected decision whether to rerun it, or not will also be delayed.

All of the above relates to those homeowners who are in a position to finance their own installation. The B&NES Council's grant schemes for households on low incomes are district wide – subject to the specific funding criteria around energy efficiency rating or whether there is mains gas heating in.

7. CONNECTING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS (CROSS COUNTY BORDERS)

RECOMMENDED:

To receive verbal updates in respect of this matter.

8. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

RECOMMENDED:

To receive a verbal update on the Project Plan.

9. WOODLAND TRUST TREE ORDERS

RECOMMENDED:

To note that we have yet to receive a delivery date of our pack of 105 hedgerow saplings that have been ordered from Woodland Trust for installation along the edge of Fox and Hounds Lane conservation area.

10. TREE PLANTING

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) To receive and consider the request from a Keynsham Resident (see below):*
- (ii) To receive additional information from the Town Clerk.*

'I am a Keynsham resident and I live in Lockingwell Road. I would like to raise the idea of making improvements to the Downfield/Cleeve Grove Playground and surrounding green. The playground itself is becoming increasingly dated and could do with a sprucing up but there is a lot of potential to improve the green space surrounding the playground in terms of biodiversity. I would really encourage the planting of trees in this area as well as other vegetation such as shrubs and perhaps some wildflower beds to encourage wildlife, bees and insects. This area is very popular with local residents, and I often see dozens of parents and children using the playground facilities after school and at the weekends. It would be great to see this space transformed to benefit residents who visit this area and from an environmental perspective to be more sustainable and encourage wildlife. I look forward to hearing your views on this'.

11. SEED GIVE AWAY

RECOMMENDED:

To receive an update on the free seed giveaway.

12. QUEEN'S JUBILEE CANOPY – PROPOSED COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

RECOMMENDED:

To receive an update in respect of the appointed supplier as decided at the Town Council meeting on 27th September 2022.

13. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INVESTMENT READINESS FUND (NEIRF)

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) To note the contents of the email below.*

'Morning Dawn,

Thank you for getting in touch and expressing interest in learning more about BART's Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF). I'd be very happy to present to the group regarding the NEIRF project (albeit we have not started delivering it yet) and other projects we've been delivering in the Chew catchment, including our schools programme and details for a sustainable water usage project that we'll be delivering later this year.

Does that sound okay?

*Best wishes,
Simon*

*Simon Hunter BSc (Hons), MPhil,
Chief Executive Officer
Bristol Avon Rivers Trust*

(ii) To decide when to invite Simon to a meeting.

14. NATURE CHAIN

Philippa has suggested taking a look at the links below with a view to this being a project that this Committee may wish to instigate.

<https://www.naturechain.co.uk/>

<https://www.winsley.org.uk/local-information/nature-chain-2>

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) That the information is received and noted*
- (ii) That the Committee decide if this is project that they may like to take forward.*

15. WARM PLACES – PREPARING FOR WINTER.

RECOMMENDED:

To note that this matter will initially be dealt with the Community Resilience Working Party and any output actions will be brought back to this Committee.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDED:

To note that the next Consultation of this Committee will be held on TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.00 p.m. at the Baptist Church.