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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 (F 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 – John Laing (Pukka Herbs)

**B&NES Ward Councillor** (Cllr H MacFie)

**B&NES Officer** (Jane Wildblood)

cc. All Other Town Councillors

Dear Councillor

You are invited to participate in a remote attendance of the **ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 commencing at 6.00pm

Signed on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
By Dawn Drury, Deputy Town Clerk

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This meeting is open to Members of the Public. For telephone dial in details please contact the Town Clerk.

To Join the Meeting:

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## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY CTTEE AGENDA

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (previously circulated) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Standing Order 3(e), Members of the Public will have the opportunity to ask the Chairman any question concerning, or make observations upon, the business of the Council, at the start of the meeting, provided notice of the question along with the name and address of the member of public has been given

to the Town Clerk at least four clear days before the meeting where possible, and in any case to the Chairman before the meeting. This also applies to all Committees of the Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Chairman respond to any questions/observations. If the matter is not already tabled on the Agenda, the Council may move a motion to refer the matter to be itemised on the Agenda of a successive meeting, but it cannot make any decisions on any matters raised at this meeting unless considered under a further item on this particular Agenda.

**6. SPEAKER FROM THE SUSTAINABLE FOOD TRUST**

To receive a presentation by Erica and Megan of the Sustainable Food Trust.

**7. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

All action points for this month are covered in items within this agenda.

**8. CONNECTING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS (CROSS COUNTY BORDERS)**

(i) Update to be presented at the meeting by Cllr A Wait and/or Cllr H MacFie.

**9. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN**

Update on the Project Plan by Cllr A Greenfield.

**10. WOODLAND TRUST TREE ORDERS**

To discuss the outcome of the Town Council's decision in respect of the three identified sites and to decide the next steps. Cllr D Biddleston to update in respect of making contact with landowners of the Somerdale site and schools, for future tree planting projects.

**11. ENVIRONMENTAL CELEBRATION DAY**

Update from Clarice Corfield (Churches Together).

## 12. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY BILL (Information documents distributed with the agenda)

Motion to Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. The CEE Bill Alliance has sent the following draft letter to Local Authorities seeking support.

*Dear Chief Executive/Leader of the Council,*

*May I begin by congratulating your Council for declaring a climate emergency. This is the visionary effort that is needed to find best practices to prevent the planet from heating more than 1.5 degrees °C above pre-industrial levels.*

*The Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill 1 is now before Parliament because we feel that net zero by 2050 is far too late and that the Government needs to listen to the direction that councils across the country are taking. I am writing to ask your Council to declare its support for the CEE Bill, which obliges the Government to develop a strategy with legal obligations to:*

- require that the UK takes its fair share of reducing CO2 emissions to ensure that global temperature does not rise above 1.5 degrees C.*
- ensure that all the UK's entire carbon footprint (including the manufacture and transportation of goods from overseas) is accounted for and that we are taking full responsibility for our ecological footprint by protecting nature along supply chains.*
- restore and regenerate the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, and to maximise their capacity to absorb CO2 and optimise their resistance to climate heating.*
- set up an independent Citizen's Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and help develop the national strategy.*

*I attach a copy of the bill and a flyer on why this bill is essential. I hope your Council will be able to support the CEE Bill, and I look forward to hearing from you.*

### RECOMMENDED

- (i) Keynsham Town Council decides to declare an Ecological Emergency.
- (ii) Supports the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.
- (iii) Keynsham Town Council informs the local media of this decision.
- (iv) Keynsham Town Council writes to their local MPs, asking them to support the Bill.
- (v) Keynsham Town Council write to CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk)

### 13. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Suggested topics/projects:

Transportation including community buses and cycling.

Provision and linking up of cycle paths and provision of cycle shelters.

Park and minibus ride into town.

Shuttle bus service for S. Glos residents to Somerdale employment. (Cllr Simmons has produced a paper on this).

Increase in parking provision.

Bring together local food produces and hold a food festival.

Somerdale reservoir and wet land.

Hedgehog home map to the list as a future project relating to ecology.

It was suggested that interested parties should be invited when discussions on these topics occur.

### 14. PROPOSED SPEAKERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

To consider future speakers

Rewilding of Rivers – managing flooding.

The BART river project was explained. This is currently at a feasibility stage.

Keynsham Community Energy.

Avon Wildlife Trust.

Zero Carbon Compton.

### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

To note that the next meeting of this Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2021 at 6.00 p.m.** virtually by Zoom video conferencing.