

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the Virtual Environment and Sustainability Consultation held on
Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors A Greenfield (Vice Chair), and A Wait

Clarice Corfield (Churches Together)

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Deputy Town Clerk (DTC) and Ward Councillor H MacFie

In accordance with the Schedule of Delegation approved by Town Council on April 22nd 2021, the Deputy Town Clerk is required to exercise delegated power (in consultation with the members of the cttee) to make decisions on the following items:

Any matters relating to Keynsham Town Council Environment and Sustainability Project Plan and the CTKS Environmental Celebration Day.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES/NOTES

Previous minutes and notes will be carried forward to the next physical meeting.

2. ENVIRONMENT CELEBRATION DAY

Clarice reported that plans were going well for the Eco Festival and CTKS had held a meeting the night before. To date there are 26 stalls booked and it would be good to have a few more. There are a few groups that are yet to decide whether to attend or not.

The publicity is going well, and Mike Barrow has contacted the local press (Keynsham Voice and The Week In), KTCRfm (local radio). He will contact radio Bristol nearer the time. The girls producing publicity online are also doing a great job. The event now has a great poster which has been promoted on Facebook.

Liz Barling is organising the whole programme of speakers for the Friday evening. The planning group are now concentrating on printing of flyers, posters and banners. Letters still need to be distributed advising those businesses and residents close to Market Walk that the event will be happening.

The parking spaces for the lorry to deliver the stalls and possibly an electric vehicle from Saltford Motors is still to be organised with B&NES Council.

A quiz is also being organized and a photographic exhibition.

Finances are okay and the event is almost balanced. A statement has been sent to Dawn. If all the stalls are not needed, then there may be a reduction in this cost and a bit of surplus funds.

A few questions were asked: -

1. **Have you approached the electric bike man in Temple Street?** *Alastair has contacted him but to date he has not confirmed attendance. Cllr Wait said that he would pay him a call and try and persuade him to attend. It was also reported that the owner had completely sold out of his electric bikes and may be waiting new stock.*
2. **Has Fox and Hounds Lane Action Group requested a stall?** *Clarice believed that they had said yes.*

It is hoped that there will be about 30 stalls and groups like Saltford Energy Group and Avon Wildlife Trust are still to confirm. Keynsham Wildlife Trust who has already booked their stall have recently undertaken a Bioblitz at the Cemetery. The Green Party may also be attending. Extinction Rebellion were also suggested.

KeynshamNow will be represented, and it was suggested that the B&NES leader and Cabinet member for Climate and Sustainable Travel (Cllr Sarah Warren) could be invited to drop into the event and talk to people about what B&NES are doing.

Clarice commented that it would be great to get some important people along and added that Mike Barrow had written to Prince Charles asking him to attend.

Any stall requests should be sent to Vicki Youdan.

It is B&NES Biodiversity Festival from 13th – 16th September and they are keen to have the Keynsham and Salford Eco Festival in their programme. KSCT have registered their interest and are hoping to have a zoom with Michaela Basford to discuss this further.

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

It was reported that Jon Parker was travelling back from somewhere and would join the meeting if he could (if not he apologised).

Cllr Wait reported that he had had a meeting with Alison and Nick Helps to talk about various cycling opportunities and one of them is the Keynsham to Willsbridge route. Alison informed Cllr Wait the most likely successful route would include the new Somerdale bridge and that S. Glos have solved the problem as to where to land the bridge on the S. Glos side. There has also been some movement on the purchase of the required land. However, concerns were raised in respect of the possible flooding of the cycle path.

Concerns were raised as to the lack of facilities and connections (apart from walking and trains) to Keynsham Station. There is no cycle route to it. Cllr Wait and Greenfield are signing up to be volunteers for Sustrans.

It looks like there is some movement on land along the A4 and that eventually there may be a good cycle path from Saltford to Keynsham including a link to the Keynsham Station. Also, further development of the cycle route up to Hicks Gate.

4. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

Deb and Alan worked on this previously and Deb has offered to do some additional work on this, so a further report will be given at the next meeting. It was reported that a lot of the points in the plan are already in action by the Town Council.

It was reported that almost the full Town Council's Environmental Grant funding had been allocated to local groups. It was good to know that there was a good up take on this type of grant and that groups are out there in the community improving the environment.

A lot of the plan is not about the Town Council actioning things but enabling and facilitating other groups to action items on the plan.

So things are moving along but not as fast as we would like.

Once the action plan is finalised it needs to be looked at in depth to break it down in projects and work areas that smaller groups from the E & S Committee can lead on.

Once we have a new Clerk in place it will be great to get the Town Council actioning on the bits that they can do, for example the website dedicated page with links etc.

5. WOODLAND TRUST TREE ORDERS

It was reported that 910 hedgerow trees whips have been order for delivery in November (date to be confirmed).

Action points to be undertaken seeking permission from B&NES for the two planting sites. Manor Road and Teviot play area. Also, consultation to residents need to be undertaken. Deputy Town Clerk to produce a consultation flyer for delivery to residents that neighbour or are close to the two planting areas. Cllrs MacFie, Wait and Greenfield

to undertake the consultations in Manor Road and Teviot Road. A reply email address will be added to the consultation so that people may email back their responses. These will go to Lisa (admin assistant) for her to collate the responses.

6. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL BILL

It has been suggested to Cllr Buxton that she liaise with Alan Jenner (Locum Clerk) to formulate a Climate and Ecology Policy for the Town Council.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next virtual consultation is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 6.00 p.m. via virtual Zoom Video conferencing possibly (TBC).**

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)