

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee held on Thursday 28th July 2022 at 6pm in the Baptist Church, High Street, Keynsham.

PRESENT: Councillors A Greenfield, A Wait, C Brennan,
Councillor H Macfie (B&NES Ward Councillor)
Councillor B Simmons
Ros Durrant (Chair of CTKS)

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Town Clerk, Katherine Sears – Deputy Town Clerk

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr D Biddleston, Cllr D Cooper, Cllr C Buxton, Cllr B Simmons and Philippa Paget.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

17 DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

18 RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 16th June 2022 be received and noted.

19 PROPOSED ECO FESTIVAL – 14TH/15TH OCTOBER 2022

In respect of the proposed CTKS ECO Festival on 14th and 15th October 2022, Ros reported the following:

- All plans going ahead well with workshops planned for the week before – foraging, food waste, energy saving, growing in small spaces.
- A panel of experts will be in The Space on Friday 14th from 7.30pm, Ros will meet with Zoe on 15th August to organise this.
- Saturday will consist of stalls, showcasing local businesses with good environmental ethos, 10am till 3pm.
- Letters have been sent out inviting businesses, 10 confirmed stalls to date, Town Clerk would like a stall for Keynsham in Bloom and Cllr Wait & Cllr Brennan confirmed a stall for KeynshamNow.
- Cllr Brennan also said she has some contacts who might be interested.
- Most events will be free to the public apart from the Saturday.

- Decision has been made not to charge stalls this year as they are currently well funded, but this is something that does need to be considered going forward.
- Currently putting together Event Management Plan, Town Clerk offered Ros help with this.
- Giuseppe from Bake-Off has confirmed he will judge the cake competition.
- Ric is assisting by helping with the Keynsham Tickets website for those wishing to purchase tickets for the event.
- Two Rivers primary school's eco-challenge in ongoing.
- She has spoken to Rob Pearsall at Wellsway School and discussed community involvement, he is keen to be involved.
- The Wombles are confirmed to support the event.
- B&NES to be contacted with regards recycling at the event
- Town Clerk to send Ros Covid policies and Lost & Found Child policy templates.
- Discussed that the individual stall holders need to have a trading licensing (if selling food or alcohol) and insurance, Town Clerk to let Ros know the licensing contact at B&NES.
- Town Clerk to print electronic site map of Market Place and then the ECO festival can add to this and KTC will convert to electronic.
- Beth has sourced funding for the event through B&NES Council.

Ros discussed the sustainability and future of the ECO festival. Cllr Wait suggested she speaks to individuals about taking it on as it's own entity, rather than through CTKS.

20 CONNECTING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS (CROSS COUNTY BORDERS)

RESOLVED

Nothing to report matter deferred to next meeting.

21 KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

RESOLVED

Cllr Greenfield to meet with Town Clerk to discuss plan to date. A lot of the content is already being put into action, a lot can be allocated to other organisations and more specialised groups. Suggested colour coding to show what has been achieved and the Project Plan will need reviewing every 3 months.

22 WOODLAND TRUST TREE ORDERS

RESOLVED

Received and noted.

It was discussed that the Fox and Hounds Working Group should manage this rather than KTC., they have Andrews as a sponsor.

Update on Teviot Road saplings, following them being mown earlier in the month. Maybe 4 have survived. B&NES have been contacted and said they think they will come back, if they don't, they will replant them.

Update on purchase of Land at Fox and Hound Lane, waiting for quotes from solicitors and then BANES to sort Head of Terms. Hopefully this land will be in the Town Council's ownership by the new year.

23 TREE PLANTING

RESOLVED

Comments from resident received and noted.

This is Curo owned land. KTC to ask Curo if they would allow KTC to maintain the area.

Discussion about the playground there, that it needs rejuvenating and that it has potential matter to be added to a future Town Council agenda to gain agreement.

23 SEED GIVE AWAY

KTC to order envelopes.

Working group to be set up to put labels on seed envelopes, Cllr Greenfield to lead on this.

24 QUEEN'S JUBILEE CANOPY – PROPOSED COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Noted that quotes have been sought for the Community Christmas tree (reviewed by EATH Committee) and Officers are undertaking more enquiries from the companies that have quoted in respect of delivery arrangements to the allocated position in the Memorial Park.

Cllr Brennan left the meeting.

25 HEDGEHOGS R US HIGHWAY PROJECT

(i) Noted that 100 hedgehog highways have been purchased by the Town Council for giveaway at the Eco Festival.

(ii) Decided that KTC will give these away at the ECO Festival.

26 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INVESTMENT READINESS FUND (NEIRF)

Noted that a representative of BART will be invited to attend the September meeting of the E & S Committee.

27 B&NES COUNCIL PARKS POLLINATOR CAMPAIGN

Discussed that these are successful, Wombles have put up similar signs "We have litter picked your area"

RESOLVED:

Noted that the "Let's Get Buzzing" signs are already on verges around the area. Confirmed that B&NES grounds staff are respecting these signs and these areas are unmown

Suggested that some flyers are made for the ECO Festival to promote this.

KTC to put similar signs up where they have planted tree saplings on Teviot and Manor Road

28 GO GREEN WIDCOME AND WECA SOLAR TOGETHER SCHEME

- (i) *Noted the information and the matter will be carried to next agenda.*
- (ii) *Decided to ask Keynsham Community Energy to take the lead on this project.*
- (iii) *Invite Alastair Singleton of Keynsham Community Energy to the next meeting.*

29 NATURE CHAIN

Deferred to next meeting.

30 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the date of the next meeting is **Thursday 27th September at 7.00 p.m. via Zoom.**

The meeting ended at 7.02 p.m

SIGNED:..... (Chairman) Dated:.....