

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee held on
Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7pm in the Baptist Church, High Street, Keynsham.

PRESENT: Councillors A Greenfield, B Simmons, D Biddleston C Brennan,
Ros Durrant (Chair of CTKS)
Alastair Singleton (Rep of Keynsham Energy Group)

NOT PRESENT: Cllr C Buxton, D Cooper.

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

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Andy Wait
Philippa Paget and Jon Parker

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

33 DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

34 RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 28th July 2022 be received and noted.

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

An update was received from Ros Durrant:

- Leaflets have been printed with programme of events for the weekend.
- New venue this year for the workshops in Temple Street Canteen, really good as it is based around the Community Fridge that is situated there. Workshops on More Taste Less Waste, growing food in small spaces.
- Foraging course is already fully booked
- Booking of tickets will be through Eventbrite
- The event will be promoted by a programme on the local radio.
- Friday night – 4 Panel speakers in The Space, Q&A session. Also, there will be tables displaying local food and charity stall.

- Cake competition needs more entries.
- KTC to publicise separate events in the run up.
- All events will be ticketed, all free apart from Friday night's panel speakers
- 37 stalls in Market Walk
- The Green Team from Wellsway are helping the Avon Wildlife Trust, gathering feedback on the tree planting scheduled for November.
- Two Rivers School were going to be open and show case their zero-carbon building, but the opening has been delayed and instead there will be an exhibition in the Methodist Church.
- The organisers are considering a cancellation clause in the insurance this year.
- Vicki Youdan will be running a wellbeing workshop on the Sunday.
- Feedback will be sought on the day.
- The Town Council stall will be outside and free seed packs and hedgehog highways will be given away.

36 GO GREEN WIDCOMBE & WECA SOLAR TOGETHER SCHEME

Alastair Singleton spoke about the topic, in addition to the previously provided notes on the agenda, it was discussed whether KTC would champion the idea and working in partnership with Keynsham Energy Group.

It was noted to KTC cannot promote any particular businesses but can explore opportunities and work with KEG to promote solar installation in Keynsham.

RESOLVED:

- Information received and noted*
- Discussed what involvement and support KTC can provide KEG*
- Recommend to Town Council that KTC works proactively to explore solar energy opportunities in conjunction with Keynsham Energy Group to promote solar energy installation in the area. Keynsham Town Council to fund and host promotional events to provide information on renewable energy and provide platform for business who can provide this.*

37 CONNECTING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS (CROSS COUNTY BORDERS)

No update available

RESOLVED:

Defer to next meeting

38 KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

RESOLVED:

That the Plan is going well and a further update will be given at the next meeting

38 WOODLAND TRUST TREE ORDERS

RESOLVED:

No delivery date has been received yet.

39 TREE PLANTING

Discussion took place about improving the area of Downfield Park, taking into consideration the residents' comments as per the agenda.

Discussion also took place about the planting of trees on Chandos Road. Cllr Biddleston informed the Committee that all trees have died from tree blight in this area. He has made numerous requests to BANES for them to be replaced. Cllr Biddleston has spoken to all the residents and has their full backing for this project.

Noted that the tree planting scheduled for BANES is already in place up until 2024, so this would have to be requested for the 2025/26 schedule.

RESOLVED:

- i) Comments from resident received and noted.*
- ii) KTC to ask Curo if they would allow KTC to maintain the area and plant trees*
- iii) Recommend to Town Council that KTC writes to BANES to request the planting of trees on Chandos Road, as part of their 2025/26 tree planting scheme.*

40 SEED GIVE AWAY

All welcome at the Farmer's Market for the Eco Festival on 15th October, KTC are giving away seeds and hedgehog highways

RESOLVED:

KTC to organize a table for the stall and to look into a printed table runner

41 QUEEN'S JUBILEE CANOPY – PROPOSED COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

RESOLVED:

To note that the Christmas Tree for the Memorial Park has been ordered from Paramount Plants.

42 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INVESTMENT READINESS FUND (NEIRF)

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that Simon Hunter of BART will be invited to attend the November meeting of the E & S Committee.

43 NATURE CHAIN

RESOLVED:

Defer to next meeting

44 WARM PLACE – PREPARING FOR WINTER

Discussed that Community 67 and Churches Together are providing warm places. It was noted that organisations will need to talk to each other so that they can provide a service to the community that is spread over the week.

There are various buildings which are always heated that potentially could be of use, Hawthorns Community Centre and the Community Centre on Sherwood Road, along with the Churches.

RESOLVED:

- (i) *That this matter be dealt with by the Community Resilience Working Party.*
- (ii) *That Liz Barling from Keynsham Community Energy be invited to the next meeting of that Working Party.*

45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

To note that the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 29th November at 7.00 p.m. at Keynsham Baptist Church

The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

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