

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee held on Thursday 16th June 2022 at 6pm in the Baptist Church, High Street, Keynsham.

PRESENT: Councillors A Greenfield, B Simmons, A Wait,
Ros Durrant (Chair of CTKS)
IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Deputy Town Clerk

1. TO APPOINT A CHAIR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022- 2023

RESOLVED:

That Councillor A Greenfield be appointed as Chair for the Environment & Sustainability Committee for the Municipal Year 2022-2023.

2. TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022- 2023

RESOLVED:

That Councillor A Wait be appointed as Vice-Chair for the Environment & Sustainability Committee for the Municipal Year 2022-2023.

3. RECORD OF PREVIOUS CONSULTATION NOTES

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee Consultations of the 1st September 2020, 13th October 2020, 3rd November 2020, 1st December 2020, 25th May 2021, 27th July 2021, 28th September 2021, 30th November 2021, 25th Jan 2022, 29th March 2022, 24th May 2022 (previously circulated) be received and noted.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr C Brennan, Ward Cllr H MacFie and Philippa Paget.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

6. 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:

- The license for the use of Market Walk has been submitted and is currently being processed.
- A theme for the event has been agreed as Food – sustainability and security.
- On the Friday night, there will be speakers in The Space. Alistair Singleton is pulling this

all together and includes a panel of experts answering questions.

- The Space has been booked for usage on both the Friday and Saturday.
- Numerous events associated with the Festival are being planned in and around Temple Canteen including talks by nutritionists (veganism, etc) and workshops for families including one on cooking with less energy.
- The week before the Festival Heavenly Hedgerow company will be holding a foraging workshop.
- Giuseppe from the Bake-Off show will be judging a cake competition. Cakes to be made with local animal friendly products.
- The organisers have details of some businesses to be approached about having a stall at the event and the Town Council agreed to circulate further details to their business data base. It was suggested that Ros contact Jade of the Keynsham Music Festival Association in respect of details of ethical food stalls and suggested stall charge fees.

7. CONNECTING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS (CROSS COUNTY BORDERS)

It was reported that Jon Parker of Bitton Parish Council is having to step back a bit from this group for personal reasons.

In his absence Cllr Wait reported the following: -

- S.Glos have funds for improvements to cycle ways and footpaths and these have been earmarked to include improvements to the quality of the Willsbridge to Keynsham cycle/footpath, together with possible new routes.
- There are concerns as to how much use the proposed cycle path within Hygge estate will get.
- The footpath from Somerdale to Durley is due to be cleared by B&NES volunteers as it now links up with a new footbridge over the stream near Durley Lane. The bridge does need some final touches though to ensure that it is wheelchair and pushchair accessible.
- Tranche 4 proposals have not come forward as yet.

8. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

Cllr Greenfield is Liaising with Cllr Buxton in respect of the work that she has been doing on the Project Plan and he will be proposing that it is handed back to him to continue working on.

9. WOODLAND TRUST TREE ORDERS

The Town Council has been approached by Richard Gascoigne of Wellsway Academy with a view to this committee and other local community groups getting involved with a tree and wildflower seed planting project in the Autumn. They have already placed an order for their trees with the Woodland Trust. The Town Council may also be able to donate some of their larger tree saplings.

A suggestion for some tree planting on Conway Green was made, possibly Birch or Rowan. This will involve consultation with residents and seeking permissions from B&NES Council.

RESOLVED

That an order be placed with Woodland Trust for a pack of 105 hedgerow saplings for installation along the edge of Fox and Hounds Lane conservation area.

10. SEED GIVE AWAY

RESOLVED:

1. *That four packs of Landfill Wildflower seed mix packs be bought. Two for packing into envelopes to be used as a seed give away on the Keynsham Town Council stall at the Eco Festival. The other two to be donated to Wellsway School wildflower projects.*
2. *That some primrose and cowslip plugs be purchased and grown on as give aways on the same stall.*
3. *Other ideas for the stall included bee homes for giving away. Somerdale Shed to be asked if they would assist with making holes in logs to create the bee homes.*
4. *Mini rooted Christmas tree give away on a Town Council stall at the Keynsham Winter Festival. Cllr Greenfield will speak with Cllr MacFie in respect of this matter and report back at the next meeting.*

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

The Town Clerk will start seeking quotes in respect of the Community Christmas tree.

12. HEDGEHOGS R US HIGHWAY PROJECT

RESOLVED:

That 100 hedgehog highway surrounds be purchased at a cost of £300. To be given away free at the Eco Festival.

13. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INVESTMENT READINESS FUND (NEIRF)

RESOLVED:

- a. *To receive and note the information.*
- b. *To invite a representative of BART to a future E & S Committee meeting.*

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the date of the next meeting is **Thursday 28th July at 7.00 p.m. via zoom.**

The meeting ended at 7.10 p.m.

16th June 2022

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