

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee held on
Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 7pm in Keynsham Town Council Office, Temple Street, Keynsham.

PRESENT: Councillors A Greenfield, B Simmons, A Wait, C Brennan
Ruth Cole
Robert Cole

NOT PRESENT: Cllr C Buxton, D Cooper.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Sears – Deputy Town Clerk

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Dave Biddleston.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

48 DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

49 RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 4th October 2022 be received and noted.

50 CONNECTING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS (CROSS COUNTY BORDERS)

Verbal update from Cllr Wait acknowledged that Keynsham isn't well serviced for cyclists, it's good if you wish to travel to Bath but to get to Bristol, the only way is the A4 which is mainly the bus lane.

Discussed the plans for a transport hub to be built by Hicks Gate roundabout, this would include cycling storage and access.

Discussed the proposed "chocolate bridge" connecting Somerdale to the area by The Chequers Pub, Hanham.

There is a theoretical implementation of a bus stop and cycling facilities on Keynsham bypass. Cllr Wait explained that they have cleared a lot of vegetation to clear cycle paths around the area.

There is a plan to connect Willsbridge to Bitton via a cycle path.

Ruth Cole spoke about wishes to cycle through the Memorial Park in Keynsham to be able to access the station easier. Cllr Wait reminded her that there is a by-law preventing cyclists in the Park.

RC – Asked how they could propose a crossing by Waitrose to make it safer to cross the A4 to access the shop. Cllr Simmons and Wait explained that there is an underpass at the bottom of Unity Road which links up to the back of Waitrose to make this journey safer. The underpass does not currently permit cyclists and it would be a case of dismounting to travel through this stretch of the journey.

Cllr Wait reminded the Committee that the Council is very pro cycling and working with BANES on the no traffic neighborhoods like in Queen Charlton.

RESOLVED:
Information received and noted.

51 KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

RESOLVED:
Cllr Wait to arrange a meeting with Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk to go through plan to date and the RAG system implemented.

52 WOODLAND TRUST TREE ORDERS

RESOLVED:
*200 trees to be ordered for the Fox and Hounds Lane site.
Ruth and Robert Cole to inform the Town Council where on Manor Road playing fields they think would benefit from tree planting.
DTC to email all Councillors asking for location suggestions.*

53 TREE PLANTING

RESOLVED:
To receive information that the tree planting at Wellsway was very successful, with each school planting a separate section.

54 NATURE CHAIN

RESOLVED:
To defer to next meeting.

55 WARM PLACE – PREPARING FOR WINTER

RESOLVED:
*The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that St John's Church have stopped their provision due to lack of up take.
Keynsham Town Council still to push this initiative.*

56 KEYNHSAM FARMERS MARKET

RESOLVED:

Spaces at the market on 11th Feb and 11th March have been reserved. Cllr Wait, Brennan and Greenfield will be available to hand out seeds, hedgehog highways and programmes promoting the Spring Show.

57. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

To note that the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in the Town Council office.

The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

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