

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee held on
Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7pm in Keynsham Town Council Office,
Temple Street, Keynsham.

PRESENT: Councillors A Greenfield, E Cannon, C Davis, H MacFie

NOT PRESENT: Cllr S Alenshasy

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: James Boxall-Clasby – Keynsham Active Travel
Philippa Paget – Business Representative

IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Sears – Deputy Town Clerk

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Leonard, Brenan and Wait.

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

59. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

60. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 29th November 2023 be received and noted.

61. ROOFTOP REVOLUTION

Cllr Cannon reported that a meeting had taken place between himself, Cllr Wait, Olly Henman, Alistair Singleton (KCE), Charles Gerrish. There is a possibility that solar panels could be installed on the roof of the leisure centre, as KCE are finding it difficult to get the panels on the Riverside building.

Action agreed to contact the residents of Riverside and Cllr Wait was going to seek a list of residents.

RESOLVED:



Received and noted the update from Cllr Cannon on this subject.

62. SOMERDALE SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY

RESOLVED:

Deferred to next meeting as Somerdale has not responded to the two emails sent.

63. BRISTOL EAST FRINGE CYCLE AND WALKING PATHS

James Boxall-Clasby updated the Committee that KAT had had a meeting in person which was successful.

It was reported that KAT are keen to see Somerdale site and the A4175 (Willsbridge Road) linked up with a cycle path, although concerned that the possibility of a route cutting through the overspill station carpark could cut through the off-road bike track, KAT supports the existence of both.

JBC posed some questions on the new cycle path development on the A4175; would the existing route remain accessible to active travel and not just pedestrians going forward, as the new route is less direct and likely to be prone to flooding. Also, will horse riders have access to the new route, will it be a designated bridal way.

It was reported that KAT supports E Bike hire provision in Keynsham to connect Keynsham to Bristol and Bath. *The Committee were reminded that unless Bristol and Bath used the same provider it wouldn't be feasible.* The Station would, in theory, be a good hub for these bikes.

Cllr Cannon reminded the Committee that although in principle E Bikes and Scooters were introduced to reduce the number of cars on the road, actually it means less people are walking and using these instead and therefore reducing the amount of exercise.

JBC summarised that KATs aim is to provide a consistent joined up network of routes for both existing and new users, that compliments the A4 but does not rely solely on it.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the update from KAT be received and noted.

(ii) Cllr MacFie to contact WECA to see if there have been any studies on bike usage.

64. CONNECTING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS (CROSS COUNTY BORDERS)

RESOLVED:

That the above update from KAT be received and noted.

65. HEDGEHOGS R US

RESOLVED:

i) *DTC to contact Avon Wildlife Trust for advice on suitable locations of potential Hedgehog crossing signs.*

- Cllr Davis to get in touch with his contact who is involved in a National Hedgehog Society.*
- ii) *Once feedback received, the Committee can then decide whether any signs are needed and if so where.*

66. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

Cllr Greenfield would like to approach the local parish councils around Keynsham to see if we could work together on environmental ideas and projects.

Also, would like to link up with more businesses in Keynsham to provide more ideas and guidance on environmental topics.

Discussed that local Farmers are already requested to contribute heavily to Biodiversity.

KAT are keen to be part of working groups to support with the E&S Plan.

RESOLVED:

Cllrs Greenfield, MacFie, Edmund and Leonard to meet on 1st February via Teams to discuss working groups and distribute tasks and Environmental Topics to be included in the Business Forums when these are set up.

67. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of this Committee will be held on TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2024 at 7.00p.m. in Keynsham Town Council office.

The meeting ended at 8 p.m.

SIGNED:  (Chairman) Dated: *26-3-24*

