

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee held on
Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7pm in Keynsham Town Council Office,
Temple Street, Keynsham.

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

NOT PRESENT: Cllr S Alenshasy

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: James Boxall-Clasby – Keynsham Active Travel

IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Sears – Deputy Town Clerk
Cllr A Wait (B&NES Representative)

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received and accepted from Philippa Paget – Business Representative

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

70. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

71. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2024 be received and noted.

72. ROOFTOP REVOLUTION

Update from Cllr Wait received; almost certain that solar panels will be installed on the Leisure Centre, meaning the Leisure Centre will get greener and cheaper electricity.

It has been confirmed that B&NES own the roof of the Riverside flats and will be working with the management company to install solar panels here too.

RESOLVED:

Received and noted the update from Cllr Wait.

73. SOMERDALE SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY

RESOLVED:

Cllr Cannon to visit the school to enquire about the admission policy.

Cllr Brennan joined the meeting.

74. BRISTOL EAST FRINGE CYCLE AND WALKING PATHS

Cllr Wait updated that this group is still working hard to keep the Willsbridge Road clear of overgrowth and rubbish, but generally it is becoming less effective as the work has been completed.

Concerns from Cllr Cannon that without this group, who is pushing for the completion of the cycle path on the Willsbridge Road.

Cllr Wait confirmed that Taylor Wimpey are aware that they must install a cycle path to connect the site to the Station overflow car park. It's vital it is built although a very small section of path required. It is understood that the bridge over the Avon is still making positive movements.

RESOLVED:

James Boxley-Clasby to contact Chair of Bitton Parish Council to check on progression of Willsbridge cycle path.

DTC to invite Lee Lodder and Cllr Geoff Hardman to the next E&S meeting.

75. CONNECTING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS (CROSS COUNTY BORDERS)

RESOLVED:

JBC to meet with Cllr Sarah Warren to discuss Charlton Road, to report back at next meeting.

76. HEDGEHOGS R US

Cllr Davis has provided details of Hedgehog charity in the Southwest.

RESOLVED:

i) Decided that there aren't any specific locations for "Hedgehog crossing" signs.

ii) That residents need encouragement to increase biodiversity in their gardens.

iii) Cllr Brennan to look into simple ways to do this and encourage wildlife to gardens.

iv) Consider bringing this to a future Farmer's Market and a social media campaign.

77. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

Cllr Greenfield provided updates on the E&S Project Plan.

There are 4 areas to move forward currently.

1) Installing solar panels on Council buildings, such as Pavilion, Burnett and other buildings.

The Pavilion wouldn't be a great location due to vandalism, it's a flat roof which attracts anti-social behaviour. There is the prospect of a full redevelopment of this site and a sloping roof would need to be in the design, facing the appropriate way for solar panels to be effective.

Burnett – this is a rental and not owned by the Council.

Temple Street – we can't do anything to this building.

- 2) Buy greener electricity.
- 3) Promote a bulk buying scheme for the community to get a discount of solar panels.
- 4) Internal review on Council activities.

Also, Cllr Burton will take forward actions on encouraging walking to work.

RESOLVED:

- i) *DTC to speak to TC about how to help residents with solar panel installation without promoting private businesses.*
- ii) *Zoom meeting to be set up with DTC, Cllrs Leonard, MacFie, Cannon and Greenfield to discuss in-house Council activities.*
- iii) *KTC to promote "National Walking Month", to encourage walking to school and work and use the designated walking routes, maybe a trail on these routes.*
- iv) *DTC to contact the schools and see if there are members of the staff there who have an interest/responsibility in this area.*
- v) *Cllr Leonard, Cannon, MacFie and Greenfield to meet via Zoom to discuss how to move forward with other projects.*

78. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

*That the next meeting of this Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 28th MAY 2024** at 7.00p.m. in **MakeSpace**.*

The meeting ended at 8.19 p.m.

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