

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the Keynsham Nature Action Working Party meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Town Council Office

PRESENT: Councillors E Cannon, A Halliday and A Wait

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury (Town Clerk)

To note Councillor Halliday expressed an interest in being on this working party. To be approved by Council at the meeting on 16th April 2024.

To note that as there are only three Councillors appointed to this Working Party a Chair will be appointed at each meeting.

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor C Leonard.

9. NOTES OF MEETING OF 23 NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLVED:

To approve the notes of the last meeting held on 23 November 2023.

10. TO REVIEW THE B&NES TEMPLATE NATURE ACTION PLAN

Recap – to note that it was agreed to use the template as a guidance document only.

11. TO REVIEW EXAMPLES OF NATURE ACTION PLANS COMPLETED BY OTHER LOCAL COUNCILS

REMINDER: *To note that:*

The Working Party agreed that the first ten pages of the Frampton Cotterell Parish Nature Action Plan were a good model to follow. Also using a flexible timeline similar to the one produced by Patchway would be beneficial in the Keynsham Plan.

12. KEYNSHAM NATURE ACTION PLAN TEMPLATES

RESOLVED:

(i) *To receive and note.*

(ii) *To use the Canva template for the Keynsham Nature Action Plan with the following amendments:*

That the front cover picture be amended to show a non-invasive species of wildlife (not a grey squirrel), an otter or kingfisher on the River Chew was suggested.

- (iii) *To confirm that the Working Party are still happy with the contents of the plan as above and to make any additions.*

The group discussed aspiration under the ecology section e.g. hedges not walls, this can be promoted through the item on hedgehog highways.

Documents/evidence to include in the Plan:

- Photos of giveaway sessions at the Farmers Market
- Tree mapping looking at locations for trees that have TPO's that are in the Conservation Area, and preservation of trees that currently do not have orders, e.g. Wild Service Tree – Unity Road, large Oak Tree to the rear of Waitrose car park, Monkey Puzzle Trees – Old Vicarage Green and The Paddock.

Cllr Cannon will investigate the Warmley Nature Action Zone. He will also send a link through to other members of the Working Party.

Whether to include information on the net carbon footprint was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk will just chase Cllr Greenfield in respect of ecology items in the E & S Plan.

13. KEYNSHAM GREEN SPACES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PLAN

RESOLVED:

- (i) *To confirm that the Working Party are still happy with including the current list of Green Space areas in the KNAP and add the following:*
- The Paddock*
 - Old Vicarage Green*
 - Fox and Hounds Lane*
 - Green areas near play grounds e.g. Teviot and Park Road*
 - Land to the rear of St. John's Court, land facing Bristol Road, land behind Trescothick Close (Taylor Wimpey Land), strip of land near St. Francis Road from St. Ladoc*
 - Play areas – Winscombe Close and St. George's Road*
 - Chalfield Close – B&NES Nature Reserve*
 - Conway Green*
 - Durley Hill near the Cemetery*
 - Land adjacent to the Allotments*
 - Fields near Manor Road Woodland*
- (ii) *To note that the Town Council has enough information and data to cover the Manor Road Woodland site and just needs maps and photographs to support the information.*
- (iii) *To gradually assess areas (to include site description, data, mapping and photos). Involve local communities to do this on behalf of the Town Council e.g. the residents of Old Vicarage Green.*

14. OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO INCLUDE IN THE PRODUCTION OF OUR KEYNSHAM NATURE ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED

In respect of engaging with others:

The group will hold individual meetings with external stakeholders.

Councillors to engage directly with people and groups that can help with the plan.

Local community and residents for help with the plan – getting them to assess and record information from their local environment.

Include – Albert Mill residents. Request if they will undertake a nature watch, keeping a diary and taking photos. Cllr Wait will contact Sue Paulley at Albert Mill.

The Clerk to contact members of the Allotment Association to ask if they will undertake a nature watch, take photos, etc.

Cllr Edmund will contact Simon Hunter of BART for river course investigations and information. And members of the Bath & Bristol Branch of the Kennet and Avon Trust.

Cllr Wait will speak with John Aldridge about the Bio Blitz data from the Cemetery.

The Clerk will speak with Dave Sage to get an assessment of the Wellsway Green Team Conservation Area.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the MakeSpace building.

The meeting finished at 7.50 p.m.

SIGNED..... DATE.....

(CHAIRMAN)