

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the Keynsham Nature Action Plan Working Party meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Town Council Office

PRESENT: Councillors E Cannon and A Wait

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury (Town Clerk) and John Aldrige from Avon Wildlife Trust

To note that Town Council, at the meeting on 16th April 2024, approved Councillor Halliday as a member of this Working Party.

To note that Councillor Leonard has had to step back from this Working Party due to family commitments and illness.

To note that John Aldridge, as a member of the Community, has joined this Group to assist with the formulation of the plan.

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

16. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Cannon be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies from Cllr Halliday be received and noted.

18. NOTES OF MEETING OF 13 MARCH 2024

RESOLVED:

To approve the notes of the last meeting held on 13 March 2024.

19. KEYNSHAM NATURE ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

The front cover of the Plan will be adjusted once the Plan is produced. The Plan will evolve as it is formulated.

Partners for the Plan were considered and the following mentioned: -

- FHLAG
- Canals and Rivers
- Manor Road Community Woodland Group

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Suggestions to formulate a larger Plan will be brought by Members to the next meeting.

A Stakeholders Communications Plan needs to be produced and the Town Clerk will liaise with the Business and Community Engagement Officer regarding this – it was suggested that a monthly pictorial invite for data input would be good but to remove the online monthly Communications Plan from the template.

Talking to Warmley Nature Action Zone owners was suggested.

The Town Clerk will start mapping green areas on the list. Tree distribution maps.

Councillor Greenfield has been approached to complete the carbon footprint section from the E & S Plan.

Including a local gardens section in the plan - Asking the public to record their wildlife (insects, birds and amphibians). Speaking to members of the community at seed and hedgehog highway giveaways, requesting photos and short reports of their wildlife.

Using John's two sided A4 format for reports was agreed as a really good example. Site description, data mapping, photos and short report.

Include reference to the Town's Nature Festival - seek information from them.

Tree planting projects to be referenced and other projects of Keynsham In Bloom and FHLAG.

The River Corridor is important and water spaces. Suggestions of contacting Simon Hunter of BART and Dave Sage (Green Teams conservation pond).

Species lists and other larger reports to be included in the appendix.

Revisit the green spaces as fields around Manor Road Woodland is rather vague.

Requesting that other Councillors visit Abbots Wood and take some photos.

Look at Biodiversity net gain information from Sec 106 information on new developments.

The Group to look at areas that John may be able to get some photos at the next meeting e.g. the Chew Valley.

The Town Clerk to contact key people associated with some of the green spaces already agreed e.g. the Allotments, Old Vicarage Green, etc.

The Town Clerk to bring an updated list of Green Spaces to the next meeting as lots of new areas were suggested.

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As the Plan moves on drop-in sessions will be held and groups invited detailing what is required in a nature report.

RESOLVED

To receive, note and approve the Keynsham Nature Action Plan template.

20. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

RESOLVED:

That the Aims and Objectives be revisited at the next meeting.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be arranged for early June by Doodle Poll for 7.00 p.m. in MakeSpace.

The meeting finished at 8.08 p.m.

SIGNED Edward Cannon DATE 23.04.2024
(CHAIRMAN) cc.

