

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee held on
Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7pm in MakeSpace,
Riverside Terrace, Keynsham.

PRESENT: Councillors A Greenfield, E Cannon, D Biddleston, H MacFie and A Wait

IN ATTENDANCE: Amanda Hazell – Responsible Finance Officer

36. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2024/2025

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Leonard be Vice Chair for 2024/25.

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Leonard and Cllr Davis.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

39. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

40. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 9th July 2024 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

41. TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED:

- i) That the first statement be removed.
- ii) That Cllr Greenfield meet with the RFO to complete the Terms of Reference.

42. COMMUNITY ORCHARD

RESOLVED:

- i) That the update from David Self be received and noted.

- ii) That the item be referred to the Council for support in principle of the Community Orchard.

43. SOMERDALE SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY

RESOLVED:

- i) That the update from Cllr Cannon be received and noted.
- ii) Cllr Cannon reported that he has not received any correspondence from the school and will pay them a further visit.

44. FARMERS MARKET AND COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Christmas Jumper Swap be held at the Winter Festival and the Farmers Market.
- ii) That the daffodil bulbs be replaced with wildflowers.
- iii) That the tree giveaway from the lockup be approved.
- iv) That the hedgehog highway giveaway be approved.

To not hold an October half term workshop but to hold a wreath making workshop in December.

45. BEE HOTEL WORKSHOP

RESOLVED:

That the Bee Hotel workshop be deferred until the Spring.

46. UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURING PARISHES MEETING

RESOLVED:

Update received from Cllr Greenfield. We have received replies from Saltford and Priston and awaiting further replies.

47. CYCLING UPDATES

RESOLVED:

- i) Update from Cllr Wait. BANES have an aspiration map of the cycle routes.
- ii) Cllr Cannon has asked if we can use CIL or S106 funding to fill in gaps in the cycle path or fund signs. RFO to seek advice from the Clerk.

48. ROOFTOP REVOLUTION

RESOLVED:

Update from Cllr Wait. Officers are creating a work plan. The funding is in place - just need to get the administration in order and surveys carried out. The next meeting is at the end of September.

49. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

RESOLVED:

- a. Cllr Greenfield gave the following update:
 - i) Cllr Greenfield, the Clerk and the head Groundsman went to visit Northgate Vehicles to test drive an electric van and gather prices and information.
 - ii) That the existing vehicles are not replaced until a feasibility study have been completed.
- b. Cllr Greenfield has asked if there is any assistance we can give the pensioners who are losing their winter fuel allowance? Can we inform the community of benefits or assistance available? Cllr Biddleston has provided a contact from Community Energy who used to do this. Cllr Greenfield to contact the resident in question.
- c. Questioned if the environmental grants can be advertised ahead of the grant application process? Will speak with the Deputy Clerk and the Business & Community Engagement Officer.
- d. Can the officers look into highlighting on the homepage of the Council website the Climate Emergency and the use of single plastics?
- e. Cllr Cannon would like to push forward on the thermal imaging item. Council to purchase 2 Thermal Imagers. It was suggested that a Councillor carries out the imaging on their property and invite the press along. Advertise that the community are welcome to use the imagers. Would like this ready to use in January/February.
 - i) To obtain 3 quotes for Thermal Imagers.
 - ii) To forward the 3 quotes to Finance and Policy for a decision.
- f. Christmas tree giveaway of 50 small Christmas trees.

50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

*That the next meeting of this Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2024** at **7.00p.m. in MakeSpace.***

The meeting ended at 8.41p.m.

SIGNED:..... (Chairman)

Dated:.....