

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 7pm in MakeSpace,
Riverside Terrace, Keynsham.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Amanda Hazell – Responsible Finance Officer
Hugh Williamson – Urban Tree Trail

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

No apologies were received.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

54. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

55. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on 26th November 2024 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

56. BUDGET 2025/2026

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the 2025/2026 budget be received and noted.
- (ii) That the members be aware the budget is subject to change. The Officer will report back at the next meeting on any changes.

57. URBAN TREE TRAIL

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the verbal update from Hugh Williamson be received and noted.
- (ii) That the recommendation of the cost of £500 be passed to Finance and Policy Committee for approval.

58. FARMERS MARKET

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council have a stall for the February and March Farmer's Market.
- (ii) That wildflower seeds are the giveaway.
- (iii) That the market be promoted on the Council's social media and website.
- (iv) To ask the Officers if Cllr Greenfield can collect the umbrella and table Friday afternoon and bring it back Monday to save Officer's time.

59. CYCLING UPDATES

Cllr MacFie attended a meeting with design team. The two-way cycle track will run alongside one side of the bypass and over Echo bridge. A new cycle track will also be built in the Memorial Park from the Memorial Gate to the new mobility hub.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To receive and note the verbal update from Cllr MacFie.
- (ii) To request the design team present the plans at a Council meeting.

60. ROOFTOPS REVOLUTION

Update from Cllr Wait. The project is moving forward. There have been objections from the neighbours and some legal issues that are being resolved. There will be no battery as the leisure centre will use all the energy generated. Optimistic that the project will be completed within 12 months.

RESOLVED:

That the verbal update be received and noted.

61. WINSCOMBE CLOSE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the information received from B&NES be received and noted.
- (ii) That the Committee recommend to Council to remove the goal post due to health and safety.

62. AGREEMENT FOR THE LOAN OF THERMAL IMAGER

Verbal update from Amanda Hazell the RFO. The Thermal Imager is not as simple as we first thought. We have found another Council who lends out imagers and have looked at their website. They put the instructions on the website along with a YouTube video. The Assistant Clerk will write an agreement taking into account the complexity of using the imager.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the verbal update from the RFO be received and noted.
- (ii) That the agreement be presented at the next Council meeting as the next E&S Meeting is in 2 months.

63. LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the information provided on the lithium-ion battery safety campaign be received and noted.
- (ii) That the Council create an awareness post for the social media.

64. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

RESOLVED:

That Cllr MacFie research Community grants the residents can access for retrofit measures. This information will then be published on the Councils social media, the Website, Keynsham Voice and KTCRfm.

65. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

*That the next meeting of this Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2025 at 7.00p.m. in the meeting room in the Town Council Office.***

The meeting ended at 8.15p.m.

SIGNED:..... (Chairman)

Dated:.....