

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 6.30pm in the Town Council Office.

PRESENT: Councillors: D Cooper, H MacFie, A Beaumont, A Wait (arrived at 7pm) and C Leonard

IN ATTENDANCE: Amanda Hazell – RFO
Richard Prior – Churches Together

A Halliday (in his capacity as a member of the public)

17. **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies from Councillor Biddleston received and accepted.

18. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

RESOLVED:

There were none.

19. **DISPENSATIONS**

RESOLVED:

There were none.

20. **RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2026 (previously circulated) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21. **FARMERS MARKET**

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Council will be present at the August Farmers Market and not at the September Farmers Market.
- ii) Richard Prior informed the Committee that the Climate Emergency Café will be attending the Market.

22. **ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PRESS RELEASE**

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Ecological Emergency press release be received and noted.

- ii) That Councillor Leonard will email the RFO an additional paragraph to add to the press release.
- iii) That the Committee recommend to Council to approve the press release with the changes from Councillor Leonard.

23. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY PRACTICAL STEPS GUIDE**

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Climate Emergency Practical Steps Guide be received and noted.
- ii) That the following changes be made:
 - a) Reduce the useful resources for financial help part to only include help for residents excluding businesses.
 - b) Include use of water butts, planting trees, close windows during hot weather, green banking in the simple home change's part.
 - c) Food and waste include locally grown.
 - d) Include reduce flying in the greener ways to travel.
- iii) That the Guide be returned to the next meeting with the changes made.

24. **NATIONAL REPTILE SURVEY**

RESOLVED:

That the information regarding the National Reptile Survey be received and noted.

25. **CRT VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

RESOLVED:

That the information regarding the CRT Volunteer Awards be received and noted.

26. **COOL SPACES**

RESOLVED:

- i) That the information regarding the cool spaces be received and noted.
- ii) That the RFO will email all the Councillors requesting they contact any community groups they are affiliated with and ask them if they can register as a cool space with B&NES.

27. **ROOFTOP REVOLUTION**

RESOLVED:

That the following update from Councillor Wait be received and noted:

- i) The meetings are now once a week.
- ii) There is a deadline of Thursday 30th July to sign the contracts for the purchase of the panels to go ahead.
- iii) If the contracts are signed the panel installation will begin on the 17th August completing on the 31st August.

28. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN

Standing Orders were dropped to allow Andy Halliday to speak as a member of the public.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the KTC Environment and Sustainability Action Plan be received and noted.
- ii) That Councillor Leonard update the Action Plan.
- iii) That Andy Halliday reported the dangerous use of electric scooters on the pavements around Bilbie Green. Councillor Wait reported that the issue is being dealt with by the Police.
- iv) That no new action be taken on until the Climate Emergency Practical Steps Guide is completed.

29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

*To note that the next meeting of this Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 22nd September 2026** at **6.30 pm** in the Town Council Office.*

Meeting ended at 7.30pm.

SIGNED:..... (Chairman)

Dated:.....