



## THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting

held on Thursday 8 June 2023 at 7:30pm at Council Chamber, Town Hall

Members present:	Councillors	Danny Bonnett (Chair) Chris Bloor Chris Woodhouse Helen Harrison Jayne Stansfield Kath Greenman
	Non-Councillors	Ella Wiggans (Sustainable Thornbury) Fran Sparrow (Thornbury in Bloom) Jean Owen (Thornbury in Bloom) Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers)
In attendance:		Kath MacConnachie (Clerk) Yan Cheung (Climate and Nature Officer)
Absent:		Judith Hurford (Tree Warden)

**CN2324.1 To note any apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Judith Hurford (Tree Warden).

**CN2324.2 To receive declarations of interest from members**

There were no members declarations of interest.

**CN2324.3 To elect a Vice Chair of the Climate and Nature Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Helen Harrison as Vice Chair of the Committee for 2023/24.

**CN2324.4 To receive any representations from the public**

There were no representations from the public.

**CN2324.5 To note dates of upcoming committee meetings**

The upcoming committee meetings dates were noted as 27 July 2023, 26 September 2023 and 23 November 2023.

Members agreed to hold informal meetings between formal meetings for purposes such as progress updates and sharing of ideas. It was also noted that the informal meetings will involve the same members as the formal meetings but without any agenda or minutes required. The dates and format for the informal meetings would remain flexible and subject to change.

**CN2324.6 To introduce the Committee:**

- To note the Terms of Reference and make introductions (paper attached)

The Terms of Reference were noted.

- To consider nominating two further members of the public to join the Committee as per 1.3.1.5 of the Terms of Reference

Members agreed to keep the seats vacant for now. Where a need is identified a member of the public may be nominated should the circumstance arise.

- CN2324.7 To note the ecology surveys for Town Council open spaces and the approved management plans (paper attached)**  
The ecology surveys for Town Council open spaces and the approved management plans were noted.
- CN2324.8 To recommend the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan (draft attached) for approval of Full Council**  
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the draft Local Climate and Nature Action Plan for adoption to the Full Council, subject to the amendments discussed during the meeting.
- CN2324.9 To consider the setting up of a dedicated webpage for climate and nature**  
It was **RESOLVED** to set up a dedicated webpage for climate and nature.
- CN2324.10 To consider the establishment of Thornbury Town Council Volunteer Programme – EcoThornburyGuardians**  
It was **RESOLVED** to establish a Thornbury Town Council Volunteer Programme – EcoThornbury.
- CN2324.11 To consider the localism verge cutting with a view to making a recommendation to Open Spaces Committee**  
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Open Space Committee the adoption of the following measures for localism verge cutting:
- a) South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) to continue with the core verge cuts (two per annum) and perform additional cuts as necessary for health and safety or driver visibility reasons
  - b) The Town Council will cease to commission additional localism verge cuts.
  - c) The funds saved from localism verge cutting should be earmarked for the Town Council's green projects.
- CN2324.12 To consider options for wildflower meadow planting on the Mundy Playing Fields and Chantry Play Area**  
It was **RESOLVED** to investigate wildflower meadow planting options with the ecologist and for officers to investigate further.
- CN2324.13 Proposals for the cemetery meadow extension**  
- To receive an update from Officers and consider support for developing the area for 'burial in a natural setting'  
It was **RESOLVED** to support the opportunity to develop the cemetery meadow for cremated remains interment in a natural setting cultivated for biodiversity and nature, with recommendation of the proposal to the Open Space Committee.
- CN2324.14 To consider organising a cleanup campaign in 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
It was **RESOLVED** to organise a cleanup campaign in 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to show supports to The Great Big Green Week.
- CN2324.15 Date of the next meeting: 27 July 2023 at 7.30pm**  
The date was noted.