

Minutes of the Meeting of the Climate & Biodiversity Working Group

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 7pm

**Present:**

Cllr Williams

Cllr Thomas

Cllr Reynolds

Cllr Henderson

**In Attendance:**

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

**Public Session**

None

**116. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Perkin

**117. Election of a Chair**

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to elect Cllr Williams as Chair for the Civic Year 2021-22***

**118. Election of a Vice Chair**

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to elect Cllr Perkin as Vice Chair for the Civic Year 2021-22***

**119. Declarations of Interest**

None

**120. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

The living roof bus shelter order had been confirmed and the Town Clerk is seeking additional funding from KCC. It was noted that Stone Street bus shelter is currently facing the wrong way and Stagecoach has requested that any new shelter is corrected.

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Thomas and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Committee Meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021***

**121. Terms of Reference**

Cllr Henderson suggested the terms of reference should simply state that this group makes recommendations for reducing climate change and increasing biodiversity. It was noted that the group can only make

recommendations for actions and expenditure, with decisions being made by Full Council.

It proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***agreed the Town Clerk would draft the terms of reference for agreement via email***

**RECOMMENDATION: To agree the Terms of Reference for the Climate and Biodiversity Working Group**

**121. Group Structure**

The following areas of responsibilities were agreed:

Pesticide Free Town – Cllr Perkin  
Policy – Cllrs Williams and Henderson  
Biodiversity – Cllr Henderson  
Community Gardening – Cllr Henderson  
Litter Picking – Cllr Thomas  
Youth – Cllrs Williams and Reynolds  
Plant Based Diets – Cllr Perkin

A list of potential groups/individuals to co-opt to the working group were discussed and included Plastic Free Faversham, Friends of the Earth, Grace Couch SBC, Ali Corbel Faversham in Bloom, Lewis Monger and Ben Simon Faversham Rec

**RECOMMENDATION: The Town Clerk writes to invite those named to the group.**

**122. Wilder Town Update**

Kent Wildlife was still agreeing the criteria for a wilder town and Faversham was likely to be the first town to be awarded.

**123. Community Gardening**

Cllr Williams noted several ongoing projects and had been at the South Road community gardening day. Four new planters had been placed around the town and KFRS had attended to fill them as a one-off community partnership project.

It was agreed that a log of permissions and areas being looked after by the community would be useful. The Town Clerk will set this up on Parish Online mapping.

**RECOMMENDATION: To set up an online map showing areas of community cultivation**

**124. Fast Fashion**

Item deferred to the next meeting.

**125. Education Films for Wild Explorers**

It was agreed to request feedback from first films and to advise the opening of the Town Council's community grants.

**126. Monthly The Buzz Newsletter**

It was recommended to set up an online newsletter to provide news on the climate and biodiversity activities in the town.

**RECOMMENDATION: To set up an enewsletter called The Buzz**

**127. Allotment Update**

Deferred to next meeting