

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2023, 6.45PM, AT ST MARK'S CHURCH, 13 ST MARK'S CRESCENT, KINGSTHORPE, NN2 8EG.
Meeting opened at 6.48pm

PRESENT: Cllrs, Steve Miller, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Titus Ajayi

ALSO PRESENT: Jon Cornwell (resident) Sarah Wrighton (Deputy Parish Clerk)

ABSENT: Cllr Dilip Kumar

47/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE None received.

48/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION None declared

49/23 MINUTES It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Ajayi and resolved that these be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023.

50/23 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC None

51/23 ACTION LOG Action log progress discussed. Item 5 deferred as no further progress. Items 28/35/37/38 Deputy Clerk to follow up with Schools and ask Kingsthorpe Grove about the costs involved in maintaining existing trees.

52/23 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN Cllr Lewis-Nichols explained the Climate Change Action Plan. Cllr Miller agreed and pointed out that many of the points council were already doing and that the plan was something for the council to commit to overall, e.g. by adding pledges to existing documents around environmental impact and sustainability in the same way we would consider equality. Cllr Lewis Nichol to research and complete deadline column and Cllr Miller to complete costings column.

53/23 AIR QUALITY TOOLKIT Cllr Lewis-Nichols has edited the toolkit to apply to Northampton (kit originally from London / Oxford). Limited input now from WNC. Cllr Lewis-Nichols queried if we wanted to move forward and distribute to schools. Cllr Miller to discuss with science lead at Whitehills School to get an idea of if this is useful or conflicts with curriculum.

54/23 FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOLS Limited responses received. Deputy Clerk to follow up on offers of bike racks, trees and walk to school week response.

55/23 CAR PARK CHARGE POINTS Email sent to Orbit Properties who own Waitrose car park. Unable to get details of ASDA car park. Texaco are unable to afford installation of a rapid car charge point as they cost in excess of £125k. He advised that work around hydrogen powered cars may be more realistic to focus on for his business moving forward. WNC responded that this is ongoing for them.

56/23 SPRING BULB PLANTING Discussed providing community groups with bulbs to plant. Deputy Clerk to look at quotes and liaise with Cllr Lewis Nichols for approximately 100 bags of 50 bulbs. Proposed to delegate to Cllr Lewis Nichols and Deputy Clerk to move forward with spring bulb planting, and purchase bulbs up to £1500.00. Proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Ajayi, all agreed, resolved.

57/23 CAR IDLING CAMPAIGN No further information from WNC or local climate groups. Cllr Lewis Nichols to follow up and see what is happening with this.

58/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING Monday 2nd October 2023, 6.45 pm at St Mark's Church, Kingsthorpe. Meeting ended at 7.41pm

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