

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2024, 6.45PM, AT ST MARK'S CHURCH, ST MARK'S CRESCENT, KINGSTHORPE, NN2 8EG

PRESENT: Cllrs, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Steve Miller, Dilip Kumar,

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Wrighton (Deputy Clerk) Jon Cornwell

ABSENT: Cllrs, Titus Ajayi, Anthony Antoniou,

Start Time:18:50

25/24 ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Miller was nominated by Cllr Lewis-Nichols to remain as Chair for the remainder of the municipal year. This was unanimously resolved. Cllr Lewis-Nichols was nominated by Cllr Miller to be Vice Chair for the remainder of the municipal year. This was unanimously resolved

26/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Ajayi due to illness and Cllr Antoniou due to travel issues. Unanimously resolved to accept the apologies

27/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None made.

28/24 MINUTES

Unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024

29/24 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None made.

30/24 ACTION LOG

To add Climate Action Plan to next agenda.

31/24 NORTHAMPTON LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Cllr Lewis Nichol gave feedback from Northampton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) workshop. There is a 10-year strategy, however, it has no funding and no feasibility plan. A Consultant from PGA has been appointed and a 58% reduction in emissions hoped for by 2035. St Davids in particular has been identified as requiring better cycle routes.

32/24 STREET TREE PLANTING

Cllr Lewis Nichol stated that we require a minimum of 40 trees to make the order viable, and that these need to be in parks rather than on verges due to delays in gaining permission being up to 3 years. A tree officer has been employed by WNC and Russell from woodland dwelling hopes to meet with them soon. Peter Hackett, WNC Parks has said that they are willing to work together on this project which is necessary as they are the property managers and would have to give permission.

- It was unanimously resolved that we would ask WNC for permission to line the paths with trees on Obelisk small park, and spring park rec and ask WNC Parks for any other suggestions
- It was unanimously resolved that we would pay up to £500 to Woodland Dwelling for an initial consultation
- It was unanimously resolved to propose to full council that we would like to apply for 75% funding from the Urban Tree Challenge Fund, up to £15k, and that we use £5k of the Climate Change and Environment Committee Budget to fund the remaining 25%

33/24 AIR QUALITY PLAN AND CLEAN AIR DAY

Cllr Lewis-Nichols provided feedback from Rae King Interim Air Quality Officer at WNC to improve air quality locally by focusing on wood-burner use and traffic management measures i.e. green lights when traffic is built up. Ways to promote Clean Air Day on 20th June 2024 included sharing petition as individuals and asking if it can be shared on the Parish Council Facebook page

34/24 GREEN SPACES

It was agreed that Councillors would consider local groups to contact to encourage Spring Bulb Planting. To add this to July agenda. Cllr Lewis-Nichols has joined the events working group to promote the contribution of perennial planting

35/24 CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT MEETING WITH NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL.

Cllr Lewis Nichol gave feedback from Climate Change Summit. Martin Wilson has been employed as a sustainability officer for WNC. The summit agreed actions of a fair, rather than a people summit, including stalls to advise what can be done to help climate change

36/24 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Miller discussed designated green spaces and how there are a number in Boughton, but not in Kingsthorpe. Some discussion around how to achieve this and Cllr Miller to put a motion to full council to ask that WNC add local green spaces, to include the Pastures, Spring Park Rec and Obelisk pocket park as designated green spaces

School newsletter to be adapted for use at the Kingsthorpe Village Fair to promote the work of the Climate Change and Environment Committee. Also mailing list sign in sheet to be added recruit volunteers for tree and bulb planting

37/24 DETAILS OF THE NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the meeting as **Monday 1st July 2024, 6.45pm** at St Mark's Church Hall, St Mark's Crescent, Kingsthorpe, NN2 8EG

Meeting closed at: 19.55

Signed:

Date:

Chair