

**MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024, 6.45PM, AT ST MARK'S CHURCH, ST MARK'S CRESCENT, KINGSTHORPE, NN2 8EG**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Anthony Antoniou, Steve Miller, Titus Ajayi, Dilip Kumar,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sarah Wrighton (Deputy Clerk), Jon Cornwell

**ABSENT:**

Meeting commenced at 18.45pm

**51/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

None

**52/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None made

**53/24 MINUTES**

Unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

**54/24 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None made

**55/24 ACTION LOG**

Noted

**56/24 STREET TREE PLANTING AND TREE CONSULTATION**

WNC Tree Consultation was led by the new Tree Officer Paul Fountain and hopes to increase the tree canopy from 10% to 20%. Further consultation to take place in January 2025. Quote and tree plan not yet received from Goetre Villa. Unanimously resolved to request £20,000 for tree planting as part of next years Climate Change and Environment Committee Budget, to be later reimbursed by Forestry Commission Grant

**57/24 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

The plan still requires work before being presented to full Council. The Committee to meet and discuss. Poll to be created and online meeting to be arranged by Deputy Clerk for the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

**58/24 BIODIVERSITY POLICY**

The Committee is happy to accept the Biodiversity Policy revised by Cllr Lewis-Nichols. This will be revisited at the next meeting to ensure that no changes are deemed necessary following the Climate Change Forum on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**59/24 NO MOW MAY**

Following some disagreement last summer which resulted in previously agreed no mow areas being cut, to work alongside the Kingsthorpe Village Conservation Committee and take proposals to full council. Unanimously resolved to invite a representative of the Conservation Committee to the next committee meeting

**60//24 BIRD AND BAT BOXES**

Consideration given to subsidise and promote purchase of bird and bat boxes to local residents. The Deputy Clerk to seek a supplier and discuss costs and production with Obelisk Pocket Park. To revisit at next meeting

**61/24 WEST NORTHAMPTONSSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION**

Committee unanimously resolved that Cllr Lewis-Nichols will reply on behalf of the Committee with a draft response

**62/24 BUDGET**

Unanimously resolved to request total budget of £30,000.00 next year, comprising of £20,000 towards 80% of the tree project that will be reimbursed to full council by the Forestry Commission Grant, £5,000 for the remaining 20% of the tree project and £5,000 for other business

**63/24 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None received.

**64/24 DETAILS OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the meeting was noted as **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, 6.45pm** at St Mark's Church Hall, St Mark's Crescent, Kingsthorpe, NN2 8EG

Meeting closed at 19.45

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Chair:**