

**MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022, 6PM, AT ST MARK'S CHURCH, 13 ST MARK'S  
CRESCENT, KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON, NN2 8EG.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs S Kilby-Shaw, S Miller, H Arbuthnot, T Ajayi

**ALSO PRESENT:** A Barnes (Parish Clerk)

**ABSENT:** Cllrs M Ali, E Miller

**01/22 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Cllr Ajayi, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved to duly elect Cllr S Miller as Chair for the remainder of the municipal year

**02/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ali and E Miller due to other commitments. Proposed these be accepted by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved

**03/22 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no declarations of interest

**04/22 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Arbuthnot, and unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a true record

**05/22 TREE POLICY & STRATEGY TASK AND FINISH SCRUTINY REVIEW**

The Chair introduced the review, and the Committee discussed and considered the questions and raised the following points in response:

- To replace trees that are being felled or have died
- To increase the number of trees and green space areas in the town
- Reinstatement of tree-lined streets
- Planting of underused urban areas across the Parish to benefit wildlife, biodiversity, enhance areas, and public amenity
- Concentrate on urban densely populated areas, so the health and well-being of residents is improved
- To ensure the policy is considered when planning and delivering infrastructure projects
- To ensure that the right trees are planted in the right places, and compatible with highways
- Encouraging tree planting to help mitigate and adapt climate change
- The Tree Policy should give direction and guidance on how to protect trees
- To look at funding to create a tree corridor
- Promote the policy and community grants available via the Parish Newsletter

It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved to recommend that Council incorporates the following points as discussed

- The Council ask that WNC consider planting in urban areas, with an aspiration to improve St David's area
- To develop a tree planting strategy that replacement trees will be required to be planted on site where appropriate at a rate of two new trees for each tree lost
- To Increase the area of, and more accessibility to green spaces
- To produce a comprehensive Trees Policy Strategy as part of the Local Plan

**06/22 BIKE RACKS**

The Committee resolved the purchase and installation of several bike racks around the Parish. Council to liaise and engage with local schools, shops, and Highways to identify a number of suitable locations

**07/22 COMMUNITY ENERGY**

The Committee resolved to engage and set up a site visit with local Community Energy groups, for initial investigations

**08/22 CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT ELECTED COUNCILLORS TO ASSIST WITH THE WORK OF THE GROUP**

The Committee resolved to invite members of the community to join the Committee to assist with the work of the group and to advertise via Council's website, Facebook, and its Newsletter

**09/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No members of the public were present

**10/22 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

To note the date of the next Climate Change and Environment Committee meeting as Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6.00 pm

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 19.02

**These minutes are not a verbatim report, but a summary of discussions and decisions made at the meeting**

**Signed:  
Chairman**

**Date:**