



# Highworth Town Council

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ESC. 05

## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022

### PRESENT

Councillor: R Williams (In the Chair)

Councillors: P Newton-Smith  
K Saunders

Town Clerk: (Mrs) D Rose

Community  
Representatives: M Kitchener  
D Roberts

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

12. Election of Chair in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Resolved by Councillor K Saunders and Seconded by Council P Newton-Smith that Councillor R Williams be appointed as Chairman for this Meeting. Voting was unanimous and Councillor R Williams was duly appointed.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

## **APOLOGIES**

13. Councillor N Gardiner (unwell), J McGregor, R New and L Tremblin

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Maximum 10 Minutes)**

14. None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

15. None

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

16. **RESOLVED TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2022**

The minutes were adopted and duly signed.

## **PROJECT PLAN**

17. The Committee discussed the Project Plan and the following updates were given:
- a) Beehives – (Councillor R Williams) there are 9 Beekeepers within Highworth (approximately 2-3 Hives) per Beekeeper, giving a total of 27 Hives within Highworth.
  - b) Insulation Article – (Councillor P Newton-Smith) The article will be uploaded to the Website next week.
  - c) Wildflower Seeds – Councillor P Newton-Smith is to prepare the seed envelopes ready for the Queens Jubilee Celebrations.

## **FIREWORKS**

18. Councillors K Saunders, P Newton-Smith and R Williams are to investigate environmental firework display options and prepare a report for the next Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting (ESC).

## **REPAIR CAFES**

19. M Kitchener prepared a report on Repair Cafes which was circulated to all Committee Members. Councillors agreed to investigate a 'pilot' scheme in Highworth Town Council Community Room on a Saturday to link in with the Saturday Market.

M Kitchener is to prepare a short survey to include questions, expressions of interest, skills and feedback from the public, together with an article for publication in the May Link Magazine and send the draft to the Town Clerk by end of March 2022.

Councillor R Williams is to contact St Michaels Church to ascertain if the Church would be a suitable venue to hold the Repair Cafes and report back to the next Meeting.

Councillor R Williams is to speak with various colleagues to see if they would offer their time and skills to facilitate at the Repair Cafes and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor P Newton-Smith is to liaise with Visit Highworth in terms of ceramics, pottery and craft people.

### **SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE CAMPAIGN**

20. Members reviewed Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Climate Change Campaign. It was agreed to promote one topic at a time and ensure regular updates on Social Media.

D Roberts is to investigate and prepare a report on infra-red cameras, costings and monitor heat surveys for individual residents and report back to ESC.

### **TURVEC PUMP FOR CYCLES**

21. This item was deferred to allow Councillor N Gardiner to provide more information, costings, potential site locations on Turvec Pumps at the next Meeting.

### **ESC STALL**

22. Councillor K Saunders and D Roberts volunteered to assist on the ESC Stall at the May Day Event Saturday 30 April 2022.

Resources and ideas:

- Posters (litter duration)
- Children Activity linked to Sustainability
- Energy Saving Ideas
- Individual Postcard Pledges

Councillor K Saunders is to contact SBC Recycling Centre for information and report back at the next Meeting.

M Kitchener to provide information on pledges and report back at the next Meeting.

### **MEMBER'S BUSINESS**

23. The Town Clerk is to contact SBC to request the footpath encroachment criteria.

Councillor P Newton-Smith contacted 'Dark Sky' and they confirmed they are interested in registering the Old Golf Course as a 'Dark Sky' project. Councillor P Newton-Smith will keep the ESC Committee updated.

Councillor R Williams: The Sustainable Website is to be an Agenda item at the next Meeting.

**Meeting closed 8.20 pm**

Action Points

- Councillor P Newton-Smith is to upload the Insulation Article to the Sustainability Website.
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