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AGENDA

Meeting: **Climate and Environment Committee**
Date: **Tuesday 3rd June 2025**
Time: **7.00 p.m.**
Place: **Council Offices, Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.**

To: **The Climate and Environment Committee**
(All other Councillors for information only)

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Climate and Environment Committee on the date and at the time and place shown above to transact the business shown on the agenda below. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Any member who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the Agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

Toni Brenchley
Town Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive and approve any apologies for absence.
2. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**
To appoint a Chair for the Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.
3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**
To appoint a Vice Chair for the Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of either personal or prejudicial interest that Members may wish to make.
5. **MINUTES**
To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee held on 1st April 2025 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

6. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

In line with the Town Council's adopted Standing Orders, the Committee is asked to consider the Terms of Reference for the Climate & Environment Committee. Any changes which the Committee wishes to make must be approved by Full Council at a future meeting. The current version is attached.

7. WORKING GROUPS 2024/25

The Committee is asked to consider whether any Working Groups are necessary and if so, approve nominations for membership for 2025/26.

Suggested Working Groups are as follows:

- Allotments
- Fairtrade
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Trees

8. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

A meeting with local stakeholders took place on Wednesday 21st and Friday 30th May. The committee will be updated regarding outcomes and priority actions identified at the meeting.

9. FAIRTRADE UPDATE

Further to continued delivery of required actions in respect of Folkestone's Fairtrade Community status, Folkestone Town Council was re-awarded with this status in April 2025 and, subject to continuing to raise awareness, this accreditation is valid until April 2028.

Members views are sought in respect of the suggested priority actions relating to the retention of this accreditation including the development of a newsletter, establishing a Steering Group and engagement with schools.

10. ALLOTMENT RULES

The Town Clerk will provide an update to the Committee regarding water usage and discuss potential changes to the Allotment Rules in relation to the responsibility of tenants.

11. KENTS PLAN BEE RELEASE THE POLLINATOR TOOLKIT AND POLLINATORS OF KENT GUIDE

Kent County Council's 'Kent's Plan Bee' Community Pollinator Tool Kit and Pollinators of Kent documents, intended to help the community identify, appreciate and take actions to help Kent's pollinating insects are attached.

Members are asked if they wish FTC to implement any of the actions suggested in the Community Pollinator Toolkit for its allotment sites land and play parks to enhance them in some way for pollinators and other wildlife.

To follow are links to more detailed information:

[Kent's Plan Bee pollinator action plan - Kent County Council](#)

[Kent's Plan Bee | Facebook](#)

[Kent's Plan Bee \(@kents_plan_bee\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th October 2025 @ 7.00pm

COUNCILLORS ON CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly
Councillor Charles Bain Smith
Councillor Nicola Keen
Councillor Kieran Leigh
Councillor Lucy McGirr
Councillor Liz McShane
Councillor John Renshaw
Councillor Belinda Walker

Parking available for Councillors @ 6.00pm on the precinct area at the front of the Town Hall.

