

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 1st April 2025 at the Town Hall at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Charlie Bain Smith, Kieran Leigh, Liz McShane, John Renshaw and Belinda Walker (Chair).

**In attendance: Toni Brenchley - Town Clerk
Vicky Deakin - Communities & Events Officer**

Absent: Councillor Nicola Keen

135. CHAIR OF MEETING

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Climate & Environment Committee were not in attendance and therefore it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Belinda Walker be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Charlie Bain Smith

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Lucy McGirr and Roger West.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Nicola Keen and Liz McShane.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

138. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee held on 4th February 2025 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2025 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Charlie Bain Smith

Voting: F: 4 , Ag: 0, Ab: 1

139. TREE PLANTING

Members were asked to review the draft Tree Planting Schedule 2025 / 2026 and agree which sites to approve for planting.

RESOLVED: That except for Christ Church Road, Dudley Road, Godwyn Road and Shorncliffe Road, all the FTC listed sites be approved for planting subject to a maximum cost of £15,000 to be allocated from the Tree Planting Budget.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Kieran Leigh

Voting: F: 5 , Ag: 0, Ab: 0

140. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The Committee was asked to review the draft updated Climate Action Plan.

RESOLVED: That the updated Climate Action Plan be adopted.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Liz McShane

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

141. WATER QUALITY MONITORING – REPORT CE/25/385

The Committee was asked to receive, note and consider the recommendations in the attached report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Report be received and noted.

2. That the Communities & Events Officer and Councillor John Renshaw establish a Steering Group inviting stakeholders to become members with the purpose of agreeing next actions and identifying benefits of water testing.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Keiran Leigh

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

142. ALLOTMENT RULE CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

The Committee was asked to consider the suggested rule changes and amendments.

RESOLVED: That the rule changes and amendments (Items 3.12, 3.25 & 3.26) be approved.

Proposed: Councillor Charlie Bain Smith

Seconded: Councillor Liz McShane

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

143. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 7pm

The meeting concluded at 7.27pm.

Chair

Date