

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 26th January 2021, at 7.30pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Present

Cllrs Rob Green (Chair), Jess McQuail, Stella Parkes and Haydn Sutton.

Absent

Cllrs John Marjoram and Steven Naumann

In attendance

Kate Montgomery (Deputy Clerk), Mat Allen (Green Spaces Biodiversity Ranger)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Schoemaker (personal).

2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None

3. Questions from members of the public

None

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the council meeting on 17th November 2020 were **approved** by the members present and will be signed as a correct record by the Chair at the next possible opportunity.

5. Budget Monitoring

The report was received by the committee.

6. Green Spaces Manager Report

The report was introduced by Mat Allen, Green Spaces Biodiversity Ranger, which included information about the successful tree planting projects at the Leazes and Uplands playing field. The committee congratulated the team on an excellent and well-thought-out project.

7. Grant Applications to Carbon Reduction Fund

The committee approved the application from Stroud Valley Community Car Club for a £250 grant towards promotion of the scheme.

Action: KM

8. Action Plan

Cllrs asked if officers could produce a risk matrix to allow them to consider the action plan. The committee also asked that the action plan be put into a proposal document to allow them to approve the actions which officers consider to be the highest

priority. The committee noted that the prioritisation of the ST CAN projects would have a bearing on the action plan development.

Action: KM/HB/RG

9. Notes from ST CAN meeting 1st December 2020

The notes were received by the committee.

Cllr Green reminded Cllrs that they are able to volunteer for any of the STCAN Task and Finish Groups. Volunteers for these groups should contact the Nature Recovery and Climate Action officer in the first instance.

10. Exclusion of press and public

In light of the legal aspects in the following reports to be discussed, the committee **resolved** to exclude the press and public for the remainder of the meeting.

11. Update regarding Long Ground

The committee received an update regarding the Long Ground.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chair

Date