

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021, at 7.30pm**

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

**Present**

Cllrs Rob Green (Chair), John Marjoram, Jess McQuail, Steven Naumann, Stella Parkes and Lucas Schoemaker (from Item 5).

**Absent**

None

**In attendance**

Kate Montgomery (Deputy Clerk), Mike Dando (Green Spaces Manager)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Sutton (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 26th January 2021 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 presented by the Green Spaces Manager.

**7. Grant Applications to Carbon Reduction Fund**

The committee approved the application from Transition Stroud for £1305 towards the creation and maintenance of a website for the ST CAN group.

**Action: KM**

**8. Ubico contract**

A new five-year contract was approved by the committee.

**Action: HB**

**9. Grass Cutting Contract**

The committee were advised of a change to the recommendation to a two-year contract for 11-13 cuts each year. The GSM confirmed that the cost per cut remains the same as the contract for the previous years. The Green Spaces Manager was commended on his flexible approach to grass cutting.

**10. Green Spaces Management Plan**

The committee discussed the document and suggested improvements and edits which will be added and amended. Cllr Green will be sending longer edits to MD/KM. The final document will be sent to the committee electronically for final approval.

The committee discussed the merits of the document and its role as a useful source of information, however the content covered had grown in recent times. Any revision must sharpen its purpose and focus on its intended use.

The committee explored the possibility of the creation of a vision document to supplement the management plan. It was suggested that this document should be created through a dedicated and facilitated meeting of the Environment Committee members. This will be explored in more detail after the new Council is elected in May.

**11. Notes from ST CAN meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

The committee received the notes from the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chair .....

Date .....