

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP**

**Tuesday, 25th January 2022, at 7.30pm**

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

**Present**

Cllrs Rob Green (Chair), Liz Chid, Sue Fenton, Mark Graham (from Item 5), Steven Naumann, Naomi Seffar and Megan Sheer (from Item 5)

**In attendance**

Kate Montgomery (Deputy Clerk), Chris Woolner (Green Spaces Manager)

**1. Apologies**

None

**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 30th November 2021 were **approved** by the members present and will be signed as a correct record by the Chair at the next opportunity.

**5. Green Spaces Manager's report**

The Green Spaces Manager presented the report and answered questions relating to its content.

Members noted the high project workload of the team and requested that the Green Spaces Manager flag up any issues with this as soon as they arise.

There was a discussion around the proposed Subscription Rooms forecourt development project which is being prepared as part of the District Council Levelling Up Fund (LUF) bid. The Green Spaces Manager will invite members to a design workshop which is being held week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> January. A public consultation on the proposed design is due to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022. The LUF bid is due for submission by the District Council in June 2022 of which the forecourt project will form one element. The project is being overseen by the Regeneration Committee.

Cllr Sheer arrived during this item

Cllr Graham arrived during this item

**6. Budget Monitoring**

The report was received by the working group.

**7. Highfield Road**

The letter was approved by the committee working group with a minor wording amendment and will be sent to Councillor Schoemaker as the District Councillor for Trinity Ward.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**8. Funds available in the Carbon Reduction Fund**

The Deputy Clerk confirmed the amount remaining in the fund as £7,430.00

**9. Grant applications received for the Carbon Reduction Fund**

The Chair introduced the application which was made by Transition Stroud in partnership with Big Solar Coop. The committee noted that the project had been successful in raising funds from Cainscross Town Council (£500) and Rodborough Parish Council (£500). The Chair commented that this was a good example of partnership working across parish boundaries.

The committee working group approved the grant for the full £3,000 applied for. The committee working group were offered membership into the Local Advisory Panel which will be overseeing the project. Members declined but asked that the panel report into the Deputy Clerk on a quarterly basis, with an emphasis on timescales and financial monitoring.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chair .....

Date .....