

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of
THE GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE
26th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Dechan, Hale, Naumann, Poulton (Chair) and Townley

In attendance: Kate Montgomery (Deputy Town Clerk), Mike Dando (Green Spaces Manager)

In the absence of both the Chair and Deputy Chair, the committee designated Cllr Poulton as Chair for the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Sutton (personal) and Cllr Green (personal)

2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

There were no declarations or requests.

3. Questions from the public

None received.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 24th September 2019

These were **approved** as a correct record and signed by Cllr Poulton.

5. To receive the budget monitoring report

The report was noted.

6. Green Spaces Manager's report

The committee received the Green Spaces Manager's report on the works completed by the team.

The committee commented favourably on the new wildflower turf at Park Gardens and complimented the team on a job cheerfully well done in particularly bad weather conditions. Public feedback has been very positive.

The committee asked that any future works to trees be publicised widely through signage prior to any works being undertaken.

GSM

7. To confirm the Environment Committee budget for 2020-2021

The committee discussed the budget and noted that the graffiti removal had been decreased to £200, in light of the recent spate of graffiti in the town centre, the committee asked that the Clerk increase this amount to £800. Pending this change, the committee **approved** the draft budget.

Clerk

8. To discuss the strategic direction of the new Environment Committee

The Deputy Clerk presented the report. The committee discussed the new scope and noted that the remit would extend beyond the green spaces it owns. It was discussed that Councillors could potentially assist with mapping their own wards to ensure community activity around climate change is captured.

Cllrs also discussed the potential to have representatives from other agencies as non-voting members of the Environment Committee which would benefit decision making and strengthen technical knowledge of the group.

Cllrs asked that links to the Stratford Park management committee were strengthened as part of future partnership work. Cllrs commented favourably on the strategic direction of the new committee and the potential process for Councillor questions.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Chair.....

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