

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 15th September 2020, at 7.30pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Present

Cllrs Rob Green (Chair), John Marjoram, Jess McQuail, Steven Naumann, Margaret Poulton, Lucas Schoemaker (from Item 7) and Haydn Sutton.

In attendance

Kate Montgomery (Deputy Clerk) and Pete Bradshaw (Green Spaces Ranger)

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 21st July 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. Questions were put to the Deputy Clerk for clarification, the answers to which will be distributed after the meeting.

Action: Deputy Clerk

6. Green Spaces Manager Report

The report was received by the committee and questions put to ranger Pete Bradshaw in the Green Spaces Manager's absence.

The Deputy Clerk was asked by Cllr McQuail to refer a question back to the Clerk about the Council's wider response to Black Lives Matter.

Action: Deputy Clerk

7. Transfer of the Leazes

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the transfer was being chased regularly but no further progress has been made. The Deputy Clerk reported that regular contact is being maintained.

8. Play equipment at the Leazes

The committee **approved** the use of the play equipment budget as outlined in the report.

The committee confirmed that the equipment must be accessible.

The committee asked that a play equipment refreshment programme be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Action: Deputy Clerk/GSM

9. Habitat for reptiles

The committee **approved** the proposal for an initial period of one year. The initiative should be reviewed after twelve months with the potential of passing the project onto Stroud Valleys Project.

Action: GSM/Rangers

10. Bank Gardens railings

The committee **approved** the appointment of an engineer to advise on the installation of the railings.

11. Stroud Town CAN

The Chair gave a verbal update on Stroud Town Climate Action Network (CAN).

CAN have been meeting throughout the lockdown and have produced a draft action plan. The plan will be shared with the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Action: Deputy Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chair

Date