



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP SUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship Sub Committee held at 6.30pm on Monday 22nd July 2024 in the Pickin Room at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	Lynn Roulstone (Chairman)
	Councillors	Esther Cropper Susan Crosby Mathew Skinner
Apologies for Absence:		Glenis Rix
In Attendance:	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell
Venue:	Pickin Rom, Town Hall	

CCWG/01/23/24 Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies.

CCWG/02/23/24 Minutes of the Meeting of the Climate Change Working Group held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 22nd March 2023 were **NOTED**.

CCWG/03/23/24 Declarations of Interest from Members

There were no Declarations of Interest.

CCWG/04/23/24 Review of original purpose of the Working Group

The Clerk presented the details of the resolution made by the Council for the initial Working Group in 2019 as a reminder for new members of the remit and objectives of the Working Group.

Members noted the remit and considered its comments and were happy that it provided the appropriate framework for the group to work under.

The group further requested that the Clerk produce a press release so as to highlight to the public the work of the group.

CCWG/05/23/24 Consider Inspire Training Proposals

Members considered the various educational training proposals previously recommended by the Working Group. There were mixed views as to the benefits and impact of the proposed training. There was a lengthy debate and discussion – Members agreed to reconsider the options later in the meeting to allow the chance to consider other proposals and ideas that might come forward.

CCWG/06/23/24 Consider Cycle Training Proposals

Cllr E Cropper introduced and explained the idea behind supporting the provision of Bikeability training for up to 100 people at a cost of £3,000. There was some concern about roads and their safety for bikers; there was debate around how to ensure that people that most need the training receive it. Cllr E Cropper suggested working with a large local company.

The Clerk identified the possibility of working with the Job Centre. After discussion no decision was made to allow for debate on later agenda items.

CCWG/07/23/24 Consider Town Hall Energy Efficiency Survey Proposals

Members considered the quotation received for the Town Hall energy assessment with a view to receiving ideas on potential decarbonisation options in the Town Hall. There was some concern about the cost of the study. The Clerk identified he had only obtained 1 quote at this point and could obtain more.

The Clerk identified that Guy Taylor had a long relationship with the Council and Town Hall and know the building; they already had plans of the main Town Hall and the architectural plans too.

Members recognised the benefit of the report would not be evident until its completion.

There was concern that the report may generate a long list of items and works at a considerable cost that may not be financially viable.

Members noted that the report may help other buildings of a similar nature on the basis of the Town Hall being used as a case study by the SLCC. The Clerk identified that the report may be helpful in the long term by being used to lobby for planning law changes that may allow certain decarbonisation works to be undertake but which may not be permitted due to conservation requirements.

It was resolved that the Clerk would seek further quotes for this area of work.

CWG/08/23/24 Receive ideas and proposals from members for other climate change activity and agree actions to progress any approved ideas

Members mooted and discussed a range of ideas. In particular the Clerk mentioned commissioning an expert to advise on more sustainable planting options for town centre floral displays. The group agreed this would be a good idea and agreed a budget of £5,000 for this work.

The Clerk agreed he would contact Ben Stacey with a view to identifying further sites for tree planting.

There was discussion and interest in utilising the Ballroom to provide educational lectures.

Other ideas included use of QR codes on public realm infrastructure to promote climate friendly messages.

There was discussion around refurbishment of donated bikes and schemes that would support this.

The discussion generated many ideas and strands of work to be further explored in the future.

Meeting Closed:	21:15	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 20th September Time to be confirmed
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