



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP SUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship Sub Committee held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16th October 2024 in the Pickin Room at the Town Hall.

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

CCWG/09/24/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Esther Cropper.

CCWG/10/24/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Climate Change Working Group held on Wednesday 22nd July 2024

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 22nd July 2024 were approved as a correct record.

CCWG/11/24/25 Declarations of Interest from Members

There were no Declarations of Interest.

CCWG/12/24/25 Solar Panels Update

The Clerk gave members an update on progress with installation of solar panels which was duly noted.

CCWG/13/24/25 Nottinghamshire Nature Recovery Strategy

Members noted the details of the strategy and heard from Cllr. Lynn Roulstone who had attended a meeting regarding the strategy. It was

agreed to share the survey with all members to help promote the strategy and the consultation being undertaken.

CCWG/14/24/25 Highways and Transport

Members reviewed the Clerk's report. There was extensive discussion around various matters that had been identified. It was agreed that focusing on too many issues would be foolish and that taking single issues at a time and working on them would be a sensible approach.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with stakeholders who can seek to try and improve bus services from Newark to Kings Mill Hospital. The Clerk will seek to develop the meeting as quickly as possible.

CCWG/15/24/35 Sustainable Planting

Members reviewed progress with sustainable planting. It was agreed that the initiative had been a success. Hanging baskets for 2025 were considered. Agreed to continue with the annuals and peat-free compost, but to trial some perennial baskets during the year with a view to assessing them for more permanent use.

CWG/16/24/25 Active Travel Network

The Clerk updated members on a meeting he had attended regarding a Nottinghamshire Active Travel network, which links with NSDC's active travel initiatives. The group is seeking to influence how some of the Mayoral funds are spent in this area.

Members noted the report, and the Clerk will continue to be involved and seek opportunities when they arise.

CWG/17/24/25 Town Hall Decarbonisation

The Clerk updated members on progress, including the initial report from the planning consultants, which members reviewed accordingly. The update was noted and the need to await the next part of the report.

CWG/18/24/25 Hack Space Lisa Geary

Cllr. Geary identified her ambition for a hack space in Newark and detailed the type of things that may happen in such a space. The old chuckles unit in the Town Hall was identified as a potential space. The Clerk identified plans for a repair café from the College and the need to work in partnership. A Collingham project called Men in Sheds was also identified as a successful model. Further investigation will be undertaken.

Meeting Closed:	21:15	Next Meeting:	TBC
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