

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE
ON THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024, AT 7.30 PM**

Committee members present: Councillors A Dunford, E Johnson, K Morris and C Walters
Substitute committee members present: None
Other councillors present: None
In attendance: Deputy Clerk: S Sanders
Jo Harvey – Sustainable Wantage

22. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Kirby-Harris and K Morris.

In the absence of the chair and vice chair it was agreed that Councillor Dunford be chair of the meeting.

23 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests.

None.

24 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2024

The minutes were agreed and signed.

25 Statements and questions from the public.

None.

26 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 9 September 2024.

a) To receive an update on the progress of the plans for The Great Big Green Week 2025 (7-15 June).

i) Agree the design of the flyer

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Dunford
SECONDED BY Councillor Wright

IT WAS RESOLVED make a few amendments to the flyer which were agreed at the meeting and seek quotes for qty 100 and 300 including at least one sustainable printing company. The information was to be circulated to members and a decision made about the preferred printing company outside of the meeting.

Action: Deputy Clerk

ii) Consider grant applications for approval by the PM&F committee

One application had been received from The Hanneys Flood Group who would like to buy equipment to enable them to remove invasive Himalayan Balsam. Members agreed they would be supportive if the group would be willing to work with the Letcombe Brook Project within Wantage.

Action: Deputy Clerk

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b) To receive and consider the draft sustainability policy

A small amendment to the draft was made during the meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Dunford

SECONDED BY Councillor Johnson

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the PM&F Committee receive and agree the policy.

Action Clerk/Deputy Clerk

27 To receive and consider the income & expenditure report

Members noted the report.

28 To receive and consider the budget proposal for 25/26

Members agreed £5000 for events and £5000 for grants.

29. To review the terms of reference to allow delegated authority to spend within a budget

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Dunford

SECONDED BY Councillor Johnson

IT WAS RESOLVED TO allow a spend of £5000 per budget line with a limit of £250 per grant application.

30. To receive a verbal update from Sustainable Wantage

Jo Harvey was to find out how much funding was required for further trees to be planted at Wantage Memorial Park. It was agreed that three quotes for suitable trees would be sought, and authorisation would be given by the L&A Committee at the meeting on 28 October 2024.

Action: Deputy Clerk/J Harvey

31. To receive a verbal update from The Wantage & Grove Active Travel Group

There was no update.

32. To receive any items to be included in the agenda for the next meeting – 6 January 2025

The meeting closed at 9.15pm