

Minutes of the Environment Committee

A meeting of the **Environment Committee** was held on **Tuesday 12th September 2023** at **19:00 hrs** at the **The Chamber Room, The Garth, Launton Road, OX26 2PS**.

Present:

Cllr Damien Maguire (Chairman)

Cllr Donna Ford

Cllr Nicholas Mawer

Cllr Christopher Pruden

Cllr Les Sibley

In Attendance:**1/23 Apologies for Absence**

24 RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Mallows and Cllr Knight

2/23 Declarations of Interest

24 RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were received

3/23 Minutes of the Environment Committee

24 RESOLVED that Environment Committee **APPROVED** the minutes from meeting held on:

Tuesday 18th July 2023

4/23 Minutes of the Events Working Party

24 UN-RESOLVED that Environment Committee **APPROVED** minutes for the meeting held on:

Wednesday 5th July 2023

RESOLVED that committee **DERERRED** minutes back and requested they go to Events Working Party Meeting first.

5/23 Community Sports Working Group

24 RESOLVED that Environment Committee **APPROVED** minutes for the meeting held on:

Thursday 29th June 2023

6/23 Allotment Working Party

24 UN-RESOLVED by Environment Committee as the minutes for meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 were not in the agenda pack.

Officers sent minutes to committee after the meeting and to be put into the next meeting for approval.

7/23 Public Session

24 RESOLVED that several members of the public were present.

Representatives from the biodiversity committee

Resident from Bicester

Resident from Southwold

Resident from Bicester regarding the Whiteland's lift

8/23 Presentation by Open Walls Network (Graffiti Wall)

24 **RESOLVED** that committee **NOTED** presentation given by Open Walls network

9/23 Sunderland Drive

24 **RESOLVED** that committee **APPROVE** the installation of lockable bollards with the funding of £3,100 to be taken from EMR BTC premises **ONLY** if TVP funding application is not successful.

Cllrs suggested a Key Safe to be added to premises for emergency service access.

10/2 BTC Land Management

324 **RESOLVED** that committee **APPROVE** officers to approach Ecological consultants and combine project with the ground maintenance tender for 2024.

Cllrs request an understanding of the tender criteria for ground maintenance project.

11/2 Tiny Forests

324 Committee **RECOMMENDED** a public consultation is held to put forward ideas and Langford project is reviewed for usage of Tiny Forest and update at the next meeting held on

Tuesday 21st November 2023

12/2 Bure Park Planting Request

324 **RESOLVED** that committee **NOTED** the report and attached appendix A and **RECOMMENDED** any further actions are delayed until the grounds maintenance contract is renewed April 2024

Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the blue highlighted area in item 2.2 is widely used and a smaller planting area to be looked at incorporating Tiny Forest project.

Cllrs highlighted bio-diversity opportunities

13/2 Approved Projects

324 **RESOLVED** that committee **NOTED** the work schedule for approved projects.

14/2 Garth Park Play Area

324 **UN-RESOLVED** and the Committee **RECOMMENDED** officers do a public consultation as per Southwold play area with more designs, officers are asked to understand maintenance costs for two splash park water filtration options.

15/2 Garth House Rewire

324 **RESOLVED** that the committee **APPROVE** £3,500 for Garth House and CAB electrical works from **EMR BTC PREMISES**.

RESOLVED that committee **APPROVE** £6000 for bandstand rewire including security lighting from **EMR BTC PREMISES**.

16/2 Forward Plan

324 RESOLVED that committee **REVIEWED** and **COMMENTED** on the Forward Plan.

Officers to **INCLUDE** Open Walls report to the next meeting.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 19:00

CLOSE OF MEETING: Time Not Specified hrs