

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON
WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH 2025 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Councillors, David Harman (Chair), Roger Hunneman, Sarah Slack, and Martha Vickers.

In Attendance

James Heasman, Parks & Open Spaces Supervisor.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Meg Thomas.

Absent: Councillor Steve Masters, and Ms Nikki Coome

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Parks & Open Spaces Supervisor declared that Councillor, Martha Vickers who is also a Member of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

3. MINUTES

Members of the committee noted that the minutes did not have the correct information under Next Meeting item as Green Fest was discussed and requested as an agenda item at the next meeting. Subsequently resulting in the additional item not been added to the agenda for this meeting of the Climate Emergency Sub-Committee Wednesday 26th March 2025.

PROPOSED: Councillor Roger Hunneman

SECONDED: Councillor David Harman

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Sub-Committee held on Wednesday 29th January 2025, be approved, and signed by the Chairperson. With the amendments by hand to the minutes of Green Fest. And Corrected name of Jenny Kirby removing the name Sarah.

4. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions received from members of the public.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were not questions received from members of the committee.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

PROPOSED: Councillor Sarah Slack

SECONDED: Councillor Martha Vickers

RESOLVED: that the previously agreed Newbury Nature Corridor grant of £412.59 was incorrect and that a new figure of £412.75 be awarded the Newbury Nature Corridor.

MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS**PROPOSED:** Councillor Martha Vickers**SECONDED:** Councillor Roger Hunneman

RESOLVED: to suspend standing orders to receive additional information from 2 members of the Newbury Tennis Club.

Members received information from two members of the Newbury Tennis Club and thanked them for their attendance to provide this.

MOTION TO REINSTATE STANDING ORDERS**PROPOSED:** Councillor Roger Hunneman**SECONDED:** Councillor Sarah Slack

RESOLVED: To reinstate standing orders to continue the Committee business as stated on the agenda.

PROPOSED: Councillor David Harman**SECONDED:** Councillor Sarah Slack

RESOLVED: that £3172.00 be granted to the Newbury Tennis Club LED Flood Lighting Project subject to the Greenham Common Trust Top up Scheme being awarded, to cover the remaining Funding. Should the project not get match funded then £5,977.00 is to be awarded from Newbury Town Council's Climate Emergency Sub-Committee grant fund.

It was also noted by Members of the Committee that Greenham Common Trust has agreed to 'Trust Top Up' Match fund three out of the four Grants that have been submitted to the Climate Emergency Sub-Committee. The fourth application cannot be matched funded due to it not being a registered Project under Greenham Trust.

Applications to be match funded:

- Newbury Nature Corridor – 20578 - £412.75
- Green Fest – 20810 - £2,000.00
- Newbury Tennis Club LED – Flood Lighting Project – 20179 - £3172.00 (with matched funding), or £5977.00 (if no matched funding).

Members requested that Officers inform applicants about the potential of match funding by Greenham common trust up receipt of application to the Climate Emergency Sub-Committee Grants.

7. CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTION UPDATE

Members noted the report at appendix 3 to the agenda item 7.

From the report members have request further information at the next scheduled meeting, in relation to the proposed solar panel instillation sites and reasoning behind there viability and non-viability.

Councillor Roger Hunneman requested that a report on the effects and usage from switching to LED lights on the footpath and streetlights, be considered under this agenda item at the next scheduled meeting.

Members also requested a report on the past 6 months of Carbon savings from NTC having the Electric Van.

From the report Submitted at appendix 3 to the agenda item 7, members have requested that the Delivery Services Manager Contacts a Ms R Street, to help gain the knowledge in quantifying the Carbon credit gain from the bio diversity net gain undertaken by the council.

8. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The forward work programme was received and noted by the committee.

It was requested by the Committee that the following items are to be removed from the forward work programme as these items are considered under a different Parent Committee:

- Newbury In Bloom update
- Thames and Chiltern in Bloom update

It was request by the Committee that the following items are to be amended:

- Agenda item for 21st May 2025 - Green Fest Update changed to Green Fest Feedback
- All items that we due to be on the agenda for 26th March under the forward work programme and were not considered, to be added to the agenda of the Next scheduled meeting Wednesday 21st May 2025

. MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

PROPOSED: Councillor Sarah Slack

SECONDED: Councillor Roger Hunneman

RESOLVED: to suspend standing orders to discuss details of the upcoming Green Fest Event, Saturday 5th April 2025.

The Committee discussed and requested Officers time to support Councillors prepare, exhibit and breakdown the Newbury Town Council stand, at the Green Fest Event.

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PROPOSED: Councillor Roger Hunneman

SECONDED: Councillor Sarah Slack

RESOLVED: To reinstate standing orders to continue the Committee business as stated on the agenda.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

Members noted the next meeting date as Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7:30 pm.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20:51 HRS

CHAIRPERSON

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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