

# STRATFORD- UPON- AVON TOWN COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY PANEL MEETING (formerly Climate Change Emergency)

1 September, 2021

4:00pm

### DRAFT Notes

#### Present:

Cllr Elizabeth Coles (EC)

Cllr David Curtis (DC)

Cllr Jenny Fradgley (JF)

Cllr Toby Lee (TL)

Sarah Summers (SS)

Cllr Kevin Taylor (KT)

All members attended the meeting via Zoom.

#### 1. To Elect a Chairman and Deputy Chairman

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed that Cllr J Fradgley be elected as Chairman and Cllr Warren-Howles as Deputy Chairman. It was agreed that Cllr Lee would step in during Cllr Warren-Howles' absence.

#### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Roy Dyer (RD) and Cllr Cohl Warren-Howles (CW-H).

#### 3. To approve the notes from the Environmental Strategy Panel Meeting held on 2 June, 2021

A vote on these notes did not take place at this meeting so will be deferred to the next meeting.

#### 4. Bird Boxes

##### • **Free Bird Nesting Boxes**

JF advised that she has 30 bird boxes in her house, and that we now must decide how they are to be distributed. She reported that the Scouts and Bishopton Community Hall are interested and asked whether members had any other suggestions.

The following places were suggested:

- Evesham Road Cemetery;
- Rowley Fields;
- Town Trust Orchard;

JF agreed to send an email round to the group with photographs and details of the bird boxes and will ask for members to get back to her with how many are wanted and for which location. JF specified that she would ideally like to distribute all the boxes by the third week of September.

#### 5. Wildflower Planting

- **Update on entrance planters**

JF reported that all the containers on the entrance to the town have been planted up. She asked if a thank you could be put on record to the Town Council's Outside Spaces Team for doing this. EL was also thanked for getting the Wildflower Project up and running.

- **Update on Cornmarket/Sibbasbridge completion date**

Sibbasbridge's work on the Cornmarket is due to be finished in September. Therefore, the tree will be maintained at the cemetery in the meanwhile.

#### 6. Green Shoots Fund

- **Any Updates**

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in our application for this fund. It is hoped that we will receive a breakdown of why this bid did not get accepted. JF suggested we concentrate on a smaller project in future and proposed that we could work with WCC on The Greenway Island.

#### 7. Communication.

- **Our Place Our Planet – Update**

It was agreed that we would talk about this item when C-WH returns.

## 8. WCC Protocol

- **Update from Cllr Jenny Fradgley**

JF advised that she has still not received any further information regarding this. It was agreed that a meeting with WCC should be requested to discuss the Green Shoots application, and the WCC Protocol. JF suggested that this meeting is conducted face-to-face. SS agreed to officially approach WCC to request this meeting.

## 9. Queen's Green Canopy and Trees Action Plan

It was agreed to defer this to future meeting.

## 10. Countryfile National Challenge – Plant Britain

It was agreed to defer this to future meeting.

## 11. Plastic Free Towns

It was agreed to defer this to future meeting.

## 12. Any Other Business

KT asked whether he could invite an organisation called 'Living Streets' to a future meeting.

## 13. Dates of the Next Meeting

The next meeting is TBC.

*The meeting closed at 4:31pm.*