**Environment Committee**

**Tuesday, 2 May 2023**

**6.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Council Chamber**

**Attendees: Cllr. M Getgood, Cllr S Cox, Cllr C Elsmore, Lusty, & Sarah Cheese**

1. **Apologies received from Fliss Simister**
2. **There were no declarations of interest**
3. **There were no dispensations requests**
4. **To take comments from the Public Forum**
5. **There were no members of the public present**
6. **To approve the minutes of 4 April 23**

**The minutes of 4 April 23 were proposed, and unanimously approved**

**Cllr. Getgood signed, as a true, and accurate record**

1. **To raise matters arising from the minutes of 4 April 23**

Cllr. Getgood brought updates re: Seed Swap at the Library/Main Place, and Bee Squared Initiative, and Guest Speakers, were suggested for subsequent meetings, inc. Marcus Perring.

1. **To hear from Guest Speaker (if available)**

No Speaker for this meeting

1. **To consider CTC Green Charter, and to make recommendations, as necessary**

**Cllr. Getgood referred to Green Charter, and it was proposed, and unanimously agreed that:**

**Recommendation:**

1. **this should be considered further, alongside the existing CTC Environment Policy, and Environment Committee’s Role & Remit, to help set this Committee’s priorities**
2. **To consider environment improvements re: bus shelter proposed works, and to make recommendations, as necessary**

The Town Clerk updated on Coalway Bus Shelter and, after further discussion, it was proposed, and unanimously agreed that:

**Recommendation:**

1. **other more environmentally-friendly options are considered, and Clerk to enquire from GCC, including ‘grass-topped’ options, and for Committee to consider further; including grass verge area also**
2. **To review Cemetery matters, and to make recommendations, as necessary**

Cllr. Getgood updated following volunteer work on-site, and also arisings activity. After further discussion, including clarification regarding Contractual matters, it was proposed, and agreed that:

**Recommendation:**

1. **David Cox is informed regarding agreement to undertake work, and for an on-site meeting to be arranged, to agree specification for work**
2. **Signage re: Wilding activity is progressed, with wording having been agreed.**
3. **To review Bells Field Recreation Ground Environmental issues, and to make recommendations, as necessary**

Cllr. Getgood updated re: picnic benches, and for site meeting with Contractor to be arranged regarding installation. The Swales were also discussed and, after further discussion, it was proposed, and unanimously agreed that:

**Recommendation:**

1. **clarification regarding original spec’ and reasons why now not holding water, leaking, is investigated, through specialist company, and for solutions, costs, then to be considered once received.**
2. **To review KGV Environmental issues, and to make recommendations, as necessary**

Town Clerk updated on meetings with Barnwood Trust, and further meetings have been scheduled.

1. **To receive update on complaints received, and to make recommendations, as necessary**

The Town Clerk updated on recent complaint raised by resident on Angel Vale estate and, after further discussion, it was proposed, and unanimously agreed that:

1. **Members of this Committee schedule a site-visit, including residents, to assess further, and make recommendations regarding environmental enhancement, inc. environmental boundary corridor, hedge enhancement, seeding around trees, and further wilding of open grass area**
2. **Update on Parish Tree activity, and to make recommendations, as necessary**

Concerns were raised re: trees alongside LIDL store, and for clarification to be sought form GCC Highways. Cllr. Getgood updated on further mapping work re: parish trees, and Dist. Cllr. Elsmore would further check with FoDDC re: availability of additional trees.

1. **Update on Volunteer actions, and to make further recommendations, as necessary**

Cllr. Getgood updated on volunteer activity, and an update was also received re: PROW activity, and for training, authorisation to be obtained from GCC PROW Officer, before undertaking.

1. **Updates on other Parish Issues with Environment implications, and make recommendations, as necessary**

It was reported that Park End were progressing their NPD, and for input to be considered.

1. **Updates re: wider FoD Environment meetings, forums, activities, and other environmental groups; to take forward actions into Plan, and make recommendations, as necessary**

Updates were received re: Cannop Ponds, ‘Our Forest’ Meetings, Forest Climate Network, Friends of the Wye, and also on mountain bikes, and litter

1. **To receive update on Environment Committee expenditure, and make recommendations, as necessary**

Nothing new to report

1. **To receive update on Environment Tracker, and to make recommendations, as necessary**

The Town Clerk reported on ‘Tracker’ activity, and the merging of the original Environmental Action Plan, and plans to further consolidate, to reset for new Council

**Time: 8.14pm Meeting ended**