

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Environment Committee** held this day in the **Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex, Sandhurst** commencing at **7.30pm** and finishing at **8.42pm**.

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr P Panesar  
Councillor: N Allen, Mrs D Allum Wilson, Mrs J Bettison, M Brossard, M Butcher, J Edwards, B Hutchinson, C Ives

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)  
Deputy Executive Officer (Martina O'Keeffe-Johnston)  
Cllr Mrs H Hill (Non-member of the Committee – identified at the beginning of the meeting)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)**

Apologies were received and accepted for the following Councillors-  
Mrs S Davenport (Indisposed)  
Mrs M Mosson (Indisposed)  
R Mossom (Indisposed)

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest on the business to be discussed.

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3)**

It was proposed by Cllr P Panesar and seconded by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED  
3087**

that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (pages 1454-1456) are received as a true and correct record and that they have been signed by the Chairman.  
(Unanimous)

**CLIMATE CHANGE (Agenda item 4)**

An update was received from Cllr H Hill who presented quotes and recommendations from the Climate Change Working Group about the installation of solar panels on the Community Hall and Little Sandhurst Community Centre. Cllr H Hill confirmed that all three contractors are MCS accredited. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Edwards that STC should consider having a public consultation on the installation of solar panels, however there was no seconder and the motion fell. It was then proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED  
3088**

that STC invests in solar panels and the quote presented to the Environment Committee from Contractor B for both the Community Hall and the Little Sandhurst Community Centre was successful and will be notified.

**ACTION: DEO**



### **GREEN FAYRE (Agenda item 5)**

Cllr Hazel Hill discussed with the Committee suggestions for a Green Fayre. It was suggested that outside bodies such as Bracknell Climate Action Group, Guildford Net Zero Group and community groups be involved. A date for the event has yet to be agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr P Panesar and the following was

**RESOLVED  
3089**

that the Green Fayre go ahead provided sufficient volunteers are recruited and a new working group is set up and a meeting planned for early January 2024.

**ACTION:DEO**

### **ZERO HOUR (Agenda item 6)**

The Committee considered a request from Zero Hour to consider supporting the Climate and Energy Bill being considered by the Government. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Edwards and seconded by Cllr Nick Allen and the following was

**RESOLVED  
3090**

that the request from Zero Hour to support the Bill be rejected by STC.

**ACTION: DEO**

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Agenda item 7)**

The Committee received an update from the DEO to inform them that military personnel from the Royal Military Academy have had their rehearsal earlier in the day at the War Memorial and this evening a number of wreath bearers had another rehearsal with the Executive Officer and WO2 Groves from the RMAS who were present to answer any questions regarding the service. Volunteers were asked to help at the event to collect donations or to distribute orders of service. It was proposed that Cllrs J Edwards, C Ives and D Allum Wilson volunteer for the Remembrance Service.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS (Agenda item 8)**

Volunteers were asked for to help decorate the Christmas Trees in both the Community Hall and Kitty Dancy Room. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr M Brossard and the following was

**RESOLVED  
3091**

that the date for decorating the Christmas trees will be 20<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am. The volunteers are Cllr Mrs J Bettison, Cllr Mrs D Allum Wilson and Cllr M Brossard.

**ACTION: DEO**

### **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET PLANNING (Agenda item 9)**

Cllr N Allen informed the Committee that councillors would need to think about future plans for the Environment Committee to consider. The plans will need to be costed before the next meeting in January 2024. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Edwards and seconded by Cllr P Panesar and the following was



**RESOLVED  
3092**

that an addition to the number of Christmas Lights in the town be considered and costed.

**ACTION: DEO**

**OUTSIDE BODIES REPORT (Agenda item 10)**

There were no updates from councillors.

**FOOTPATHS (Agenda item 11)**

Cllr C Ives enquired about footpaths in Wildmoor Heath. It was confirmed by a number of the councillors that this is not Sandhurst Town Council's responsibility but that of BFBC and BBOWT.

**NOTICEBOARDS (Agenda item 12)**

Cllr M Brossard thanked the DEO for updating the terms and conditions of use on all the noticeboards.

**PRESS AND PUBLICITY (Agenda item 13)**

An addition to the Mayor's newsletter to include articles on our Remembrance Service and on the new bench in York Way.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 14)**

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**SIGNED AND DATED BY  
CHAIRMAN**

