

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

To: All Members of the Environment Sub Committee

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONSED TO ATTEND
a meeting of the
ENVIRONMENT SUB COMMITTEE
to be held in
COURT ROOM 2, TOWN HALL, MARKET HILL, HUNTINGDON
on
THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2022 at 18:30

AGENDA

11. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda (see notes)

13. **ADDRESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND TOWN COUNCILLORS TO SUB COMMITTEE**

To hear any address to the Sub Committee from members of the public and other members of the Town Council on matters within the responsibility of this Sub Committee

14. **MINUTES**

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Sub Committee held on 23rd June 2022 (M1)

15. **ECO AUDIT**

To receive an update on the progress of the Net Zero Strategy

16. **ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS UPDATE**

To receive a verbal update on ongoing environment projects

17. **NEXT PROJECTS**

To discuss upcoming projects and budget requirements

18. **DATE AND AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

20th October 2022



**PHILIP PEACOCK
TOWN CLERK**

2nd September 2022
Town Hall
Market Hill
Huntingdon
PE29 3PJ

This meeting will be serviced by the Town Clerk – 01480 410383

Copies for information to:

The Members of Huntingdon Town Council, Town Clerk & Deputy Town Clerk.

Notes

A. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

(1) Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.

(2) A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it

(a) relates to you, or

(b) is an interest of -

(i) your spouse or civil partner; or (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners and you are aware that the other person has the interest.

(3) Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -

(a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;

(b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);

(c) any current contracts with the Council;

(d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;

(e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;

(f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or

(g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

B. Other Interests

(4) If a Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest then you are required to declare that interest, but may remain to discuss and vote.

(5) A Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -

(a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Council's administrative area, or (b) it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT SUB COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Environment Sub Committee was held at Huntingdon Town Hall on Thursday 23rd June 2022, following the Town Council meeting.

Present: Councillors D Cole (Ex-Officio); J Cole; A McAdam (Ex-Officio); S McAdam; A Norton; G Shiels; P Pearce; and S Sweek (Chair).

In Attendance: Councillors M Baker; M Kadewere; P Kadewere; P Kennington; and K Webb.

2 members of the public.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor asked for nominations for the election of Chairman. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr S Sweek be appointed as Chairman of the Environment Sub Committee for the ensuing year. With no further nominations, it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr S Sweek as Chairman of the Environment Sub Committee for the local government year 2022/23.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor K Brockett.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman asked for nominations for the appointment of Vice Chairman. It was proposed and seconded that Councillor J Cole be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Environment Sub Committee for the ensuing year. With no further nominations, it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr J Cole as Vice Chairman of the Environment Sub Committee for the local government year 2022/23.

4. **TERMS OF COMMITTEE**

It was advised that the terms of committee were the same for all of the Council's committees and it was for Members to decide on the following:

- i. Whether the Environment Sub Committee was open to members of the public to attend. It was agreed that members of the public would be able to attend.
- ii. Whether the Environment Sub Committee should appoint any co-opted members for specific items that fall under the responsibility of the

committee. It was agreed to co-opt members when and if it was required.

- iii. Whether all agendas and minutes should be kept/marked as 'Private and Confidential'. It was agreed that the agendas and minutes would be made available to the public.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

6. **MINUTES**

Members had before them copies of the minutes of the Environment Sub Committee meeting held on 22nd April 2021 (M1). It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to approve and adopt these minutes.

7. **ADDRESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND TOWN COUNCILLORS TO SUB COMMITTEE**

A Member indicated that they wished to speak, and it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Chris Jordan informed Members that while he welcomed the environmental actions the Council had already taken, it was disappointing that the Environment Sub-Committee had not met for a year, and that projects previously discussed by the Sub-Committee had not yet been done.

It was explained that the Council had been operating on a reduced meetings calendar following the COVID-19 lockdowns, but that the normal meetings calendar was now back in place.

Members agreed that there was a lot of work to be done. It was noted that internal meetings for various environmental projects had been ongoing, and it was hoped that the new Communications Officer role would help to improve the council's communication when projects were ready to be shared publicly.

Mr Jordan noted that he was looking forward to the upcoming Eco Fair event, as well as the update on the eco audit, and hoped to see the Sub-Committee be more active in the coming year.

John Morris from the Hunts Walking & Cycling Group asked if the Town Council had declared a climate emergency. It was explained that the Council had not declared a climate emergency, as it was felt that the council was already working to address environmental issues regardless of making the declaration.

Mr Morris also asked Members what was being done to encourage active travel in the town and noted that he was disappointed that there was no mention of walking and cycling routes in the HTC Corporate Plan. It was noted that the Corporate Plan was focused on projects under the remit of the Town Council, and issues such as cycling infrastructure and footpaths were managed by other authorities so were not something HTC could control.

Members thanked Mr Jordan and Mr Morris for their comments, and it was then proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to reconvene the meeting.

8. **ECO FAIR**

The Corporate Officer gave a verbal update on the upcoming Eco Fair event taking place on 16th July 2022:

- 8 stalls had been confirmed for the event, with an additional 2 to be confirmed.
- The HTC Estates Team would be displaying some of their relevant equipment, including the composting machine and electric vehicles.
- It was hoped that Murketts would attend to display an electric vehicle, but it was noted this was currently still being arranged.
- Mike Addis from the Huntingdonshire History Festival intended to provide a Lego world map activity at the event.
- A member of the Hunts Cycling and Walking Group had suggested the inclusion of a bike servicing stall at the event, and also suggested reaching out to the police to see if bicycle marking kits could be available at the event.
- It was explained that promotion would increase in the lead up to the event across HTC's website and social media. Posters had been displayed in the noticeboards around the town, and banners would also go up in the weeks leading up to the event.

A Member asked if there was any availability for additional stalls. It was noted that there were limited places left, and it was requested that if anyone knew of any groups that may be interested in having a stall, that they forward them on to the Office.

A Member suggested that the Hunts Cycling and Walking Group may wish to have a stall, and it was noted that they were welcome to. Mr Morris noted that it was too short notice for them to have a stall at the 2022 event, and noted that they would like to be invited to attend future events.

9. **ECO AUDIT**

The Corporate Officer informed Members that the Net Zero Strategy report had been received during the current meeting. It was explained that the report would be reviewed by the Office and circulated to Members. It would also be

arranged for a representative from Energise to attend an upcoming Environment Sub-Committee meeting to present the report to Members.

10. **DATE & AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as 25th August 2022.

It was requested that this meeting be brought forward if possible, following the receipt of the eco audit.

CHAIRMAN