



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY  
1 JULY 2024 AT THE TOWN HALL, YORK STREET, SELBY**

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**PRESENT: Cllrs M Davis, F Matthews, S Andrew, R Harrison, T Beharrell**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk**

**E1.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE**  
Cllr M Davis was appointed Chair and Cllr R Harrison was appointed Vice Chair.

**E1.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were received from Cllr H Davis.

**E2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**  
There were no disclosures of interest.

**E3 MINUTES**  
Environment Committee  
The minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held on 8 April 2024 were received. It was noted that these minutes had previously been ratified at Council on 29 April 2024.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024 be noted.**

**E4 NATURE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN**

The Nature Recovery Action Plan was received. The Clerk has added a workplan up to 2030. This is a working document as resources may change and some projects may be brought forward or pushed back.

It was noted that the Nature Recovery Action Plan has been amended into a public use version. This has been used on the Community Engagement stalls at the Grants presentation event, Twilight Market and Funday. The public version will be added to the webpage.

The committee members discussed various ideas to support the plan. These will be added to the working spreadsheet of actions in the teams folder for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to work through and prioritise.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

**i. The Nature Recovery plan was received, and**

- ii. **That the ideas raised by the Committee be added to the working document in the teams folder to be prioritised.**

## **E5 NATURE ACTION BADGE**

It was noted that the badge has now been amended to locate the Abbey over the United Kingdom. A batch have been printed as window stickers on vinyl which uses an adhesive. The paper option was not suitable as they would not be long lasting. When more stickers are needed we will look into other options available that do not require an adhesive.

An application form for the badge has been made available on the Community Engagement stalls and a poster has been placed in the bus station notice board.

These will also be promoted on Facebook and the new web page.

**RESOLVED: That the update be noted.**

## **E6 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

It was noted that the draft plan has been used on the Community Engagement stalls. The plan is a working document and will be re-presented for consideration to the Environment Committee once it is a completed document.

**RESOLVED: That the update be noted.**

## **E7 FRIENDS OF GROUPS**

It was noted that posters have been put in the bus station notice board and application forms made available on the Community Engagement stalls for residents to apply to join one of the three 'Friends of' groups. These are Friends of the Cemetery, Friends of the Pond and Friends of the Woodland. These will also be promoted on Facebook and the new web page.

**RESOLVED: That the update be noted.**

## **E8 WEBSITE**

It was noted that the Nature Recovery page and the Climate Action page will be set up in August / September.

**RESOLVED: That the update be noted.**

## **E9 PARISH ONLINE**

A demonstration of the online mapping tool was received.

Committee members asked if this tool could be used to plot other items such as listed buildings. The deputy clerk will spend some time creating layers on the map specific to Selby Town and will feedback at the next meeting what can be plotted and how long it takes.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- i. The demonstration was received, and**
- ii. The Deputy Clerk will spend some time creating layers on the map and provide feedback to the Committee at the next meeting in October.**

## **E10 GRASS CUTTING**

A plan for grass cutting was considered, the committee was asked to identify areas that should be left to wild and which areas that should be maintained.

The committee identified areas at the Bondgate Woodland, the Cemetery Field, the Cemetery and the Community Land that should be cut and areas that should be left to wild. This plan should be reviewed throughout the year to ensure it is right for each area.

The Committee requested that it is publicised what the grass cutting plan is so that the community can provide feedback.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the grass cutting plan and wilding plan for Bondgate Woodland, the Cemetery Field, the Cemetery and the Community Land is adopted.**

## **E11 WILDLIFE HABITAT AND PLANTERS**

It was considered to include at budget setting the installation of some wildlife habitats and planters. The planters are designed to attract wildlife into smaller spaces and just required plants adding to it. This could also be an item for sponsorship.

Committee members agreed that one item should be purchased and placed in the Cemetery. This will then be reviewed as to whether more should be purchased.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That a wildlife habitat and planter should be purchased for the Cemetery at a cost of £249.96 ex VAT.**

**E12            DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Monday 7 October 2024

Monday 13 January 2025

Monday 24 March 2025