

## CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Cllr Collins (in the Chair)

A Collins	(P)	D Eldridge	(P)
L Fogg-Rogers	(P)	S Hancock	(P)

Also in attendance: One member of the public and Cllr Bruce

- 132.03/26** Evacuation Procedure  
Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area - Noted
- 133.03/26** Apologies  
None
- 134.03/26** Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011  
None
- 135.03/26** Public participation  
One member of the public who has attended previously joined us for part of the meeting as well as Cllr Bruce.
- 136.03/26** To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were agreed and signed.
- 137.03/26** Action Update
- Green Film Screening – noted that the event was successful. **Committee to explore if another, similar event later in the year is viable.**
  - Duck pond – treatments given by Furnace Mill. **Cllr Hancock to further review best treatment options for duck pond going forward.**
  - Verge at Duck Pond – reported that it was agreed in Full Council meeting that bulbs and flowers could be planted providing not all the soil has to be taken back. **Cllr Hancock to investigate whether we can get a planting event arranged this month.**
  - Tree Give-away (14<sup>th</sup> March) – C&NA reported all in hand for this event.
  - Spring Clean Litter Pick (28<sup>th</sup> March) – C&NA has sent details to local primary schools and will publicise more after the Tree Giveaway.
  - Volunteer Day in Frenchay – 23 April – Cllr Collins reported all in hand for this event.
  - Event at Monks Pool (17<sup>th</sup> May) – C&NA has asked BART to join us. **C&NA to put on agenda for next month’s meeting to firm up details.**
  - Festival of Nature event – C&NA reported that we have received our £100 grant. It was agreed that we would do two separate events – one based at Hambrook on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June and one in Frenchay in the evening on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June as our forum. **C&NA to investigate options and put on agenda for**

**next month to work out final details and check about moving/cancelling our June meeting.**

- Nature signs and lecterns – waiting for sign-off from F&GP next week. **If agreed C&NA will liaise with Kev to start sorting the signs and getting them in situ.**
- Watermark Scheme – successful initial workshop preceded this meeting. **C&NA to add to agenda for next month and possibly organise a separate meeting to firm up plans going forward.**
- Frome Valley Voice section – noted that it was a great first section in the paper. **Committee to let C&NA know if they want something specifically added to the next addition (deadline is mid-May).**
- UWE relationship – Cllr Collins reported that the partnership with OPM and UWE at Frenchay Parklands has been very successful to date with students and local residents volunteering alongside one another. **Cllr Collins to attend a meeting with OPM at the end of month to discuss next steps and report back at the meeting in April.**
- Cut and Collect – Whiteshill Common and Tuckett Field – C&NA reported that we are waiting for a quote for Tuckett Field. Whiteshill Common is booked.
- Work at Monks Pool/Bradley Brook/Newleaze/The Dingle – **C&NA to put Cllr Hancock in touch with volunteers at these sites to get the ball rolling on organising works.**
- Carbon Literacy training – C&NA waiting for response to get booked on the course.
- Tree adoption/dedication – **Cllr Hancock to investigate**

**138.03/26** To discuss the tree planting and care/maintenance programme

- Whiteshill Common – C&NA reported that the refund for the one tree that was planted to replace the dead tree has been received. Cllr Fogg-Rogers reported that some of the newer trees need more mulch and that we will need to get a volunteer rota together for watering during the summer. **C&NA to organise some volunteers to sort the mulch and will try to sort out a volunteer rota.**
- Cllr Fogg Rogers also reported that whilst clearing some rocks by the newly planted trees they found a lot of rotting compost in the woodland area. Agreed that local residents will need to be reminded that the woodland belongs to the parish council and that it is not a site for dumping rubbish, even if it is green matter. **C&NA to liaise with Clerk in drafting a letter to then be agreed by the committee.**
- Huckford Land – C&NA reported that FoA have received our application and we will be considered for the 2026/7 planting programme.

**139.03/26** To update on priority areas on Frome Valley Walkway

C&NA reported back from most recent Frome Valley Walkway meeting with South Glos Council. At that meeting it was agreed that the first priority areas that they will be working on are the stretch from Damson's Bridge towards Winterbourne and a small stretch near Huckford Viaduct as these are the most dangerous and most eroded.

**140.03/26** To update on Biodiversity net gains

Agreed to postpone discussion until next month's meeting.

**141.03/26** To discuss and agree on Veolia funding

Agreed not to rush application so plan to get an application in to the second round of applications by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026. **Committee to investigate options.**

- 142.03/26** To update on meeting with Emerson's Green Town Council on their new Local Climate and Nature Action Plan  
Cllr Collins reported that the meeting was a good opportunity to build on our partnership with other parish/town councils.
- 143.03/26** To discuss Huckford Quarry Management Plan  
Cllr Fogg-Rogers reported that the plan is good and is also very necessary. **C&NA to go back to Soth Glos to say WPC will support plans but don't have the capacity to take responsibility for the up-keep of the site.**
- 144.03/26** Grounds for Hope update  
Cllr Fogg-Rogers reported that it was a great event and good to know that we are doing all the same things as other parish/town councils.
- 145.03/26** Future Energy Landscapes – 19<sup>th</sup> March  
C&NA not received any promotional details for the community energy workshop next week. **C&NA to chase for materials and then promote.**
- 146.03/26** To note any other items from members  
Cllr Bruce updated on the potential development at The Oaks.

Meeting concluded: 9.02pm