



THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 7:30pm at Council Chamber, Town Hall

Members present:	Councillors	Chris Bloor (Vice Chair) Chris Rowe Christine Carter Kath Greenman
In attendance:	Non-councillors	Emma Young (Plastic Free Thornbury) Geraldine Barnes (Thornbury in Bloom) Sharon Gardham (Climate and Nature Officer) Will Hallam (Senior Project Manager, Department for Place, South Gloucestershire Council) Alex Fraser (Landscape Architect, South Gloucestershire Council)
Members absent:	Councillors	Danny Bonnett Gil Gilroy Maggie Tyrell
	Non-Councillors	Ella Wiggans (Sustainable Thornbury) Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers)

CN2627.01 To note any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were noted from Cllr Danny Bonnett (Chair), Cllr Gil Gilroy, Ella Wiggans (Sustainable Thornbury) and Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers).

CN2627.02 To receive any members' declaration of interest.

No declarations of interest were made by members.

CN2627.03 To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda.

There were no representations from the public.

CN2627.04 To appoint the Vice Chair of the Climate and Nature Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to reappoint Chris Bloor as the Vice Chair of the Climate and Nature Committee. Proposed by Cllr Rowe, seconded by Cllr Greenman, unanimously agreed.

CN2627.05 To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting held on 17 February 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee held on 17 February 2026 as an accurate record of the proceedings and the minutes were signed by the Vice Chair.

CN2627.06 To receive an update from South Gloucestershire Council on proposed improvements to the Streamside Walk.

Will Hallam and Alex Fraser provided an update on the plans for the Streamside Walk improvements, including items raised at the December meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee, namely:

- Use of a permeable surface – this is not possible due to budgetary constraints. The committee, therefore, asked that the surface used be laid in such a way that drainage is maximised.
- Lighting – there will be no lighting due to the potential disturbance to bat populations.
- Setting up of a Friends of Group – WH will send further information regarding this to the Committee via SG.
- Convening of a working group to co-design the improvements – this took place and comments have been incorporated into the design where possible.

The next stage is for a full business case to be submitted for the changes. It is possible work will start this summer.

The committee discussed the need for clearance of vegetation to be done sensitively and in a balanced way so as not to unduly disturb any resident wildlife and this was accepted by WH and AF.

CN2627.07 To consider a proposal to alter carbon calculations for 2026-27 to exclude the football club's consumption.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to alter carbon calculations to exclude the football club's consumption of electricity. Proposed by Cllr Rowe, seconded by Cllr Carter, unanimously agreed.

CN2627.08 To consider ideas for Watermark Town projects for 2026-27

The Committee **RESOLVED** to progress with the Watermark Town projects as recommended. Proposed by Cllr Bloor, seconded by Cllr Rowe, unanimously agreed.

CN2627.09 To consider concept design quotations and project phasing for the Memorial Woodland and Wellbeing Garden.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that we appoint Company 2 to design the memorial woodland, as per their quotation. The Committee **NOTED** that the design will need to tie in the wider landscape, including improving connectivity with the Chapel. Proposed by Cllr Greenman, seconded by Cllr Carter, unanimously agreed.

CN2627.10 To consider the draft of the 2025-26 Carbon Report.

The Committee **NOTED** the draft of the 2025-26 Carbon Report. A minor amendment is needed to page 9, figure 5.6. Once completed, the report can be finalised and shared.

CN2627.11 To consider the draft of the TTC Decarbonisation Road Map.

The Committee **NOTED** the draft of the TTC Decarbonisation Road Map. They requested that a public-facing summary be prepared ahead of publication. The development of a climate change page on the TTC website was considered and will be developed.

The final version of the Road Map will be brought back to the Climate and Nature Committee meeting on 1 September ahead of sharing with Full Council. Thereafter, an update on progress against plan will be a standing agenda item at the Climate and Nature Committee.

CN2627.12 To consider the draft of the TTC Sustainable Purchasing Guidelines.

The Committee **NOTED** the draft of the TTC Sustainable Purchasing Guidelines. No amendments are required and these can now be published and shared with the wider council. SG explained to the Committee that many of the guidelines are already being adopted by officers.

CN2627.13 To consider the plans for a Tiny Forest.

Plans for a Tiny Forest were further considered and a new site, adjacent to the Crossways School playing field was suggested.

ACTION CN2627.13.01: SG to investigate new site feasibility, including potential availability of land for a Tiny Forest.

ACTION CN2627.13.02: DB to draft an email to share with schools requesting their participation in the project.

The Committee **NOTED** that it was unlikely, due to constraints relating to time, land availability and budget, that the project would be advanced this planting season, but requested that as much progress as possible be made on it in anticipation of progressing it in the 27-28 planting season.

CN2627.14 To note the plans for Communications and Events for 2026-2027.

The Committee **NOTED** the Communications and Events plan for 2026-2027. There was discussion about the Town Council potentially supporting a growers' event in future.

CN2627.15 To note the schedule for 2026-27 Climate and Nature Committee and Thriving Nature working group meetings.

The Committee **NOTED** the schedule for Climate and Nature and Thriving Nature working group meetings for 2026-27.

CN2627.16 To note that the deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda is Tuesday 18 August 2026.

The deadline for the submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda was **NOTED**.

CN2627.17 To note that the date of the next meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee is Tuesday 1 September at 19.30.

The date of the next Climate and Nature Committee was **NOTED**.

The next Thriving Nature working group takes place on Tuesday 28 July at 19.00.

Meeting concluded at 21.00.