



THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 7:30pm at Council Chamber, Town Hall

Members present:	Councillors	Danny Bonnett (Chair) Chris Bloor Chris Rowe Christine Carter
In attendance:		Sharon Gardham (Climate and Nature Officer) Wendy Sydenham (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Members absent:	Councillors	Kath Greenman Maggie Tyrell
	Non-Councillors	Ella Wiggins (Sustainable Thornbury) Emma Young (Plastic Free Thornbury) Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers) Fran Sparrow (Thornbury in Bloom) Jean Owen (Thornbury in Bloom)

CN2526.01 To note any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were noted from Kath Greenward, Ella Wiggins (Sustainable Thornbury), Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers) and Emma Young (Plastic Free Thornbury).

CN2526.02 To elect a Committee Vice Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Chris Bloor as Committee Vice Chair for 2025-26.

CN2526.03 To receive any members' declaration of interest.

No declarations of interest were made by members.

CN2526.04 To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda.

There were no representations from the public.

CN2526.05 To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee held on 15 April 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings, and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

CN2526.06 To consider locations and funding options for a Tiny Forest in Thornbury.

It was **RESOLVED** to short-list the following sites for initial feasibility study for a Tiny Forest: Field adjacent to Castle Court Car Park (///dwelled.encloses.detonated); Tarmac off Easton Hill Road (///inversion.cars.explores); land adjacent to Badger Road

(///occur.shrimps.surprises); Land behind Severn View Family Practice, Eastland Road
(///brands.replenish.gong); Land behind Paula's Salon, Off Severn View Road
(///movements.best.crop); Barley Fields behind the Castle School
(///records.civic.ownership).

CN2526.07 To consider options for signage for St Mary's Churchyard to inform the public about the work carried out to enhance biodiversity.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Proceed with Option 1 (portable swinging sign with paper posters) for the signage at St Mary's Churchyard.
- The Committee authorised the necessary expenditure of £300.48.

CN2526.08 To consider extensions to wildflower planting at Mundy Playing Fields.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Recommend Option 4 (extension of wildflower planting to include 'Hay Meadow' and slopes adjacent to playground) to the Open Spaces Committee.
- Authorise necessary expenditure of £2455.22 from the Climate and Nature budget.

CN2526.08.01: SG to investigate alternative parasitic plants to yellow rattle as a control to mitigate against non-germination. Alternative to be within budget authorised by the Committee.

CN2526.09 To consider the terms of reference for the working group (name TBC).

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- The Working Group's name should be 'Thriving Nature'.
- That the Committee recommends adoption of the Terms of Reference to the full council.

CN2526.10 To consider ideas for further promoting the Community Nature Reserve.

- SG shared that the Community Nature Reserve will be included in the Town Council newsletter that is distributed to every household in the Town. Additionally, the CNR will be promoted at town-wide events and via online publicity. The intention is for the new TTC website to accommodate more dynamic CNR content.
- The Committee requested that SG contact South Gloucestershire Council to see if the Streamside Walk could be added to the CNR map.

CN2526.11 To note the climate and nature events and communications plan.

The Climate and Nature events and communications plan was noted.

CN2526.12 To note the local climate and nature action plan progress and impact report.

The local climate and nature action plan progress and impact report was noted. It was suggested that future reports should record exact amounts of carbon emissions

for gas and electricity in tonnes. It was also suggested that tree attrition rates be included alongside planting volumes.

CN2526.13 To note the deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda is Tuesday 7 October 2025.

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