



THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 7:30pm at Council Chamber, Town Hall

Members present:	Councillors	Danny Bonnett (Chair) Chris Bloor (Vice Chair) Chris Rowe Christine Carter Kath Greenman
	Non-councillors	Ella Wiggans (Sustainable Thornbury)
In attendance:		Sharon Gardham (Climate and Nature Officer)
Members absent:	Councillors	Maggie Tyrrell
	Non-Councillors	Geraldine Barnes (Thornbury in Bloom) Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers) Emma Young (Plastic Free Thornbury)

CN2526.37 To note any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were noted from Maggie Tyrrell, Geraldine Barnes (Thornbury in Bloom), Emma Young (Plastic Free Thornbury) and Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers).

CN2526.38 To receive any members' declaration of interest.

No declarations of interest were made by members.

CN2526.39 To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda.

There were no representations from the public.

CN2526.40 To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting held on 16 December 2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee held on 16 December 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

CN2526.41 To consider dates for decarbonisation planning for 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the content of the decarbonisation plan, the dates for its completion, and the addition of decarbonisation planning as a standing agenda item at the Thriving Nature working group.

CN2526.42 To consider energy efficiency options for the council chamber.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree in principle to recommend to the Full Council the installation of destratification fans in the council chamber to improve the heat efficiency of the space. Further details are required for the paper that will go to the Full Council (see below). These additional details do not need to be brought back to the Climate and Nature Committee before the proposal is put to the Full Council. The

Committee expressed a preference for the more expensive fans that can be remotely reversed to aid heating and cooling.

CN2526.42.01: SG to discuss installation further with electrician to understand the options for fans (colour, finish), how loud they will be, and where they will be positioned. These details will be included in a paper to the Full Council in March.

CN2526.43 To consider Climate and Nature’s role in establishment of a memorial woodland in Thornbury

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the initial stages of developing a memorial woodland into the deliverables for Climate and Nature. Ideas for what elements might be included will be discussed at the March Thriving Nature working group. The Committee noted the desirability of ensuring a safe and accessible connection for non-vehicular traffic from the town centre and the Mundy Playing Fields.

CN2526.44 To note plans for the launch of the Watermark Town initiative on Earth Day (22 April).

Plans to launch participation in the Watermark Town initiative with an evening event at St Mary’s Church on 22 April were **NOTED**. Committee members agreed, where possible, to add the event to their diaries. Committee members were asked to send suggestions for speakers, panellists and/or participant organisations to SG. KG suggested the possibility of seeking financial support for the event from a local organisation.

CN2526.45 To note that the deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda is Tuesday 7 April 2026.

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

CN2526.46 To note the date of the next meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee is Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

The next Thriving Nature Working Group takes place on Tuesday 24 March at **7.00pm**.