



THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 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	Emma Young (Plastic Free Thornbury) Geraldine Barnes (Thornbury in Bloom)
In attendance:		Sharon Gardham (Climate and Nature Officer)
Members absent:	Councillors	Maggie Tyrell
	Non-Councillors	Ella Wiggans (Sustainable Thornbury) Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers)

CN2526.14 To note any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were noted from Ella Wiggans (Sustainable Thornbury) and Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers).

CN2526.15 To receive any members' declaration of interest.

No declarations of interest were made by members.

CN2526.16 To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda.

There were no representations from the public.

CN2526.17 To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting held on 02 September 2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee held on 02 September 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings, and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

CN2526.18 To consider the future of the EcoThornbury Guardians scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** cancel the EcoThornbury Guardians scheme. It was suggested that this may be replaced by a networking group for local volunteering organisations whose goals support the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan. Further consideration will be given to this idea at the Thriving Nature Working Group.

CN2526.19 To consider plans for a Road Map to Net Zero

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a road map to net zero and to defer detailed discussions regarding its content to the Thriving Nature working group.

CN2526.20 To consider a proposal to refresh ecological surveys and biodiversity management plans

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with repeated ecological surveys and refreshed management plans in Spring/Summer 2026

CN2526.20.01: SG to investigate the ideal schedule for repeated surveying for the benefit of forward planning and investigate the possibility of running a 'bioblitz' (a time-boxed citizen science survey of all wildlife in a certain area) with the assistance of Avon Wildlife Trust or another interested organisation.

CN2526.21 To consider options for a TTC administered recycling scheme

It was **RESOLVED** that blister pack and other TTC administered recycling schemes be removed from the Climate and Nature agenda.

CN2526.21.01: SG to contact local retailers to again reiterate the public demand for blister pack recycling facilities in the town.

CN2526.22 To consider options for the remaining 2025-26 budget spending and suggested 2026-27 budget

- It was **RESOLVED** that the remaining budget for 2025-26 can be used as suggested, with the addition of £500 to be used to purchase and site swift boxes.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the requested budget for 2026-27 be increased to £10,250, comprised of an additional £1000 for ecological surveying and management plans, £500 for further swift box purchase and installation and an additional £250 for events expenses (to support a potential volunteer networking group)

CN2526.22.01: SG to contact the Bristol Swift Group for advice about swift box purchase and siting and to discuss the potential for a Thornbury Swift Group.

CN2526.23 To note dates for the Thriving Nature Working Group meetings

The dates for the Thriving Nature Working Group were noted.

CN2526.23.01: It was noted that the proposed November date clashes with another Council meeting. SG to send out a poll to Committee members regarding alternative dates.

CN2526.24 To consider Thornbury Castle tree planting plans

Cllr Kath Greenman explained that Thornbury Castle are keen to work with the local community on tree planting in their grounds. Options for this will be taken forward via Thornbury in Bloom.

CN2526.25 To note the deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda is Tuesday 2 December 2025.

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