

THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 7:30pm at Council Chamber, Town Hall

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

CN2627.18 To note any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were noted from Danny Bonnett, Ella Wiggans (Sustainable Thornbury), Emma Young (Plastic Free Thornbury) and Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers).

CN2627.19 To receive any members' declaration of interest.

No declarations of interest were made by members.

CN2627.20 To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda.

There were no representations from the public.

CN2627.21 To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee held on 16 June 2026 as an accurate record of the proceedings and the minutes were signed by the Vice Chair.

Proposed by Cllr. Rowe, seconded by Cllr. Greenman, unanimously agreed.

CN2627.22 To consider the decarbonisation road map and a recommendation to Full Council regarding decarbonisation measures.

The committee discussed how TTC operations could be made more resilient in extreme weather conditions, such as those experienced this summer. A summary of the kinds of measures that may be needed is included in the Decarbonisation Road Map (Section 12.4).

CN2627.22.1: SG to talk with the Facilities Manager about practical ways to retrofit existing buildings to better cope with heatwaves.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend the adoption of the Decarbonisation Road Map and the related capital spend to Full Council.

Proposed by Cllr. Gilroy, seconded by Cllr. Rowe, unanimously agreed.

CN2627.23 To receive an update on the 2026-27 Climate and Nature budget and consider the reallocation of some of the budget between spend items.

An update on the Climate and Nature budget was **NOTED**. The Committee **RESOLVED** to reallocate the budget spend items as suggested in the Officer Report.

Proposed by Cllr. Gilroy, seconded by Cllr. Greenman, unanimously agreed.

CN2627.24 To receive an update on the Watermark Town scheme.

The update on the Watermark Town scheme was **NOTED**. Cllr. Tyrell suggested that participation in the scheme would benefit from more publicity, perhaps via videos.

CN2627.24.1: SG to discuss Watermark Town publicity with the Communications Officer.

CN2627.25 To receive an update on the Memorial Woodland plans and consider a recommendation to Full Council regarding delegated spending powers.

The update on the Memorial Woodland project was **NOTED**. The Committee **RESOLVED** to request delegated spending powers for the remaining phase one budget from Full Council, with everyday spending decisions (in compliance with the Financial Regulations) in turn delegated to Officers.

Proposed by Cllr. Tyrell, seconded by Cllr. Rowe, unanimously agreed.

CN2627.26 To consider options for a Tiny Forest/Edible Forest for Thornbury.

The Tiny/Edible Forest agenda item was deferred until the October meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee, due to the Chair's absence.

CN2627.27 To consider potential Climate and Nature projects for 2027-28.

The Committee considered various potential projects for the Climate and Nature budget for 2027-28.

Projects shortlisted for costing were as follows:

- Further rainwater harvesting projects
- Provision of ponds and watery habitats

- Collaboration with the Streamside Walk improvement project to open more watery wildlife corridors
- Composting courses/awareness for residents
- Public water fountains
- More bicycle racks at the Mundy Playing Fields
- Events and engagement
- Green roofs

The Committee requested that the next meeting focus largely on budget and delivery priorities for the next financial year.

CN2627.28 To note that the deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda is Tuesday 6 October 2026.

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

CN2627.29 To note that the date of the next meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee is Tuesday 20 October at 19.30.

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

The next Thriving Nature working group takes place on Tuesday 24 November at 19.00.

Meeting concluded at 20.35.