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## Minutes

**Meeting of** : Environment and Climate Committee  
**Date** : 1 July 2024  
**Meeting held in** : The Guildhall, Salisbury  
**Commencing at** : 6.30pm

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Present:

Chair: Cllr J Wells    Vice Chair: A Riddle

Cllrs: J Bolwell, S Charleston, S Hocking, J Nettle and C Stanway

Officers: Asa Thorpe, Marc Read and Beth George

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### **124. Election of the Chairman:**

The Chairman of the Council called for nominations for the Chairman of the Environment and Climate Committee. Cllr S Hocking was nominated by Cllr J Nettle. There were no seconders. Cllr A Riddle nominated Cllr J Wells and Cllr J Bolwell seconded. No other nominations were made, therefore it was;

#### **Resolved that:**

672.1. Cllr J Wells is elected as Chairman of the Environment and Climate Committee.

### **125. Election of the Vice Chairman**

The Chairman of the Environment and Climate Committee called for nominations. Cllr J Wells nominated Cllr A Riddle. Cllr S Charleston seconded. No other nominations were received, therefore it was;

#### **Resolved that:**

673.1. Cllr A Riddle was elected as Vice Chairman of the Environment and Climate Services Committee.

**126. Apologies:**

126.1. Apologies have been received by Cllr C Hibbert

**127. Public Questions/Statement Time:**

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

**128. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:**

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

**129. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting of Environment and Climate Committee held on 11 March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**130. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr J Nettle declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 17 because he is the Chair of Broken Bridges Nature Reserve Limited.

**131. Dispensations:**

No dispensations were requested.

**132. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman made no announcements.

**133. Environmental Services Update:**

The Head of Environment Services, Marc Read, provided a verbal update on the work provided by the Environment Services Team covering the departments of Streetscene, Estates, CCTV, and the Crematorium and Cemeteries. It was;

**Resolved that:**

133.1. The verbal update was noted.

**134. Environmental Policy Action Plan Update:**

The Head of Environmental Services provided a verbal update on the completed and upcoming actions of the department. Cllr Nettle congratulated Marc Read

and his team on the presentation and the council asked questions. Cllr J Bolwell commented that F3 now provides food for the Community Fridge too. It was;

**Resolved that:**

134.1. The report was noted.

**135. Unauthorised Encampment Policy & Procedure:**

Marc Read provided a report introducing a new policy and procedure from the Head of Environmental Services, in relation to Unauthorised Encampments on Council Land. Cllr J Wells said residents were very grateful for the swift resolution of the last unauthorised encampment. It was;

**Resolved that:**

135.1. The committee approve the Unauthorised Encampment Policy & Procedure with consideration of the 2025/26 budget allocation.

**Proposed by:** Cllr S Charleston

**Seconded by:** Cllr J Bolwell

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**.

**136. Motion – Cllr Rogers: (moved to during Marc’s presentation)**

The committee considered a motion from Cllr Ricky Rogers, Councillor for Fisherton and Bemerton Village regarding weed growth in Bemerton Village. It was;

**Resolved that:**

136.1. This Council produces a workable plan to deal with the out-of-control footpath/road kerb line weed growth across all wards.

**Proposed by:** Cllr S Hocking

**Seconded by:** Cllr J Nettle

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**.

**137. Motion – Cllr Bolwell:**

The committee considered a motion from Cllr Jenny Bolwell, Councillor for Fisherton and Bemerton Village, regarding groundworks in her ward. It was;

**Resolved that:**

137.1. This Council produces a workable plan to deal with Grounds Maintenance work across all wards.

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**.

**138. Unit 1A Tollgate Road:**

To receive a report from the Head of Environmental Services, setting out details relating to one of its assets, Unit 1A Tollgate Road and the agreement put in place to lease it. It was;

**Resolved that:**

138.1. The report was noted.

**139. Tollgate Road Depot Costs:**

The committee received a report from the Head of Environmental Services, regarding the costs associated with the purchase and renovation works from the Council's new depot. There were questions regarding the estimations previously given and whether more capital budget was required for the depot. It was;

**Resolved that:**

139.1. The report was noted.

**140. Broken Bridges Nature Reserve presentation and request for match funding from S106 funds: (brought forward to middle of Marc's update)**

The council received a question from Cllr Nettle regarding Broken Bridges Nature Reserve. Pam Rouquette, Founder Director of Broken Bridges Nature Reserve Ltd addressed the council. She explained some of the concerns that residents have regarding the current state of the nature reserve and expanded on the plans of the not-for-profit. It was;

**Resolved that:**

Cllr J Nettle would prepare a report for Full Council in November with officer support.

**Proposed by:** Cllr J Wells

**Seconded by:** Cllr C Stanway

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**.

**141. Budget Monitoring Outturn Report for 2023/24:**

Due to an error on the website, the accompanying report was made public, but the incorrect agenda was shown online. For this reason, it was not discussed at this committee meeting.

**142. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:**

No matters were raised.

There were 2 members of the public and no members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 8:28pm

Cllr J Nettle left the meeting at 8:09pm.