



STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee on Monday 28th May, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

Present:

Councillors: Deborah Curtis, Marcus Dixon, Simon Macgregor, Val Randell, Keith Terry (Committee Vice Chair) and Theresa Watt.

Also present: Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk),

Due to the absence of the Committee Chair, Neil Gibbs, the meeting was chaired by Keith Terry (Committee Vice Chair).

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed, or recorded.

E/787 To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Neil Gibbs (Committee Chair).

E/788 Cllr Theresa Watt proposed Cllr Deborah Curtis as Chair; this was seconded by Cllr Marcus Dixon. All voted in favour.
Cllr Deborah Curtis was elected as Chair.

E/789 Cllr Theresa Watt proposed Cllr Val Randell as Vice Chair; this was seconded by Cllr Simon Macgregor. All voted in favour.
Cllr Val Randell was elected as Vice Chair.

E/790 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.


E/791 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 29th April.

Committee APPROVED the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

E/792 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £0; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £6,864.10 and Reserve Expenditure of £0.

E/793 To support the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal.


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Committee RESOLVED to write to Parliament to give support for the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal.

E/794 To consider the request by Virgin Media to install a VHUB cabinet on a grass verge on the High Street owned by Stonehouse Town Council.

Committee RESOLVED to respond to the request by Virgin Media with the following points:

- Cabinets are to be painted green to match the existing one on the proposed Town Green site.
- An annual rental fee of £1000 is agreed.

Officers will await a response and refer the matter back to council.

Cllrs Curtis and Dixon declared an interest in the following 2 agenda items and although took part in the discussions, abstained from voting.

E/795 To approve the purchase, from earmarked reserve, of a wireless CCTV camera and associated equipment for use on the Ship Inn site, at a cost of £537.16 plus VAT.

Committee APPROVED the purchase of a wireless CCTV camera and associated Equipment at a cost of £537.16 plus VAT.

E/796 To approve financial support, from earmarked reserve, up to £700 for Ship Inn site consultation event.

Committee APPROVED financial support, from earmarked reserves, of up to £700 for Ship Inn site consultation event.

E/797 To comment on planning applications.


S.24/0752/FUL 1 Crescent Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse

Siting of two shipping containers for storage (retrospective).

Comment: No objections as long as no chemicals are stored in the container that could leak into the water course.

E/798 To receive Working Groups updates. Members may wish to note any reports from the following:

Comms - Not met. Meeting scheduled for 30th May.


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Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station - Not met

Canal Rejuvenation - Not met. A meeting is being arranged with Mike Lambert (Director of Stroud Valleys Canal Company) and Cllrs Dixon, Curtis and Callinan)

Transport and Highways - Not met.

Public Rights of Way - Not met.

Recreation - Not met.

E/799 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

Committee NOTED the latest planning decisions.

E/785 To approve communications in support of the meeting's decisions.

To communicate the support of the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal.

E/786 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 1st July 2024.

Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting.

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Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 21/05/24 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

	2024/2025	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
2010 In Bloom					
2010/1 Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/2 Non-Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/3 Watering Services	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/4 Other	£0.00	£0.00	£231.04	-£231.04	100.00%
2010 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£231.04	-£231.04	100.00%
2050 Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1 Goodwill	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,000.00	-100.00%
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-100.00%
2050/3 Other	£3,000.00	£0.00	£270.00	£2,730.00	-91.00%
2050/4 Communications	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050 Total	£9,300.00	£0.00	£270.00	£9,030.00	-97.10%
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Planning Specialist Advice					
2090/1	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Total Town Environment Committee	£58,100.00	£0.00	£6,864.10	£51,235.90	-88.19%

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INCOME					
Town Environment Committee					
200 Stonehouse in Bloom	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205 Event Income/Donations					
205/1 Events	£1,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,200.00	-100.00%
205/2 Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205 Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,200.00	-100.00%
210 Planting Sponsorship	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
215 Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Total Town Environment Committee	£1,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,200.00	-100.00%
EXPENDITURE					
Town Environment Committee					
1190 Amenity Areas					
1190/1 Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£27,500.00	£0.00	£4,750.00	£22,750.00	-82.73%
1190/2 Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	-100.00%
1190/3 Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£3,000.00	£0.00	£569.20	£2,430.80	-81.03%
1190/4 Public Space Improvements	£5,300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,300.00	-100.00%
1190/5 Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£3,500.00	£0.00	£263.86	£3,236.14	-92.46%
1190/6 Waste Collection	£5,500.00	£0.00	£780.00	£4,720.00	-85.82%
1190 Total	£46,800.00	£0.00	£6,363.06	£40,436.94	-86.40%
2000 Christmas Lights	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	-100.00%
2005 Climate Change	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%

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