



Notes of the meeting of the Environmental Working Group at Banwell Youth & Community Centre, 7:15pm on Monday 2nd of June 2025.

PRESENT: Councillors Steve Voller (Chairman), Simon Arlidge, Mike Bailey (Vice-chairman), Paul Harding and Kelly Smith

Officers Present: Liz Shayler (Clerk) and Amy Symonds (Environment and Biodiversity officer)

Members of the public Present: 3

The meeting was convened.

001/25 To elect a Chairman (agenda item 1)

Councillor Voller was elected as chairman.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded

002/25 To elect a Vice-chairman (agenda item 2)

Councillor Bailey was elected as Vice-chairman

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded

003/25 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 3)

Apologies were received from Councillor Manley

004/25 To receive declarations of interest (agenda Item 4)

No interests were declared.

005/25 To agree the minutes from the Sustainability Working Group on the 2nd of February 2023 (agenda item 5)

Resolved – The minutes of the Sustainability Working Group on the 2nd of February 2023 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record

006/25 To note the terms of reference for the Environment Working Group. (Page 2) (agenda item 6)

The Environment and Biodiversity officer talked through the terms of reference, and they were noted.

007/25 Introduction to the Environment and Biodiversity Officer (Page3-6) (agenda item 7).

The Environment and Biodiversity officer gave a brief presentation on her role as an officer. No questions were received.

**008/25 To consider opportunities in relation to the parish council green spaces (owned or leased)
(Agenda item 8).**

- (i) **Nature**
- (ii) **Community**

The group gathered informally around a shared table for a collaborative discussion. While the focus was intended to be on Parish Council owned or leased green spaces, all ideas were welcomed.

To help structure the discussion, overlapping circles were used, one each for community and nature, with the overlap between the two. Ideas were recorded on post it notes and placed within the relevant sections of the circles.

The full list of suggestions is available on request. These, alongside the ecologist's recommendations, will be brought back for discussion and prioritisation at the next meeting.

009/25 Date of the next meeting (agenda item 9)

Monday 7th of July 2025 7:15pm Environment Working Group Meeting at the YCC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00pm

.....Chairman

.....Date