#### **STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

# MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON Tuesday, 04 March 2025 AT 6.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL, STAMFORD

#### **PRESENT**

Cllr Bret Allibone (Chair) Cllr Amanda Wheeler (Vice Chair)

Cllr Jon Lott Cllr Lisa Brewin
Cllr Yvette Díaz-Muñoz Cllr Max Sawyer

**ABSENT:** Cllr Kelham Cooke (Ex Officio) Cllr Luke Chilman

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mark Murtagh-Mayors Officer Cllr Julia Ohela

**ALSO PRESENT** 9 members of the public

#### **Public Representations**

A very thorough and detailed verbal report was given by Sleaford Repair Café. Sleaford Repair Cafes are run by Sleaford Climate Action Network and are held every 2 months in the Riverside Church Hall on Southgate. Electrical appliances, mechanical items, small items of furniture, bicycles, I.T, clothing, textiles and some toys can be repaired by the team of fixers, depending on availability. They encourage new fixers to join their dedicated team.

#### 500. Apologies for Absence

None reported

#### **501.** Declarations of Interest

Nothing to report.

### 502. Updates on actions from last meeting

No updates to report from last meeting, these would be covered within the agenda items.

### 503. Biodiversity Project - tree planting, wildflowers, bird & bat boxes

The grant application for this project was submitted to SKDC and had been approved, the grant is to plant trees and shrubs on the town meadows, wildflower planting in the cemetery and also the production of 30 bird boxes and 10 bat boxes by Stamford College which will be stored at the cemetery. The hedge planting is scheduled to take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. On this day rubbing posts would also be installed at the meadows. Cllr Wheeler stated that schools would be encouraged to participate in the planting process.

# 504. Energy Action Plan - grant application & next steps

The Chair explained that contact had been made with Net-Zero Hub, they were particularly interested in Stamford as the challenges and restrictions of being a conservation town, there would be the possibility of getting local businesses involved. The Chair & Vice Chair had a meeting with Burghley Sustainability Officer about

working together on Energy plan and other climate initiatives and agreed to stay in touch.

# 505. Great Big Green Week – June

Stamford Town Council have been approached by SKDC regarding this event which will take place between 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June. Ketton Green Festival will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June and various events within the village have been organised. The Committee discussed the possibility of screening an appropriately themed film during this week

## 506. Climate Projects

Cllr Wheeler emphasised the climate projects need to dated and targeted, The Chair had been in touch with the Communications Officer and some work needed doing to the document and a general tidy up required. Chris Wood (member of public)submitted a **Consumption and waste calculations and recommendations** document which will be incorporated into the 5 year plan.

## 507. Mercury columns

Sustainable farming featured in this months column, it was suggested that this month should be a call for volunteers regarding the Biodiversity Project and going forward a push for Great Big Green Week. New Councillor Julia Ohela would also be preparing an article regarding sustainable businesses in Stamford.

# 508. Future Agenda items

#### 509. Closure

The meeting closed at 8.19pm. The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (to be confirmed).