



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2023 via Microsoft Teams call**

Attendees: Bruce Penson (Chair)                      Lara Beattie                      Jeremy Yates

Apologies: Cllr Peter Graves                      Rupert Devereux                      Chris Lacey                      Dave Peet  
Tracey Haskins                      Sarah Brown                      Salvatore Diliberto

ITEM	DETAIL	ACTION
1.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from the meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were approved.</li> </ul>	
2	<b>Woking Council update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Climate change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</b> – further to public and stakeholder consultation conducted during the summer, the final SPD is now due to go through committee processes this month for approval.</li> <li><b>Secure cycle storage close to station</b> – WBC received funding through South Western Railways (SWR) Community Fund - consultation underway for suggested locations – open until 19 November – see <a href="#">Woking Train Station Secure Cycle Parking Project   Woking Community Forum</a></li> <li><b>Surrey Heathland Partnership</b> is running a series of conservation volunteering days at local heaths and corporate volunteer days available on request. See <a href="#">Calling all heathland habitat helpers! - Planet Woking</a></li> <li><b>Climate Emergency UK Climate scorecards</b> – local authority league table of climate action. Good news <a href="#">Woking continues to lead the way on climate change   Woking Borough Council</a></li> <li><b>Background work ongoing for Climate Change Strategy, the accompanying Climate Emergency Action Plan update</b>, monitoring etc.</li> <li><b>Planet Woking Wildlife Gardening Guide and top tips infographic completed and published</b> <a href="#">Planet Woking Wildlife Gardening Guide - Planet Woking</a></li> <li><b>WBC Corporate service review consultation</b> (<a href="#">Service review consultation   Woking Community Forum</a>) open until 12 November seeking views on potential changes to specific services as well as all services, including those environment related, via the medium term financial strategy question. We encourage you to take the opportunity to respond.</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>WEAct update:</b> No one present from WEAct to provide an update.	
4.	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEAct November Repair Café date: 11 November – see <a href="#">Woking Repair Cafe (wokingenvironmentaction.com)</a></li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Resources for website:</b> Nothing to add.	



6.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruce to add dates for next meetings.</li> <li>• Bruce to discuss how we can better communicate content from Environment committee meetings to the rest of the chamber.</li> <li>• Jeremy asked whether the council had anyone who could come to speak to the air cadets on sustainability. Suggestions:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Woking Environment Action (email: <a href="mailto:hello@wokingenvironmentaction.com">hello@wokingenvironmentaction.com</a> – Rupert Devereux sometimes attends the Environment Committee meetings and mentioned the offer to give talks).</li> <li>○ Also might be worth contacting Surrey CC’s Eco Schools team as the ambition of that programme seems to tie in with that outlined by Jeremy at the meeting. See <a href="http://Eco-schools - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)">Eco-schools - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)</a> for contact details.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	BP BP
7.	<p><b>Dates for next environmental committee meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 12.30 pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 12.30 pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 12.30 pm</li> </ul>	