WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET
WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST 2024

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm
Meeting Concluded: 8.25 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Caroline Reynolds (Chair), Ray Armstrong, Joe Bambridge, Peter Crew (VC), Owen James, Justyna Peak-Michalowicz, Richard Tucker and Tim Taylor.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Samantha Bishop (Democratic Services Manager), Rebecca Saunders (Civic & Committee Officer), Steve Clarke (Arboricultualist Consultant) and Reece Sourter (Member of Public).

98	**Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitution** None were received, it was noted that Councillors Martin Williams, John Carson and Jo Bambridge were absent from the meeting.
99	**Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest received.
100	**Minutes of the previous Planning Committee Meeting held on 24th July 2024** The minutes from the previous meeting held on 24th July had been previously circulated. A spelling error was noted on page 2 paragraph 2 of (round to be replaced with Road). **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Ray Armstrong **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Timothy Taylor **RESOLVED:** That with the above amendment, the minutes of the 24th July 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair. *7.02 pm Councillor Joe Bambridge joined the meeting*
	At this point in the meeting, the Chair brought forward items:

101	**8b Progress on Roadmap to Zero from Steve Clark (Jack Pine) and** **9. To consider the Green Infrastructure Strategy – To receive a verbal report from Steve Clark (Jack Pine) Arboricultualist Consultant** Steve Clark (Jack Pine) Arboricultualist Consultant reported that the Green Infrastructure had been written to enable the aim of the previous Climate Change Working Party to plant 10,000 trees by 2030 and to manage open spaces in the Town to increase bio diversity. Seeking approval to continue with strategy with the aim to: • Work with Grounds Manager to explore planting in open spaces • Write SMART (Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time Restrained) Objectives • Compile net gain-which is now compulsory for Town Councils. • Complete the document with measurable marks It was suggested to coincide the Strategy with the Council's Play Strategy, currently being undertaken to include planting trees in parks to provide shade and maintaining hedgerows for safety, maintenance and addressing anti-social behaviour issues. It was noted that North Somerset Council had an aim to plant 30,000 trees through the whole district, which included Weston-super-Mare and that further match funding from North Somerset Council had not been received. **PROPOSED BY**: Councillor Peter Crew **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Owen James A vote was taken and **carried** **RESLOVED**: To approve and continue with the Green Infrastructure Strategy, receiving bi-monthly updates. *7.29 pm The Chair thanked Steve Clark for his report and he left the meeting.* *7.29 pm Councillor Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz left meeting.*
102	**PLANNING** **Matters for Consideration** **a) Disabled Parking Bays Applications** The committee considered the following applications, noting ward councillors' comments and objections from members of the public received: 1. 170, Drove Road- No ward Councillors comments were received – No Objection **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Timothy Taylor **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Owen James A vote was taken and **carried** *7.32 pm Councillor Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz returned to the meeting.* **RESOLVED:** To inform North Somerset of the Town Council's response.

103	**North Somerset Local Plan Update** The current Local Plan link had been forwarded to members. It was noted that this was held up by North Somerset Council's housing allocations and members were concerned regarding the current zero rated CIL (Community infrastructure levy) implications, on building in the town centre and whether this was to continue. It was noted that CIL funding for town councils was 15% and 25%, with a Neighbourhood Plan. **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Peter Crew **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Joe Bambridge A vote was taken and **carried** **RESOLVED:** That the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk to write to the Chief Planning Officer on behalf of the Committee regarding their concerns on the current zero rated CIL funding on building in the town centre and whether this was to continue.
104	**Matters for Noting** **a) Street Trading** **RESOLVED:** That the Delegated Decision of No Objection taken for the Sea Shanty Event, taking place in the Italian Gardens Weston-super-Mare, between 2-4 August 2024 inclusive be noted. **b) Planning Application amendment** **RESOLVED:** That the Planning Application Amendment for 23/P/1669/RM – Weston Airfield Phase 2 Primary School Land South of the Runway,Haywood Village, WsM be noted.
105	**Planning Applications and other Planning Matters submitted to the Town Council for consideration.** The Committee considered applications in respect of the weekly lists provided by North Somerset Council dated**:** *8.00 pm Councillor Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz left the meeting.* **a) 15th July – 21st July 2024** **b) 22nd July – 28th July 2024** **c) 29th July – 4th August 2024** **d) 5th August – 11th August 2024** **RESOLVED:** That the Town Council's comments on planning applications be directly uploaded to 'Uniform' website as part of the system of work requirement by North Somerset Council. This information would also be reflected on the Town Council's website with hyperlink back to North Somerset Council's website for referral purposes.
106	**ENVIRONMENTAL** **Progress on the Roadmap to Zero** a) The report of the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk had been previously circulated.

	Members noted that the previous role of Climate and Community Development Officer monitored the Roadmap to Zero statistics, which included the monitoring of utilities across all council sites, to understand the change in usage year on year. Following the removal of this role, the work was no longer carried out. The work was essential to understanding where the council was in relation to its goal of Carbon Neutral by 2030. The purpose of the report was to provide the current position (at the last evaluation date November 2023), and provide direction for ongoing monitoring. It was noted that the work done at 32 Waterloo Street and the Museum had worked towards the aim. The resilience of training only one volunteer was raised as a potential risk by a member. **RESOLVED:** To note actions to move forward with the administration and monitoring of the roadmap to zero
107	**To receive the Climate Data from Community Projects** Climate Data for the Community Fridge had been previously circulated. Members noted the report and requested to see a list of all community projects in motion at the next meeting. **RESOLVED:** 1. That the Climate Data report for the Community Fridge be received. 2. That a list of all Community Projects, showing their aims and progress be reported to the next meeting.
	There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 pm. Signed……Dated …… Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee