

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

10th December 2025

Cllr Collins (in the Chair)

A Collins (P)
L Fogg-Rogers (P)

D Eldridge (A)
S Hancock (P)

Also in attendance: Cllr Bruce and two members of the public

94.12/25 Evacuation Procedure

Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area - Noted

95.12/25 Apologies

Cllr Eldridge

96.12/25 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

None

97.12/25 Public participation

A new member of the public introduced himself. He volunteers for BART as a BART Beacon, so gave the committee some information on that. Another member of the public mentioned a TV drama well worth watching on Sunday evenings which he found very powerful in showing the problem with plastic in the ocean.

98.12/25 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2025 were agreed and signed.

99.12/25 Action Update

- C&NA reported the Severn Wye talk is scheduled for 16th December. This has been publicised.
- C&NA and Cllr Hancock reported on the success of the planting event at Flaxpits Lane.
- C&NA reported that the website is nearly there, a few updates are required. **C&NA to share QR code to go on signs and to chase web admin to complete final amendments.**
- C&NA reported that we still haven't heard back from Protect Earth about the land near Huckford Quarry. **Cllr Fogg-Rogers suggested approaching FoA; C&NA to action.**
- Cllr Collins reported that the relationship with UWE is good; the environmental studies group will be using the land at Frenchay for various projects and we should be getting a research student to help us look at biodiversity net gains.

- 100.12/25** To discuss the tree planting and care/maintenance programme
C&NA advised that we cannot get a grant from Forest of Avon for the trees at Whiteshill Common as we have already had funding for this site. **C&NA to write a cost proposal for the next Full Council meeting and to ask the Clerk to add it to the agenda.**
C&NA also advised that Avon Wildlife Trust have agreed to provide fruit trees for the triangle on the small common. **C&NA to chase.**
- 101.12/25** To agree Duck Pond Management Plan
Duck pond management plan agreed. **C&NA to put on website.**
Cllr Hancock updated on the current issues with the duck pond – the algae has caused the fish to die but the straw that has been put in the pond is helping. **Cllr Hancock to investigate a company to carry out independent testing of the water quality.**
- 102.12/25** To consider and agree on supporting Watermark Scheme
Agreed. **Cllr Collins and Cllr Eldridge to report back result from applying and if we are successful it will be added to the next Full Council agenda.**
- 103.12/25** To agree when/how to launch new LNAP
Agreed that it should be launched asap. **C&NA to add to website and to share on social media and highlight that one of our aims is to protect green belt land.**
- 104.12/25** To consider and make agreement on whether to make Climate and Nature Administrator role a permanent position
Agreed.
- 105.12/25** To note any other items from members
Cllr Collins reported that One Planet Matters will be organising a fruit tree pruning session in Frenchay.
Cllr Fogg-Rogers reported that Frome Valley Environmental Network have applied to become a “Guardian of the Frome”. If successful they will get a grant of £500 and hope to run some events along the river which they will link up with the parish council.

Meeting concluded: 8.31pm