

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

10th December 2025

Cllr Collins (in the Chair)

A Collins (P) D Eldridge (A)
L Fogg-Rogers (P) 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 frees 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 Hanock 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