

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

14th January 2026

Cllr Fogg-Rogers (in the Chair)

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

D Eldridge (P)
S Hancock (P)

Also in attendance: One member of the public

105.01/26 Evacuation Procedure

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

106.01/26 Apologies

Cllr Collins

107.01/26 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Fogg-Rogers and Cllr Hancock declared that they are part of Frome Valley Environmental Network which is relevant as we are considering a proposal from another member of the Network later in the meeting.

108.01/26 Public participation

One member of the public who has attended previously joined us for part of the meeting.

109.01/26 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2025 were agreed and signed.

110.01/26 Action Update

- Duck pond – the straw bales seems to have helped with the algae problem which was causing the fish to die. Cllr Hancock has reservations about suggested treatments by the current provider. **Cllr Hancock to contact Environment Agency and get advice.** The committee agreed with the proposal for the verge next to the duck pond. **C&NA to clarify funding and explore options for AWT and other organisations to purchase seeds/plants etc. C&NA to put on next full council meeting agenda.**
- Website – making progress. The recent alterations look good.
- Nature signs – all agreed they look brilliant. **Cllr Fogg-Rogers to do last check over the weekend. C&NA to investigate options and costs for lecterns/boards and report back at next meeting.**
- UWE relationship – students are taking on a conservation project at Frenchay Parklands. **Cllr Collins will provide more of an update at the next meeting.**
- Watermark Scheme – it was signed off at Full Council that we can become part of the Watermark Scheme. Cllr Eldridge and Cllr Collins have a meeting with Wessex Water on Tuesday 20th at 6.30pm and will report back at the

next meeting.

- Feedback from NALC training on “Green Growth: Building a Sustainable Future Together” – C&NA gave feedback and talked about Climate Literacy Training. It costs £190 per person. Agreed that this would be good training for 2 councillors and the C&NA to do. **C&NA to put on next F&GP agenda to propose 2 councillors and C&NA to go on training.**

111.01/26 To discuss the tree planting and care/maintenance programme

- Whiteshill Common – cost proposal for planting trees approved at Full Council meeting with proviso that we try to recoup some of the costs with a sponsor a tree or dedicate a tree initiative. No objections from local residents but still waiting on final confirmation of the location of the trees by Bristol Road from the sports club. Agreed that the tree planting day will be on Saturday 21st February with Saturday 28th February as the back-up day in case the weather conditions aren't suitable. **C&NA to contact neighbour to ask if trees can be delivered to his driveway and then order trees. C&NA to also communicate with AWT to try and coordinate their planting on the same day. C&NA will also purchase the replacement tree and claim back from Forest of Avon.**
- Huckford Land – C&NA has applied for trees on this site. **C&NA to chase.**
- Woodland Trust Trees – C&NA confirmed that we will be given the small trees to give away to the community. These should be delivered the week commencing 2nd March. **C&NA to organise event at Greenfield Centre or the Pavilion in March to give trees away.**

112.01/26 To discuss and agree actions arising out of C&NA meeting with volunteers at Monks Pool/Bradley Brook/Newleaze

C&NA reported to the team about the meeting with the volunteers and gave details of work already carried out arising from that meeting. It was agreed that de-silting the pond at Newleaze is necessary. **Cllr Hancock and C&NA to look into options.** It was also agreed that a working party to re-instate steps should go ahead. **C&NA to liaise with volunteers on this and look at costs and timeframes.**

Cllr Fogg-Rogers suggested a nature day at Monks Pool in the summer. **C&NA to investigate and look at possibilities of linking up with Winterbourne Medieval Barn and St Michaels Church.**

113.01/26 To discuss and agree scything and cut/collect at Whiteshill Small Common

Agreed that we should book in the contractor who completed the works last year, ideally around a week after the scything course that is being held on the small common. **C&NA to discuss with the organiser of the course where will be best for the scything to be carried out.**

114.01/26 To discuss and agree work needed at the Dingle

Cllr Fogg-Rogers raised the need to repair the steps at the Dingle and suggested a working party. **C&NA to investigate along this with the steps needed at Bradley Brook.**

115.01/26 To discuss priority areas on Frome Valley Walkway as per correspondence from South Glos Council

Agreed that the priority area is from Huckford Quarry to Damson's Bridge. **Cllr Hancock to make contact with South Glos and report back next month.**

116.01/26 To discuss and agree whether to pay for a regular section in the Frome Valley Voice
C&NA provided costs to the committee. Problem is that the Frome Valley Voice

doesn't reach Frenchay but there may be possibility with linking up with FRA's monthly publication. Committee felt that it would really help engagement and accessibility with members of the public who don't use social media. **C&NA to investigate further and will raise again at another meeting before it's taken to F&GP.**

117.01/26 To update on Biodiversity net gains

Cllr Collins to update at next meeting and member of the public will send some contacts over.

118.01/26 To note any other items from members

C&NA advised that they will be on holiday next month but will prepare everything for the meeting as usual.

Green Film Screening is likely to be on Friday 6th March. More details to follow.

Meeting concluded: 9.05pm