

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

22nd April 2026

Cllr Collins (in the Chair)

A Collins	(P)	D Eldridge	(P)
L Fogg-Rogers	(P)	S Hancock	(A)

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

- 147.04/26** Evacuation Procedure
Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area - Noted
- 148.04/26** Apologies
Cllr Hancock
- 149.04/26** Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011
Cllr Collins – FRA
Cllr Fogg Rogers – employee at UWE and director of FVEN
- 150.04/26** Public participation
Two members of the public in attendance. One was present to update the committee and any members of the public on the work that is happening at Frenchay Parklands.
- 151.04/26** To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2026
The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2026 were agreed and signed.
- 152.04/26** Action Update
- Duck pond – C&NO updated that treatments have been put into the duckpond. **Cllr Hancock absent so no update possible on future treatment options.**
 - Tree Give-away – all agreed this event was a great success and reached members of the community we hadn't reached previously.
 - Spring Clean Litter Pick (28th March) – C&NO reported that the event was another success with new families joining in.
 - Volunteer Day in Frenchay (23rd April) – Cllr Collins and C&NO to attend tomorrow. All ready – 26 volunteers attending to do various activities and nature/history talks.
 - Winterbourne Nature Day (17th May) – C&NO reported that BART will be attending event at Monks Pool, this has been advertised and tickets available on Eventbrite. **C&NO to contact BART to get more details of activities to share on social media.**
 - Festival of Nature events (6th and 10th June) – C&NO reported that these events are now live on our Facebook page, website and Eventbrite and as of today they are being advertised through the Festival of Nature website too.

Both events have already had bookings. **C&NO to create leaflets and organise food/refreshments.**

- Frome Valley Voice section – C&NO reported that the section for the FVV will contain details of the events we've run over the last few months and details of our upcoming events and a call out for more volunteers (especially helping with watering the trees at Whiteshill Common). **Cllrs to let C&NO know if they want anything else adding.**
- UWE relationship and work at Frenchay Parklands – Cllr Collins reported that the partnership with OPM will be ending from the beginning of May (when the student's placement has come to an end). Options are actively being explored to continue the amazing work in the parklands including possible grants from the Rural Payments Agency (see item below).
- Work at Monks Pool/Bradley Brook/Newleaze/The Dingle – C&NO has emailed volunteers and connected Cllr Hancock with them. **C&NO to check in with the volunteers and Cllr Hancock on progress.**
- Carbon Literacy training – C&NO has contacted two providers and is waiting for dates.
- Tree adoption/dedication – **C&NO to take this on and investigate options and add to agenda for next month to agree.**
- Community Nature Reserve – **C&NO to put this in the FVV section if there is room. C&NO to add to agenda to firm up details for rewarding those currently involved.**
- Rota for watering trees at Whiteshill Common – C&NO has set up a WhatsApp group and done a plea for volunteers. **C&NO and Cllr Fogg-Rogers to find a date to look at the logistics of watering.**
- Rural Payments Agency – C&NO and Cllr Collins have registered and are linking up with a local agent to move forward with obtaining grants to carry out a tree management survey.
- Severn Wye Warm and Well Training – C&NO advised this is happening on 21st May at the Greenfield Centre. WPC are giving the room and refreshments for free and C&NO will be in attendance. **C&NO to suggest to Severn Wye re: linking with the library.**

153.04/26 To discuss the tree planting and care/maintenance programme

- Whiteshill Common – C&NO passed on suggestion from local resident of having a gully soakaway for new trees on the small common. **C&NO to speak to South Glos about possibility of this.** Mulching required for all new trees – C&NO organising this for the BT volunteer day on 27th April.
- Huckford Land – C&NO reported that FoA have been in touch and more information has been provided to be considered for the 2026/7 planting programme.

154.04/26 To discuss and agree next actions for Watermark Scheme

Agreed that next steps are to vote on what to spend money on and what events/social media to run. **Cllr Eldridge to come up with a plan and liaise with C&NO before next meeting.**

155.04/26 To agree spend on planting at duck pond verge

Cllr Hancock not in attendance so agreed that we would not run a planting event now as it is too late. **C&NO to check the planting plan and add to agenda of the meeting which falls a couple of months before the next item.**

156.04/26 To agree to cancel June C&N meeting as we are having the Festival of Nature event in Frenchay that evening

Agreed. **C&NO to check with Clerk and carry out necessary process.**

- 157.04/26** To agree action and spend on Tuckett Field
C&NO reported that AWT had asked permission to take soil samples from Tuckett Field. Agreed that permission can be given. Provisionally agreed to go with Option 1 from the quote for the Cut and Collect at Tuckett Field but to wait and see what comes of the soil sampling from AWT. **C&NO to give permission to AWT and to contact contractor to ask them to pencil in a date(s) for Option 1 from the quote but explain that we are waiting for report from AWT soil sampling.**
- 158.04/26** To discuss and agree whether to change the date of the August meeting
Agreed to postpone to 19th August if Cllr Hancock is in agreement. **C&NO to check with Cllr Hancock and then amend date on website.**
- 159.04/26** To discuss and agree whether to have a table at Frenchay Flower Show
Agreed to share a table with FRA and FVEN. **C&NO to get some information together for this event and for the FVEN table at Winterbourne Down Carnival on Monday 4th May.**
- 160.04/26** To discuss and agree whether to apply for Crested Newt funding
C&NO to get some more information, particularly what constitutes “work” on or around the place they live, and report back to committee before applying.
- 161.04/26** To discuss having an extra member on the Climate and Nature Committee from May onwards
Agreed to invite one more permanent member to the team and to also invite all other councillors to join the Climate and Nature Committee meeting once a year.
- 162.04/26** To consider ideas for BT volunteer day on Monday 27th April
Agreed that volunteers can do mulching of newly planted trees at Whiteshill Common and attach watering signs to the wire meshes. Volunteers will also help Estates Office to put nature signs and lecterns up at Monks Pool/Bradley Brook. **C&NO to provide instructions for mulching and putting up the signs.**
- 163.04/26** To agree on wording in letter to residents re: dumping waste at small common
Letter drafted by C&NO agreed. **C&NO to distribute letters to all local residents surrounding the Common.**
- 164.04/26** To discuss ideas for Veolia funding
More investigation needed for eligibility and to look into the Biffa grant. **Committee to investigate further.**
- 165.04/26** To update on Biodiversity net gains
Cllr Collins hasn't had any students come forward to help yet with BNG but is still investigating. **Cllr Collins to speak to Lucy Rees at South Glos re: ICAN project.**
- 166.04/26** To note any other items from members
C&NO advised the nature signs have started going in and is organising the priority order based on our upcoming events.
Cllr Collins asked if GP surgeries had been asked to attend the wellbeing day in June. **C&NO to check with Assistant Clerk**
Cllr Fogg-Rogers suggested a BioBlitz this time next year. **C&NO to add to calendar.**
Cllr Eldridge suggested we have a directory of contacts for the C&N Committee. **C&NO to start putting this together.**

Meeting concluded: 9.16pm