

**REPORT of the meeting of the Environment
Committee held 14th February 2017**

Present:

Cllrs: Matthew Stringer(Chairman)

Vincent Costello
Clare Fardell
Bob Griffin

Allan Burberry (Filnore Woods)
Brett Harrison (Thornbury Composting and Filnore Allotments)
Felicity Harrison (Sustainable Thornbury)
Judith Hurford (Tree Warden)

Mrs S Richardson (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Benj Emmerson (Family Commitment)
Helen Harrison (Out of Thornbury)
Guy Rawlinson (Other Commitment)
Pam Shipp (Out of Thornbury)
Gail Whitehead (Family Commitment)

Absent Cllr Martin Trueman

2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declaration of interests.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF MEETING OF 17.1.17

(a) Fairtrade Status

Cllr Clare Fardell reminded members of the events that would be taking place during the forthcoming Fairtrade fortnight.

(b) Seating In The Town

Members were informed that seating for Grovesend Road had been ordered.

There was nothing to report on the seats for Silver Street, Rock Street and Streamside Walk.

(c) Development of Land Adjacent to Composting Site

There was nothing to report on this item at present but it was hoped that it would be discussed briefly at the forthcoming Environment evening

(d) Wildlife in Thornbury Evening

The evening was to be held on Monday 27th February and invitations had been sent out. There was a good response and it was agreed that the deputy clerk liaise with Julie Doherty of Avon Wildlife as to the format of the evening.

(e) Walks Booklet Information

A member of Thornbury Ramblers had collected the walks booklet to investigate the walks and a member from the society had agreed to attend future Environment meetings as their representative on the committee

(f) Heritage Open Doors

Members of the working party had met and were compiling new notes for the future opening of the Town Hall for Heritage Open Doors Day.

(g) Litter Bin By Bus Stop at Grovesend Roundabout, Morton Way.

South Gloucestershire Council had agreed that it would be possible to site a bin at the location and the licence was awaited.

(h) Spring Clean 2017

Litterbusters had given two dates when they would be carrying out litter picks for the Spring Clean event but one in March would coincide with the Fairtrade fortnight events. As members would be supporting these it was agreed to attend the second date which would be April 1st. Members wishing to attend should meet in Rock Street Car Park at 9.30am

4.MATTERS IN PROGRESS

(a) Schedule of Minor Matters

The schedule had been circulated and the information noted.

5.OPERATIONAL REPORT

(a)Operational Matters

Members were informed that the uptake for this year's hanging basket scheme was looking very positive

(b)Composting Site

Brett Harrison reported that South Gloucestershire had given some monetary support for the site.

(c) Allotments Report

There was nothing to report on this item

(d) Filnore Woods

Allan Burberry reported that the Friends of Filnore woods were busy working on the boundary hedge at the lower end of the wood.

(e) **Medieval Fishponds**

A update from Historic England was awaited.

(f) **Tree Wardens Report**

Judith Hurford tabled a report and the information was noted. Members were informed that the tree planting on Oakleaze Green had been deferred until plans for the footpath across the green had been finalised.

(g) **Sustainable Thornbury**

Felicity Harrison informed members that on 1st April there would be a display of sustainable vehicles in St Mary's Centre where an electric car on display.

(h) **Footpath Warden**

.There was nothing to report on this item

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence had been received.

7. **SCHEDULE OF PUBLICATIONS**

No publications had been received.