

Minutes of Climate & Ecological Emergency Committee held on 2 nd July 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors present	E. King, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth
Other members present	R. Belcher
Apologies	S. Clemence, J. Joseph, G. Lowe, L. MacDougall
Absent	
In attendance	Climate Emergency & Resilience Officer
Public participation	0 members of the public was present and 0 members of the public spoke

1. TO ELECT A CHAIR

Cllr Smyth proposed that Cllr Roney-Dougal would be the chair for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Cllr King and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

2. TO ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIR

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that Cllr King would be the deputy chair for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr MacDougall, J. Joseph, G. Lowe and S. Clemence, owing to personal commitments. These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No interests in addition to those registered with the Monitoring Officer were declared.

5. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the chair.

6. TO REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THIS COMMITTEE

The proposed Terms of Reference were approved. MT will send out suggested draft to include reference to co-operative working, proposed by J. Joseph.

7. FINANCES: TO CONSIDER A COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT AND MAKE ANY ASSOCIATED DECISIONS REGARDING EXPENDITURE NOT OTHERWISE LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The budget report was reviewed and accepted.

8. TO CONSIDER LANDSCAPE PROTECTION DESIGNATIONS

Bron Purkiss representing the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) spoke to the committee about their campaign for the Somerset Levels and Moors to become a National Park.

More information can be found on the CPRE website and at The Big Conversation! Being held at Glastonbury Town Hall, 7.30pm on Thursday 1st October.

Hosted by CPRE President, Mariella Frostrup with a panel including CPRE, Visit Somerset, Somerset Wildlife Trust and the Somerset Eel Recovery Project.

This will be a lively evening looking at the special qualities of the Somerset Levels and exploring what National Park status might mean for our landscapes, people and nature.

The event is FREE and all are welcome, but spaces are limited so please book.

9. ACTIVE TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: A361

Adrian and Laura have contacted Somerset councillor Ewan Cameron to discuss the ongoing issues with vehicles on the A361 Chilkwell St.

10. ACTIVE TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: REPORT ON OTHER MATTERS

Susannah is working on getting other parishes to join the bulk buy of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) which would mean a 50% reduction to £2,000 each.

Recommendation to full council

To consider increasing the funds committed to the purchase of another SID from £1,000 to £2,000.

Cllr M. Smyth has been in town with the Somerset Footpaths Officer. Somerset Council are replacing the wooden fencing at the top of Wick Hollow. They have also promised to replace the bridge on Godney Road that holds the footpath to the football club, which will be cleared by volunteers. Somerset Ramblers are clearing Holywell Lane.

11. ADAPT: TREE GROUP

Cllr S. Roney-Dougal reported that they met to mark possible locations for 60 trees. This will then be sent to James Chapman and then checked for utilities.

12. PROTECT NATURE: LIVING BRUE WORKING GROUP

Cllr Smyth reported that the next meeting is July 23rd. There will also be a walk along the River Brue.

13. CO-OPERATIVE FAIR

MT provided a brief report on the Glastonbury Co-operative Fair, which was considered a success. A full report can be found on the Glastonbury Town Council website.

14. REPORT FROM CLIMATE EMERGENCY & RESILIENCE OFFICER

- Glastonbury Co-operative Fair
- Working on CCIN activities including the grass cutting strategy
- Updating website information
- Living Brue newsletter
- Meetings with consultants to progress decarbonisation work
- Resilience committee on June 15th
- Working on a response to the storm flooding on June 22nd

15. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th August 2026.

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