



**Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Town Council
Environment Committee held on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at
6:30pm, held at Handforth Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllr Sam Milward, Cllr Susan Moore (Chair of the Planning Committee), Cllr Ribia Nisa & Cllr Kerry Sullivan

Also, present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Town Clerk
Four Members of the public

The video can be watched on YouTube by following this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNIRoV6ujZq24I634xDmhQ/>

- 22/14/1 To receive apologies for absence.
None.
- 22/14/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).
None.
- 22/14/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes, unless the Chairman allows otherwise.
None.
- 22/14/4 To elect a vice-chair to the Town Councils Environment Committee.

Cllr Nisa proposed herself for the position of vice chair to the Town Council Environment Committee, however failed to receive a seconder.

Motion: Failed.

Cllr Samson proposed Cllr Milward, seconded by Cllr Moore.

Motion Carried: Three in favour with one abstention.

22/14/5

To receive a report from Councillor Moore in relation to proposed work being carried out by ANSA in the South Hall Woods.

Cllr Moore reported the following:

Following the development of the Sanctuary site an amount of S106 monies have been retained by CEC designated for a programme of works in the South Hall Woods, this includes improvements to the upper path. Jones had originally indicated that a tarmac path was satisfactory, however following discussion with Ruth Morgan from ANSA this has been changed to a National Trust style path. ANSA are hoping to achieve the new path installation in September or October 2022. More recently ANSA have done extensive work to clear dead or dangerous trees from the woods, especially adjacent to the pathway. Cllr Moore had an on-site visit with Ruth Morgan to discuss the ongoing project and noted that there was an area of cleared trees that could be fenced off and made secure and used as an educational area for local school children. The overall budget for the project is circa £86,000.00 and the original quote for the pathway was £40,000.00, however owing to the increase in the cost of building materials it is anticipated that this quote will most likely increase by approximately 50%. This still leaves a substantial amount for fencing and a gate for the educational area for the school children. Cllr Moore also noted that this was once a tank track for the local MOD base in WWII R Small has kindly produced some words which Cllr Moore hoped could be turned into a plaque and mounted on lecterns at both entrances to the woods. There was also consideration for new bluebell planting, bat boxes and bird boxes which could also be purchased as part of the S106 funding.

22/14/6

MOTION: To purchase air pollutant tester up to £500 to be used to test air quality in and around Handforth (particularly outside schools).

It was considered by councillors what could be done with the collected data, and Cllr Moore noted that she hoped to encourage more School Children walking to school following collection of the results.

Cllr Nisa indicated that CEC have two pollution monitoring devices in Handforth and this data was available from CEC.

This item was subsequently deferred without a vote.

22/14/7 MOTION: To put together a working group consisting of councillors & non-councillors (no more than 10 in total) to discuss ideas for projects for Environment committee. Non-councillors to have experience, track record in environmental issues.

It was hoped meetings would take place over Zoom to allow greater participation, and that Schools might have willing volunteers.

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Resolved: Unanimously.

22/14/8 MOTION: To put out call to schools, scouts, guides etc to help with marking trees in garden village area ready for removal by Cheshire East and replanting in December and also for people to suggest areas where these trees could be planted.

Cllr Moore noted that after extensive discussion with the Handforth Garden Village Planners, along with a site visit with their environmental specialist, it had been agreed that a designated area of the site could be accessed and that saplings within this area be marked up for transplant to other sites both at a National Trust location in Styal, Wilmslow and selected areas in Handforth. Cllr Moore hoped that the costs for this would be met by S106 environmental mitigation funds from the HGV. However at this time the transplant was proposed to take place in November / December 2022 and that it was necessary to request the assistance of those interested to begin marking up the 300 to 500 saplings and have volunteers ready to plant up the trees in the new locations.

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Resolved: Unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7:19pm.

Cllr Moore (Chair of the planning committee)

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