



SUSTAINABILITY & BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 75/22

14 NOVEMBER 2022

The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to agree Terms of Reference for its Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group.

NO. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council's Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group has been holding monthly meetings for over a year with Councillor membership of Julie Hutchison, Stephen Cockett, Steve Cooper, Brian Lucas, Phil Warren and Mark Jeffries.
- b) The Group has now agreed a formal Remit for the Working Group that is attached to this Report.

2) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to adopt the attached Remit and formally appoint Councillors Julie Hutchison, Stephen Cockett, Steve Cooper, Brian Lucas, Phil Warren and Mark Jeffries as its current membership.



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REMIT

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1) ROLE

The Sustainability & Biodiversity Working Group is an Advisory Groups established by the Town Council to review areas of its work and make recommendations to the full Town Council about the management and development of the activities within its remit.

2) MEMBERSHIP

Its Membership will consist of Members appointed by the Town Council.

3) MEETINGS

- i) The Group will meet regularly at dates and times it agrees and notifies to all Members.
- ii) The Meetings' Chair will be rotated between its Members.
- iii) As the Group has no delegated powers, its meetings are not open to the public.
- iv) Notes of the meetings will be kept and circulated to all Members of the Council.
- v) Each meeting will follow the same agenda items, being:
 - o Ventnor Town Council assets and estate.
 - o Housing projects.
 - o Transport and mobility.
 - o Food growing and waste.
 - o Waste and recycling.
 - o Biodiversity.

4) RESPONSIBILITIES

- i) To discuss and suggest and seek to implement or assist with community initiatives for Ventnor residents that will:
 - o help biodiversity
 - o lower greenhouse gas emissions
 - o improve health and well-being
 - o educate and inform within its scope of activity
 - o build strong community resilience
 - ii) To share and collaborate with other town and parish councils, community groups and individuals on community projects. ~~and be open to collaborate~~
 - iii) To engage with Residents by use of Peoples Assemblies, or other inclusive methods of outreach, to gain understandings of Residents needs to assist with improving the Environment.
 - iv) To update residents of projects by way of the Town Clerk's weekly community email/local paper article
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