



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

GREEN ROOM, SALISBURY GARDENS

09.00AM

15 JULY 2025

Members present:-

Councillors: Mark Jefferies (Chair), Steve Cooper, Steve Milford, Karl Hunter

Clerk: Katherine Burden

Other Officers: Catherine Hammond

MINUTE	SUBJECT
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15/25	PUBLIC FORUM
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There were no members of the public present.

16/25	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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There was an apology received from Cllr Ian Bond.

17/25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were declarations of interest from Cllr Mark Jefferies and Cllr Steve Cooper in respect of item 10.

18/25	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 29 MAY 2025
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The Minutes of the meeting of 29 May 2025, having been previously circulated, were taken as read.

It was unanimously resolved to:

Accept the minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee meeting of 29 May 2025.

19/25	COMMUNITY ORCHARD MAINTENANCE
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The Town Clerk gave an overview of the paper. There was a discussion about the options for watering.

It was agreed that:

Staff would monitor the weather and engage the contractor to water the trees as necessary.

20/25	COMMUNITY ORCHARD WORKING GROUP
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It was agreed to:

Approve the Working Group with one of the 3 Councillors being Cllr Steve Cooper. The Town Clerk would ask other Councillors if they wish to fill the other 2 vacancies.

21/25	No.31 Bus
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Cllr Steve Milford suggested working towards a new contract in time for 1 April 2026 with a start date of 1 July 2026. It was suggested following the same pattern for the journeys. The Isle of Wight Council would want details of the number of journeys and routes. It was suggested that the current 3 days could be extended to 4 days to run on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Cllr Milford suggested starting to put a contract together to look at the daily rate.

It was agreed:

Set up a Working Group for the No.31 Bus to progress the tendering process and grant discussions. The Town Clerk to draft a Terms of Reference for the next meeting.

22/25 PEST CONTROL AT THE PUTTING GREEN AND BONCHURCH POND

It was agreed:

- a) Renew the annual contract with Hillbans for the Putting Green.
 - b) Arrange for pest control with Hillbans for Bonchurch Pond.
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23/25 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

There was some discussion about the grounds maintenance areas. It was suggested that there is a discussion with the Isle of Wight Council.

It was agreed that:

VTC Officers would review the grounds maintenance areas with the view to forming a tender package for a new contract.

24/25 MOSAICS

It was agreed to:

Place the mosaics at the Paddling Pool.

25/25 FREE PARKING VENTNOR CARNIVAL

It was noted that the Cricket Club, Royal British Legion and Pirate Fest would also be holding events on that day.

It was agreed to:

Free Parking in the Ventnor Town Council Car Parks (Dudley Road, Market Street, Pound Lane and Shore Road Car Parks) on Friday 15 August between 10am and 6pm to assist Ventnor Carnival and support other events in Town that day.

26/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 30 September at 9am.

The meeting closed at 10.08am

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR

DATE
