

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

Climate Change Working Group

Notes of meeting held on 8 June 2026

Via TEAMS

Start: 10:03 End: 10:40

In attendance:

Councillors: J Fradgley, Petrovic, Rashwan, Duck

Officer: Lisa Campion

Apologies: None received

1. To appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2026/27

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr J Fradgley be appointed as Chair and Cllr L Petrovic be appointed as Deputy Chair.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Coles.

3. Disclosures of Interests

Cllr Petrovic declared an interest as a Volunteer for Net Zero and also as a member of Staff for Cllr M Perteghella MP.

4. To approve the notes of the meeting held on 27 April 2026

It was proposed, seconded and

Agreed: That the Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on 27 April 2026 be approved as a correct record.

5. Update on Grants

There was some confusion regarding which grant application form should be used. It was noted that an application form had been received from Net Zero, and members were content to approve the amount requested, subject to authorisation from the Town Clerk. Net Zero would be asked to use the Town Council branding as a co-host to show how we are supporting them.

It was agreed that LC would circulate the correct grant application form to the panel, together with the sample form that had previously been used for the

Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations.

Members agreed that both forms should be shared with the panel for review. The group will consider and agree the appropriate format as a committee before submitting the recommendation to the next Town Council meeting for approval.

ACTION:

**LC to share both grant forms with the group.
Submit Net Zero small grant application to the Town Clerk.**

6. Update on Solar Panels

JF has emailed Tony Guy to enquire about getting his team in to survey the Town Hall for the possibility of having panels fitted on the flat roof area.

ACTIONS:

JF to chase Tony Guy for visit information.

7. Update on the land behind Tesco

LP is awaiting a response from her emailed to Orbit. She will chase them for a response. She will also contact Cllr D Curtis and Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) for their thoughts on their contribution to the land purchase. It was suggested that invitations be extended to Cllr Curtis (SDC), Stephen Norrie (Net Zero) and Richard Popple (Stratford Town Trust) to attend the next Climate Change meeting, which will be held in-person at the Town Hall on 20 July 2026.

ACTION:

LP to chase Orbit and SDC for responses to her emails.

8. Update on Green Week

JF reshared the Town Council would be exhibiting at the Crowne Plaza on the 12th June. LC and ZR had worked on information to be displayed at the exhibition. JF would collect this from the Town Hall.

ACTION:

JF to share photo's of updated display boards with the group.

9. Update on Stratford Swift Town

This project is progressing slowly. JF suggested writing to all primary schools in the town to gain interest in having a swift box installed on their premises. LC offered to draft a letter that could be shared with the group before it is sent out. LC to check information with the Town Clerk regarding the Open Spaces Team's insurance position on installing the swift boxes to buildings.

It was suggested that invitations be extended to Janet Palmer (Net Zero) and Bill Wright to attend the next meeting held on 20 July to discuss the Swift project further.

ACTION:

LC to draft a letter to be sent to primary schools and to share this via email to the group. LC to check with CN regarding Town Council insurance on the installation of swift boxes.

10.AOB

JF would like an update from the Open Spaces Foreman regarding the town planters. It was suggested that an invitation be extended to Tony Holt to attend the next meeting to talk about the planters further. LC informed the meeting that the plants had been purchased and would hopefully be planted this week. The Open Spaces Team had been very busy working at the Cemetery.

JF informed the meeting that the Mayor, Cllr McNaught Barrow had expressed an interest in purchasing with the help of the Climate Change Group, some herbs to be planted in the black 3 tier planter outside of the Town Hall. The planter is bid owned and JF would speak to Cllr McNaught Barrow further about this idea. Could the Climate Change Group and the Mayor share the cost of purchasing the herb plants?

JF suggested to the group the option of having solar panels installed at the Cemetery. Could LC email the Open Spaces Foreman and the Town Clerk and gauge interest for this item.

LP shared that the SDC Grants round would soon close but that another round would open up in September.

Items considered for this round of grant funding could include solar panels at the cemetery and the Swift boxes project.

ZR asked LP for an update on the purchase of land at Darlow Drive. LP will chase this matter up with the Management Company. The group enquired as to whether or not this would be the responsibility of the Devolution Working Group?

Has the Devolution Working Group met yet? Could the group have an update please. LC to discuss this with the Town Clerk.

ACTION:

LC to invite Tony Holt to attend the meeting on 20 July 2026.

LC to email the Town Clerk and Open Spaces Foreman regarding solar panels at the Cemetery.

LP to chase for an update on land at Darlow Drive.

LC to request an update from the Town Clerk regarding the Devolution Working Group.

11. Date for next meetings

Monday 20 July 2026 4pm – Town Hall (in-person)