

Minutes of the Climate & Environment Committee



Held on Monday, 11 August 2025 at 6.30pm
at Stamford Town Hall

Membership

Cllr Allibone- Chair	*	Cllr Brewin - Vice	*
Cllr Chilman	RESIGNED	Cllr Díaz- Muñoz	*
Cllr Lott	A	Cllr Ohela	A
Cllr Sawyer	*	Cllr Wheeler	*
Richard Joy - Non-Councillor Member	*	Chris Wood - Non-Councillor Member	*

Key: * - Present A - Apologies AB – Absent

Attendees

Officer: Rachael Smith – Community Events Officer

County/District Councillors: None

Members of the press: None

Members of the public: 3

CE/25/015-Apologies – To receive and consider for acceptance

Proposal 1 - Apologies with valid reasons for absence were received and it was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllrs Lott & Ohela

Proposed by Cllr Allibone		
Seconded by Cllr Sawyer		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Allibone, Brewin, Díaz- Muñoz, Sawyer & Wheeler
Against		
Abstentions		
MOTION CARRIED		

CE /25/016-To receive any Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

None received

CE /25/017-Exclusion of the Press and Public

No items required for Confidential Session

CE /25/018-Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposal 2 - It was **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee held on Monday, 09 June 2025

Proposed by Cllr Allibone		
Seconded by Cllr Sawyer		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Allibone, Brewin, Díaz- Muñoz, Sawyer & Wheeler
Against		
Abstentions		
MOTION CARRIED		

CE /25/019-Use of Delegated Powers

Nothing to Report

CE /25/020-Climate & Environment Budget Report

The committee noted the budget report. No further action was necessary.

CE /25/021-Public Participation in Meeting

Proposal 3- It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders 3F for the duration of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Allibone		
Seconded by Cllr Wheeler		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Allibone, Brewin, Díaz- Muñoz, Sawyer & Wheeler
Against		
Abstentions		
MOTION CARRIED		

CE /25/022-Update from Working Groups

- i. **Consumption and Waste** – Chris Wood shared a short update on the Consumption & Waste Working Group, highlighting the great progress made and some of the ideas and goals being developed. The group now has around seven members. Cllr Ohela is leading the food waste project and is working with local food banks. Wendy and Jane are heading up the repair project, connecting with local sewing groups and repair workshops, including the Repair Café. Chris Wood and another volunteer are also working on a repair map to help people find out where they can recycle or repair different items.
- ii. **Built Environment** - No update or progress made.
- iii. **Comms and Engagement** - Richard Joy has made substantial progress in communications and engagement, conducting regular bi-weekly meetings and establishing clear objectives with volunteers. Richard has started setting up a stakeholder matrix in preparation for a future networking event he hopes to hold at the Town Hall in October.
- iv. **Natural Environment** - No update or progress.
- v. **Emergency Preparedness** - No update or progress.

CE /25/023-To review the Climate Action Plan

The Climate Plan was reviewed and agreed that more amendments were required, Committee members are to review and to email Cllr Allibone with any recommendations or alterations.

CE /25/024 – Aqua Sacs

The committee reviewed the report as agreed by full council regarding the purchase of Aqua Sacs.

Proposal 4- It was **RESOLVED** that no Aqua Sacs would not be purchased.

Proposed by Cllr Sawyer		
Seconded by Cllr Brewin,		
In Favour	5	Cllrs Allibone, Brewin, Díaz- Muñoz, Sawyer & Wheeler
Against		
Abstentions		
MOTION CARRIED		

CE /25/025 -To discuss the Earth Build Project

The Committee discussed the Earth Building Project which aims to get 16–24-year-olds to take part in a national research project which builds skills in science, creativity and construction. There was no action from this discussion.

CE /25/026 -To discuss a C&E Networking Events

The Committee reviewed a written report from Richard Joy outlining plans for a Climate and Environment networking event. The event aims to bring together organisations that play a key role in anticipating, planning for, and responding to climate-related challenges affecting the town. It will provide an opportunity for participants to share knowledge and collaborate on potential solutions.

CE /25/027 -To discuss the Stamford and Rutland Mercury Article

The Committee discussed ideas for the upcoming climate columns. Recent contributions have included a piece from the college about their new technology centre and an article by a 10-year-old from the Youth Council on bees. It was suggested that one column could focus on cycling and its impact on mental health, while another could be written by Chris Wood on sustainability and recycling.

CE /25/028 -Update on Wildflowers & Bird and Bat Boxes

An update was received regarding the scheduled for wildflower planting. It was agreed that the planting will take place on 22nd September 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cemetery. Members of the Youth Council will be participating alongside Councillors in planting the seeds. A decision is still pending regarding the locations and date for installing the bird and bat boxes.

CE /25/029-Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.21pm

Date of next meeting – Monday, 13 October 2025

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council as a true record of the meeting.

Signature

Date