

Minutes of the meeting of the **Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee** held at the **Shire Hall** on **Wednesday 3rd June 2026** at **5.30pm**

Councillors:

Present: Cllrs. E O’Nolan, D Pegg and M Wilks.

Apologies: Cllrs. D Adelson, E Beck and N Phipps.

In Attendance: Deputy Town Clerk (Mrs B J Lloyd) and Oscar Brennecke-Dunn.

1. To elect the Chair of Committee for the Civic Year 2026/27.

Cllr. Ellie Beck was voted as Chair of the Committee.

2. To elect the Deputy Chair of Committee for the Civic Year 2026/27.

The Committee agreed to appoint Cllr. Ellie Beck as the Chair of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee for the 2026/27 Civic Year.

3. Apologies

The Committee agreed to appoint Cllr. Martin Wilks as the Deputy Chair of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee for the 2026/27 Civic Year.

4. Declarations of Member Interests.

No members made any declarations of interests in relation to items on the agenda.

5. Requests for dispensations.

There were no requests for a dispensation in relation to items on the agenda.

6. Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

7. To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held 25th March 2026.

The minutes of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee meeting held 25th March 2026 were approved as a true record.

8. To appoint Non-Council Members to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to appoint Oscar Brennecke-Dunn as a Non – Council Member of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee for the 2026/27 Civic Year.

The Deputy Clerk was asked to email the previous 2025/26 Non-Council members of the committee to ask if they wish to be appointed in 2026/27.

9. To receive a report from the Bee Café CIC on their activities during the past year and consider forthcoming funding requirements.

The Chair suspended standing orders so that Paul could talk about the Bee Cafe CIC project, he shared the website maps which highlights the locations of his bee cafes and perennial packs and his future funding requirements.

Members agreed to match fund a further 50 perennial packs for the residents of Woodbridge at £1000 for 50 packs and a further £500 to support a trial with Suffolk Highways to plant wildflower planting packs in the verges of Woodbridge. Taken from CEEC budget 5250.

Members agreed, in principle, to explore entering a contract with Bee Café CIC and mandated the Deputy Clerk and Chair of the CEEC to review the contract and make a recommendation to Town Council.

10. To consider the costs received from a local company to undertake cleaning of storm drains in Woodbridge.

Members noted the quote and asked the Deputy Town Clerk to formally approach East Suffolk Council and Services to clear the drains that have become blocked with surface debris, as they have a statutory duty to keep the drains clear.

11. To consider the quotation provided for the installation of solar panels on the Longshed.

Members of the Committee support, in principle, the installation of solar panels on the Longshed as this would :

- Add value to the Council asset.
- Improve EPC and overall carbon footprint
- Reduced energy costs and potential income generation.

Members would like to refer this item to the property working party.

The Deputy Town Clerk has been asked to seek a revised cost from Baskett Electrical to exclude the cost of a battery and to confirm whether the quote includes overall installation costs.

12. To consider items for inclusion in the CEE submission to local free papers.

This item was not considered.

13. To note the meeting schedule agreed for the Civic Year 2026/27.

Members noted the meeting schedule.

14. Closure

The meeting was closed at 6.24pm

Councillor Beck
Chair

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