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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 February 2026

Committee Members: Cllr S Ody (Chair)
Cllr A Peacock (Vice Chair)*
Cllr J Belsey (Town Mayor)*
Cllr L Gibbs
Cllr J Mockford
Cllr C Pond
Cllr S Reeves* (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr T Scott*
Cllr F Visser*

In attendance: Deputy Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1 member of the public was in attendance

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Peacock which were accepted.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

35 TO APPROVE FOR ACCURACY THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF 25 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on the 25 November 2025 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

36 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Meeting was held on the 12 February with WSCC Active Travel officers, Cllr. Ody and the Deputy Clerk. Items discussed included the Active Travel feasibility study of the town, initiated by WSCC. A site visit will be carried out in the next few months and following the completion of the report recommendations will be put forward for funding.

Mayor attending the next stage of the Young Green Britton Challenge, following his attendance in December at the launch at Imberhome School. Deputy Town Clerk will keep in contact with the organisers of the project and it was suggested that students could be invited to give a presentation to the committee and promote on social media in the future.

37 SHARED SURFACES WORKING GROUP

An update was provided noting that a meeting was held with EGTC officers, Mid Sussex District Council officers and representatives from the East Grinstead Business Association on the 19 January where a summary of the final report was presented by the consultants DWG. A further workshop meeting will be held on the 16 March to review the recommendations and consider how achievable they are moving forwards and agree the next steps, with the continuation of the Town Councils involvement.

MSDC have advised that their consultants are ready to commence the BID Feasibility Project for East Grinstead. This will involve the input of both EGBA and EGTC as key stakeholders as well as surveying local businesses. An introductory meeting is being held on the 4 March with EGTC officers, which will be followed by a visit to East Grinstead by the consultants. A copy of the work done on the Haywards Heath BID has been requested, which will be forwarded to the Committee when received by MSDC.

38 BEE THE CHANGE GARDEN DESIGN COMPETITION UPDATE

The competition will be launched within the next few weeks with the terms and conditions agreed at the previous meeting. It is recommended as the next Committee meeting will be on the 4 June (Estates & Environment), that the Committee delegate Cllr. Steve Ody and Cllr. Julie Mockford to work with officers in respect of any additional decisions that might need to be made prior to the next meeting relating to the competition.

It was noted that the competition would be promoted on social media and that if this was successful it could continue and grow in the future.

RESOLVED: Any further decisions involving the competition will be delegated to the Deputy Town Clerk and Cllrs Ody and Mockford.

39 POLLINATOR INSTALLATION UPDATE

As agreed at the previous meeting Sussex Green Living has been approached in respect of the purchase and installation of two maxi pollinator stations, and the Deputy Town Clerk is working with them to arrange installations in a suitable location, which will be at East Court and Mount Noddy Cemetery. The installation will be combined with a mini educational event whereby representatives from local schools could attend and the plan is to promote with World Bee Day.

Bloomin Arts, the charity who were looking to install some sculptures/installations at East Court have advised they were not successful with their funding bid, so the project they were working on will not proceed. However, further opportunities of working with them in the future may be possible.

The Deputy Town Clerk will engage with the local Bee Keeping Association.

40 TO NOTE ACTION LIST

Action list was noted.

It was noted that the Old Court House building seemed to be the best option for renewable energy installations, but the longer-term view of the building should also be considered.

Thanks were given to Cllr. Ody for initiating the forming of the Environmental and Sustainable Travel Committee 2 years ago, as it was noted that the Committee structure was changing from May. The work of the current committee will continue under the Estates & Environment Committee, the next meeting of which will be held on Thursday 4th June 2026 at 7.00pm.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20.06 hrs.