

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Climate Change and the Environment Committee (CCEC) held in the Council Offices on Monday 13 July 2026.

The meeting commenced at 7.23pm

PRESENT

Cllr S Woodman (Chair)

Cllr M Alligan

Cllr C Cunningham

Cllr P Lewis

In attendance: Alice Gater-Wildgust (Town Clerk), and four members of the public.

26.135 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

26.136 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved.

26.137 Matters Arising

Review of the BSTC '20 is Plenty' Event – Gala Week

It was noted that a significant amount of thought, planning and preparation had gone into the event. Members agreed that it had been a worthwhile initiative and that it would be beneficial for Budleigh Salterton Town Council (BSTC) to participate in a similar event on an annual basis.

Members noted that there appeared to be a perception amongst some attendees that the event was primarily aimed at children. It was therefore agreed that future events would benefit from improved marketing and communications to better promote the purpose of the event and its wider climate and community themes.

The Committee also noted that the event had been well supported by a number of local organisations. Particular thanks were extended to Budleigh Salterton Art Club and Ben Honey for their engagement and valuable support.

Review of the '20 is Plenty' Campaign

The Committee considered the ongoing promotion of the above and discussed opportunities to improve public engagement. It was noted that the mapped area of the 20 mph zone extends across a significant area of the town.

It was suggested that BSTC consider introducing a semi-permanent display to promote the this and other Council climate initiatives. Members noted that regularly refreshing the graphics and messaging would help maintain public interest and engagement.

Members were reminded of the commitments agreed by the Council in July 2025, which are set out in the [BSTC Climate Plan](#), and noted the importance of continuing to deliver against those agreed actions.

Following discussions, Members expressed an interest in purchasing a display board for use at future events and public engagement activities.

Resolved: that the Town Clerk make enquiries regarding suitable display boards and report back to the Committee.

Budleigh Salterton Lions Club Bank Holiday Event – 31 August 2026

The Committee considered whether BSTC should host a stall at the Budleigh Salterton Lions Club Bank Holiday Craft Fair on 31 August 2026.

Members agreed that participation would provide an excellent opportunity to engage with residents, promote the Council's Climate Plan and the 20 is Plenty campaign, and demonstrate the Council's commitment to delivering its Climate Action Plan.

Resolved:

- that the Town Clerk investigate the arrangements for booking a stall at the event;
- that details of the event be circulated to all Members of the Council to gauge availability to staff the stall; and

- that participation in the event be recognised as supporting the delivery of the objectives set out in the BSTC Climate Action Plan.

26.138 Annual Parish Meeting Feedback

Discussion:

The Committee noted that the focus groups had raised several suggestions which could be considered as potential CCEC projects.

The following ideas were discussed following receipt of ideas regarding planters:

- Installation of drought-friendly planting options around the PH.
- Installation of water butts to support sustainable watering practices.

Decision:

The Committee agreed that further investigation is required to establish what improvements could be made to the Hall planters and whether the installation of water butts would be feasible.

One member of the public left the meeting

26.139 Bike Racks

Additional Bicycle Racks within the Town

The Committee considered the merits of installing additional bicycle racks within Budleigh Salterton, including whether there is a need for increased cycle parking and potential locations for new installations.

Members noted that the provision of additional bicycle racks had previously been identified as a potential Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funded project (Minute 25.412).

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that there is a need to increase the availability of secure bicycle parking to encourage sustainable travel and support active transport within the town.

The Committee noted that, whilst bicycle racks are already provided at a number of locations throughout the town, there is scope to improve both their distribution and quality. Members considered that better-located, modern cycle parking could encourage greater use of bicycles, support sustainable travel, and enhance Budleigh Salterton's attractiveness as a cycle-friendly destination.

A number of potential locations were identified, including:

- Opposite Tesco @ Rolle Mews Car Park
- Upper Station Road Car Park;
- The Lime Kiln area at the eastern end of the seafront; and

Members recognised that some of these locations may require permissions from the relevant landowners or authorities before any installation could proceed.

Resolved:

- That the principle of installing additional bicycle racks within the town be supported.
- That the Town Clerk investigate the permissions required for the proposed locations and report back to the Committee.
- That the locations opposite Tesco, Station Road Car Park, Rolle Mews, and the Lime Kiln area be explored further for suitability and feasibility, including opportunities for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding where appropriate. The CCEC members would bring forth a proposal for agreement at a future Town Council meeting.

Funding: a proposal is required for sharing and approval of the CIL committee before agreement at full Town Council.

Two members of the public left the meeting

26.140 East Devon Local Plan to 2042

The Committee noted that Budleigh Salterton Town Council had made a comprehensive response to the Regulation 19 consultation in 2025. Members further noted that a number of amendments had subsequently been made to the draft Local

Plan, reflecting many of the concerns previously raised by the Council. In light of these changes, it was agreed that there was no further action for the Council to take at this stage and that the Committee would continue to monitor progress as the Local Plan advances.

The Committee also noted that the proposed allocation is subject to the requirement for a minimum 400-metre buffer zone between the development area and the protected habitat, as set out within the relevant planning and environmental constraints.

26.141 Ideas for the future

Bike racks

Continue with the bike rack discussions as previously agreed.

“20 is Plenty” campaign

Continue progressing the initiative as previously discussed.

CCEC links with other committees

To refresh understanding of how the CCEC connects with other BSTC committees and how it helps inform the wider Town Council of BSTC’s activities and progress.

CCEC Plan and SMART objectives

To revisit the CCEC Plan and identify SMART objectives where the committee can demonstrate clear and measurable impact.

Tree planting initiative

It was confirmed that BSTC has three highly active and knowledgeable tree champions who are progressing EDDC’s objectives effectively. It was proposed that a recommendation be made to the Full Town Council that a grant is offered to support the tree champions in purchasing tree whips.

Electric vehicle charging points

Consider whether the current provision of electric vehicle charging points is sufficient to meet both current and future needs of the town.

The Town Clerk will make enquiries to establish:

- The current number of chargers available.
- Whether additional chargers are required.

Community water bottle refill scheme

To consider the possibility of a community water bottle refill scheme as a potential future project.

Action: Investigate whether the BIC already has such facilities or whether this could be developed as a community initiative.

CCEC next meeting

It was noted that the CCEC committee can work towards achieving their actions within a working group and can convene a formal meeting, if required at a later junction.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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Chair

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