

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

Climate Change Working Group

Notes of meeting held on 27 April 2026

Via TEAMS

Start: 16:03 End: 16:46

In attendance:

Councillors: J Fradgley (Chair), Petrovic, Rashwan

Officer: Lisa Campion

Apologies: None received

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

Cllrs Coles and Duck were not present for the meeting.

2. Disclosures of Interests

None were declared.

3. To approve the notes of the meeting held on 16 March 2026

It was proposed, seconded and

Agreed: That the Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on 16 March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

4. Update on Grants

Caroline Nash (CN) had shared the latest version of the Small Grants application form with LC prior to the meeting. It would not share on the screen at the time of the meeting. LC to share this with the group together with the grant form recently used for the entertainment at the Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations.

ACTION:

LC to share both grant forms with the group. The group are to review these forms via email and report back to the next meeting (8 June 2026).

5. Update on Solar Panels

There had been no further information on the solar panels - it is taking a long time to progress. JF had spoken to CN before the meeting to ask if Tony Guy could be approached to get a company in to survey the area and to report back to the group. Tony Guy had presented to a Town Council meeting regarding village halls who had had solar panels installed. CN had given permission for JF to approach Tony Guy.

ACTIONS:

- **JF to contact Tony Guy to progress the matter and to get the relevant company in to survey the area for suitability.**

6. Update on the land behind Tesco

LP shared an update she had received from Orbit regarding the land. JF suggested this item be the first agenda item at the next meeting and to invite all interested parties to attend to discuss the matter further. A formal valuation of the land should take place. JF suggested that LP speak to David Curtis (SDC) and Liz Coles to ascertain what the District Council would be prepared to offer. JF advised that Net Zero had produced a survey last year and it is still open – should this be shared from the Town Council to gather more opinions. LP to gather information.

ACTION:

- **LP to revert back to Orbit to discuss ownership and valuation before the next meeting.**

7. Update on Green Week

JF shared that the Town Council would be exhibiting at the Crowne Plaza on the 12th June. The boards used for the Annual Town Meeting would be used again – JF requested help with prettying up the information. JF will take pictures of Summerton Way to display. The exhibition would also feature information on the hedgehog houses at the cemetery and Stratford Swift Town.

ACTION:

- **JF requested help with the information boards. ZR and LC to assist with this.**

8. Update on Stratford Swift Town

JF reported that she has met with two residents from Justin's Avenue / Clopton Road regarding the potential installation of swift boxes. Consideration is being given to installing boxes on suitable residential properties within the

area. Discussions have also taken place with Manuela Perteghella and Janet Palmer (Net Zero), as well as with Stratford Town Trust, who may be able to provide funding support for the project. In addition, Helen [surname tbc], Conservation Officer, may explore opportunities for installing boxes on historic buildings.

A prototype box is currently being developed by Forest of Hearts to help determine costings. A contractor will need to be appointed to carry out installation, taking into account labour, health and safety and insurance requirements. It was suggested that the Town Council Open Spaces Team may be able to assist with this.

Bill Wright will undertake a survey of the town to identify suitable locations for swift boxes. This will include the use of acoustic equipment to detect swift calls, which are known to attract the birds.

The aim is to involve local schools and residents in identifying and supporting installation sites, with a target of completing installations by January 2027. It was also proposed that a “Swift Evening” event could be held to raise awareness among residents, potentially incorporating fundraising activities. Contributions may also be sought from Net Zero initiatives and the Stratford Town Trust.

9. AOB

ZF raised the matter of the land for sale at Darlow Drive. LP reported that the land had still not been sold. CN had advised LP that if the land did not sell, that a Working Group would be set up to look into the matter further.

ACTION:

LC to chase CN for an update and to see if a date can be organised for the meeting.

10. Dates for next meetings

Monday 8 June 2026, 10am – TEAMS Meeting
(it was requested that this meeting be moved to 10am and approved by JF)

Monday 20 July 2026 4pm – Town Hall