MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6 JULY 2026 AT THE TOWN HALL, YORK STREET, SELBY

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PRESENT: Cllrs R Pope, S Andrew, R Harrison and T Beharrell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Clerk.

E1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Davis, F Matthews, S Shaw-Wright and A Stephenson

E1a ITEM ADDED - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

Cllr R Pope was appointed Chair and Cllr R Harrison was appointed Vice Chair.

E2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

E3 MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held on 23 March 2026 were received. It was noted that these minutes had previously been ratified at Council on 27 April 2026.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 23 March 2026 be noted.

E3.1 Updates since last meeting

Planters

Awaiting a response from North Yorkshire Council.

Traffic Survey

North Yorkshire Council can arrange a traffic survey for a fee of £132.00 including VAT.

RESOLVED THAT:

i. The updates be noted,

ii. The deputy clerk contacts Highways and requests the current information that is held from recent traffic surveys and what is included in the £132.00 (timescales and locations), and

iii. This item to be bought back to the Environment Committee once the traffic plan is confirmed.

E4 **SELBY AIR QUALITY**

Cllr Pope provided an update using a slide presentation.
The presentation identified that the air quality in the town centre is the highest concern

Clarification is needed on the traffic diversions following the railway station gateway project.

RESOLVED: That the deputy clerk clarifies the traffic diversions following the railway station gateway project.

E5 **NATURE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN**

To **note** that the deputy clerk has updated the Nature Recovery Action Plan document.
Nature Recovery Action Plan.docx

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

E6 **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAYS**

The proposed dates for 2026 activity days are:

Thursday 10 September
Thursday 15 October

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

E7 **SUSTAINABILITY CLINIC PROJECT PARTNER**

It was noted that Cllr Beharrell and Cllr Pope attended an online meeting with the sustainability clinic lead to discuss project options.
Two project briefs were agreed and the draft briefs have been circulated with the strand leads at York University.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

E8 **LOTTERY GRANT**

It was noted that Selby Town Council have been awarded £19,983.00 to enhance Bondgate Woodland. The planned start date for the project is December 2026.

Committee asked that the deputy clerk contacts Up for Yorkshire to request help from their volunteers with the project.

The chair thanked the deputy clerk for completing the grant application.

RESOLVED THAT:

i. The update be noted, and

ii. The deputy clerk contacts Up for Yorkshire to request help from their volunteers to deliver the project.

E9 SELBY IN BLOOM

It was noted that the hanging baskets and planters are on display.
There has been four entries for the Selby in Bloom gardens competition and two schools for the painting competition.

Committee suggested 'nominate a neighbour' for next year. The deputy clerk will add this to the agenda in October.

RESOLVED THAT:

i. The update be noted, and

ii. Selby in Bloom is added to the October agenda to discuss a theme for next year.

E10 COMMUNITY LAND

Pond water level
It was noted that the water level has been recorded by Cllr Matthews on the spreadsheet.
Copy of FM Pond Monitoring.xlsx

The deputy clerk updated that following attending a webinar that it is likely that the pond lining is damaged as even with the hot weather the pond should not dry up.
Committee asked that this is added to the Community Trust agenda to discuss the options.

RESOLVED THAT:

i. The update be noted,

ii. The pond is discussed by the Community Trust Committee

E11 BONDGATE WOODLAND

It was noted that Murphy have not provided funding for additional trees.
The deputy clerk has not had contact since March with them.

Committee asked the deputy clerk to follow this up to understand if they are still going to provide the trees.

RESOLVED: That the deputy clerk follows up with Murphy to understand if they are still going to provide the trees.

E12 POLICY REVIEW

The Biodiversity Policy was reveiwed. No amendments were proposed.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCILTHAT:

i. The Biodiversity policy be approved, and

ii. A date is set for review of 2 years

E13 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 5 October 2026
Monday 11 January 2027
Monday 15 March 2027