



Uttoxeter Nature Recovery Network

Minutes Of UNRN Meeting held 27 April 2023

Present: Dave Trenery (Co-Chair/Meeting Chair), Alison Trenery, Rob and Janet Hawkins, Marie Williams (Co-Chair), John Davey

Apologies: Dave Thomas, Anita Thomas-Epple, Fred Hopwood, Lawrence Oates, Carolyn Green, Philip Knight, Geoff Buck, Kate Copeland, Kate Hollins-White

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all attending

2. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous UNRN Meeting held on 23rd March 2023 were approved.

3. **Engaging with Rural Areas: Sub-Group and Meeting Date**

It was agreed to defer this item and the Chair would write out to members of the Sub-Group (MH, KH, MW, DT, JH, RH, GB, PK) for their availability. **Action** DT.

4. **Greening the Maltings: Project Update**

The chair confirmed the additional paper advising how ESBC could pursue sustainability and green issues had been forwarded and it was intended that further discussions with the UNRN would take place in May or June after the Council Elections. **Action:** Sub-group.

5. **Green Mapping: Project Update**

Alison Trenery advised the committee that she and MW had met with the Admin Assistant at the Town Hall to start mapping the green corridors on the digital mapping software Parish Online. Good progress had been made on the system with the line of Picknalls Brook forming a major East-West corridor and highlighting a potential North-South corridor slightly west of the town. The Chair emphasised that the object was to make a difference and to look at the potential for banding together to contribute to wildlife. It was suggested Network Rail and JCB could work together to extend the Picknall corridor and perhaps areas, such as Churchill Close and the allotments to the rear, could be grouped to work together to form street communities. **Action:** Sub-group.

6. **Children and Young People's Initiative Update:**

The chair gave a brief update on progress. Follow-up questionnaires have now been sent out to the seven schools that had responded to the first survey in 2021 and were being asked to respond by 15th May. Questionnaires will be going out within the week to those schools who were not part of the 2021 survey and will be asked to respond by 22nd May. Rob Hawkins agreed to collate and analyse the results. **Action:** DT/RH

7. **Leads for species Action Plans: Hedgehogs, Swifts, and Bees.**

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting





8. UNRN Representation on Town Council Footpaths Committee.

Alison Trenery updated the members regarding the footpath to Doveridge where TTTV were putting together the signage information for the boards to be sited at the foot of Dove Walk, on the footpath on the A50 and at the Doveridge end. There would also be QR code links. The County Council would be undertaking works on the bridge in the autumn and when completed would have a formal opening. She advised the committee that she was standing down as Town Councillor in the forthcoming elections and therefore would no longer be Chair and Council member of the Footpaths Committee. It was proposed and agreed that she would represent UNRN on that committee. **Action:** AT.

9. Biodiversity Conference and Climate Carnival – Big Green Week 10-18 June

It was agreed to take this item forward at the next meeting. It was also agreed that the proposed leaflet to be produced would be A5 size of four pages with the details to be agreed by Dave Trenery and Marie Williams . **Action:** MW/DT

10. Presentation to Rotary Club 30 May

The Chair was pleased to report that he and Marie Williams have been invited to give a presentation on UNRN at the next Rotary Club meeting.

11. Newspaper Article Rota

The Chair reported that the article on Green Streets by Lawrence Oates was with the Echo and this would be followed by an article on Green Corridors by Alison Trenery.

12. Events and Activities - Brief Updates

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

13. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting (not otherwise on Agenda)

It was agreed that UNRN would sponsor the Under 11 category in the Uttoxeter in Bloom photography competition. £30 would be awarded to the winner and £20 awarded to the runner-up.

14. AOB and Next Meeting Date

- i. **Any other business:**
 - (a) Litter picking to be discussed when Dave Thomas is present.
- ii. **Committee to note items for inclusion in the next meeting:** To be advised
- iii. **Next meeting date and time:** 25th May 2023 7pm

Marie Williams/Dave Trenery Co-Chairs

