

**E/07/26**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday, 13 April 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

**Present:**

Cllr. T. Allen	
Cllr. F. Davies	Town Mayor
Cllr. L. Draper	Chair
Cllr. H. Haydock	
Cllr. R. Newall	
Cllr. Ruth Newell	Vice Chair
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. R. Poppe	
Cllr. S. Singh	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	(from minute 654/25)

**Also present:**

Mr. L. Phillips	Estates Manager
Ms. C. Molyneux	Town Clerk
Ms. N. Stockill	Senior Administrator

**Absent:** Cllrs. Harvey, Mahi and Schaefer

No members of the public attended and so there was no public session.

**650/25 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Schaefer, Cllr. Harvey and Cllr. Mahi. Apologies for lateness were received from Cllr. Stuchbury.

**651/25 Declarations of interest**

There were none.

**652/25 Minutes**

Members received and **AGREED** the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 16 February 2026.

**653/25 Budgets**

Members noted the budget report and recorded their thanks to the Finance Officer.

**654/25 Policy development**

**654.1/25 Land Hire Agreement**

Members received the report previously presented to the Environment Working Group held on the 20 March 2026 and noted the current list of events held within Town Council-owned parks and greenspaces

Proposed by Cllr. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. Davies and unanimously **AGREED** to accept the draft policy and fees structure.

Members recorded their thanks for a clear report.

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**654.2/25 Dark Skies Policy**

Proposed by Cllr. Davies, seconded by Cllr. Draper and unanimously AGREED to issue a press release promoting the Dark Skies Policy and encouraging local businesses and organisations to follow suit. **ACTION SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR**

It was further proposed by Cllr. Davies, seconded by Cllr. Draper and unanimously AGREED to adopt the policy.

*Cllr Stuchbury arrived at this point in the agenda*

**655/25 Railway walk update**

**To receive a written update from the Buckinghamshire Council** Principal Project Manager.

Members received a written update from the Buckinghamshire Council Principal Project Manager and noted its contents.

Cllr. Stuchbury reminded members of the outstanding route modification order application.

**656/25 Action report**

Members noted the report.

**657/25 Buckingham Community Wildlife and Climate Emergency Group**

Members received the notes of the meeting held on 25 February 2026 and recorded their thanks to Cllr. Ruth Newell.

**658/25 News releases**

**659/25 Chair's announcements – for information only**

**660/25 Date of next meeting:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Meeting closed at 19.29

Chair .....

Date .....