

Meeting of the
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Will be held at the
CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield
on
Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 6.30pm

AGENDA

Members

Cllr K Kent
Cllr F Mangan
Cllr R McCafferty

Cllr I Opoku
Cllr M Petchey
Cllr J Whild (Chair)

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting, and any additional interests not previously declared.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2026** *Page 5*
Committee is invited to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2026, previously circulated and therefore taken as read.
4. **Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**
Members of the public may make representations in respect of the business on the agenda.
5. **Chair’s Report** *Page 7*
Committee is invited to receive a report from the Chair.
6. **Draft Sustainability and Biodiversity Policy** *Page 23*
Committee is invited to review and discuss the CPCC draft Sustainability and Biodiversity Policy and make a recommendation to Council for adoption.
7. **CPCC Sustainability Action Plan** *Page 31*
Committee is invited to discuss the development and delivery of the CPCC Sustainability Action Plan, identify key sustainability priorities for the year ahead and their allocation to committees for action.
8. **Draft Biodiversity Action Plan** *Page 35*
Committee is invited to discuss the development and delivery of the CPCC Biodiversity Action Plan, identify key priorities for the year ahead and their allocation to committees for action.
9. **People’s Emergency Briefing – Report S01/26** *Page 37*
Committee is invited to consider a motion presented by Cllr Whild.
10. **Projects - Committee Budget 2027/28, 2028/29, 2029/30, 2030/31 & 2031/32**
Committee is invited to discuss, agree and prioritise project proposals for the next five years. All project proposals must comply with the Project Policy, be detailed on a Project Request Form (including full costings and breakdown of expenditure).

- 11. Annual Consultation**
Deputy Clerk to present interim findings to Q15 (Sustainability) from the Annual Consultation
- 12. Date of Next Meeting**
Tuesday 13 April 2027 at 6.30pm

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

Dominic Warner

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6 October 2026



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**Minutes of a meeting of the Sustainability Committee
held on Monday 22 June 2026 at 6.30pm
at the
CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

This meeting was open to the public

Members Present

Cllr K Kent
Cllr B Macharia
Cllr R McCafferty

Cllr I Opoku
Cllr M Petchey
Cllr J Whild (Chair)

In Attendance

P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

01/26 Apologies for Absence

Cllr F Mangan - unwell

02/26 Declarations of Interest

None

03/26 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

None

04/26 CPCC Sustainability Plan

Committee received the draft Sustainability Plan at the start of the meeting. Considering that Members had only just received the draft plan, it was agreed that Members review the plan and return feedback to the Deputy Clerk by the end of July.

Carbon literacy training – train the trainer. Chair to liaise with Deputy Clerk on training provider and cost.

05/26 Community Engagement

Committee asked the Deputy Clerk to develop content for the new Sustainability page on the website. Members felt that there should be regular features in Homeground magazine and would supply content on their own aspirations for the group for an upcoming issue. The Deputy Clerk asked that Members consider what the Sustainability section of the Annual Consultation would contain.

Deputy Clerk to set up Teams channel for the Committee to communicate and swap information and ideas.

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Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 6.30pm

Sustainability Committee

Report from the Chair 5 October 2026

Since our inaugural meeting in July, I've considered the Draft Sustainability Plan that Perri produced for us. I had a lot of conversations and undertaken a lot of research to uncover case studies and best practice examples. Managing the amount of knowledge and making sense of it all, and how it can be applied in CPCC has been overwhelming:

- I've continued to follow [the Great Collaboration Banter Sessions](#). There is a wealth of knowledge contained in their wiki. The episode on 23 September was particularly relevant to a challenge I have in leading our Committee "[Two-Way Communications, with Andrew Maliphant](#)"
- **Conversations with CPCC staff, residents and stakeholders**
I've spoken with Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Estates Manager, and with people in Fishermead – with Cllr Cole and Maria at the Trinity Centre and with Robert and Marie who run the Trinity Centre Community Garden. I've also had conversations with Sarah Payne who is forming a Springfield Residents Association and Cllr Dixon suggested that CPCC Hub become a soft plastic collection centre. Cllr Kendrick wrote to suggest we host a screening of the Public Emergency Briefing. This begs the question: **How can these interactions be effectively recorded, become two-way dialogue, and how can they inform action plans?**
- **I've Joined the NALC Climate Emergency Network** This climate emergency network is designed for parish and town councils actively involved in or considering local initiatives to tackle climate and ecological emergencies. It focuses on sharing practical, actionable measures that parish and town councils can implement to reduce their carbon footprint and enhance biodiversity. The meetings often feature a guest speaker or workshop session. Join this network if you would like to learn how your parish or town council can use its existing powers to fight climate change and access funding opportunities.

I've attended online meetings:

24 July – NALC National Network Online Meeting (there was a speaker, but I can't find my notes. I joined their Whatsapp Group!

30 September NALC Event: [The Climate Comeback: Growing climate action locally](#)

There were speakers from two parishes who spoke of various grants – e.g. one spoke of a Health & Wellbeing Grant from their local authority, SALC, and grants for climate resilience projects – **water harvesting, solar panels for schools**, for example, West Monkton PC have **funded water butts for residents**.

Andrea Crump from Keep Britain Tidy highlighted initiatives:

- Green Flag accreditation (which The Parks Trust has)
- Buy Nothing New Month
- Eco Schools – a pupil-led programme, examples of initiatives are: ‘count your carbon’ and ‘cut your carbon’
- **mymothertree.com** – advice on moving your investments to green financial institutions.
- **19th August – I gave a presentation to MKALC (see attached slides, page 9)**
On enquiring about the role of MKALC - where it fits with NALC, BMKALC and what role it has with Climate Action – Brian Barton invited me to attend the MKALC meeting and give a presentation on my impressions as a new parish councillor and elected chair of the SC.
- **In my role as Chair of MK Climate Action Network**, I have met with the MKCC Sustainability Lead (City), Alex Bogdanov. He is leading a City Climate Partnership which was launched on 1st October, to operationalise the City Council’s Sustainability Action Plan. Parishes are seen as important partners in the Engagement pillar of the Strategy. There is a MKALC representative on the City Climate Partnership, so I expect there will be some communication coming through in due course. Alex is looking into opportunities for community energy purchasing schemes for residents who are private home owners.
- **I prepared a motion for the next full council to host a screening of the Public Emergency Briefing**

Feedback on the Draft Sustainability Plan

1. That CPCC events should include:
 - Carbon Literacy Training for Councillors (do I need to request budget?)
 - Big Green Week
 - Public Emergency Briefing
 2. That Climate Action be a standing item on all committee meetings and a cross-committee log be maintained.
 3. That in preparation and response to the proposed screening of the People’s Emergency Briefing, we start regular Sustainability Surgeries to establish regular two-way communication within the CPCC Community about potential actions, and log the outcomes.
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Joining the dots

Parishes' role in tackling the climate and nature emergency

A presentation to MKALC

By Jane Whild
Cllr for Fishermead

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About me



- Cllr for Fishermead, Co-opted February 26
- Sustainability Committee Chair, May 26



- Former Senior Administrator



- MKCAN Chair
- 22 organisations incl. The Green Businesses Network

I volunteer with these groups who are acting for a sustainable MK



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Sustainable Parishes

What is MKALC's role?



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Biodiversity Duty



Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 s40
a duty on public authorities including parish and town councils to have regard to conserving biodiversity as part of their policy or decision making.

For example to:

- develop and implement policies and strategies
- participate in the planning system
- manage their own land and buildings
- make decisions about procurement
- implement environmental or social programmes

This duty was reinforced under the Environment Act 2021

All parish councils should have completed their first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by 1 January 2024, which will usually have meant adopting a biodiversity policy and biodiversity objectives at least.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complying-with-the-biodiversity-duty>

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Declaring a climate emergency

[NALC encourage this](#)



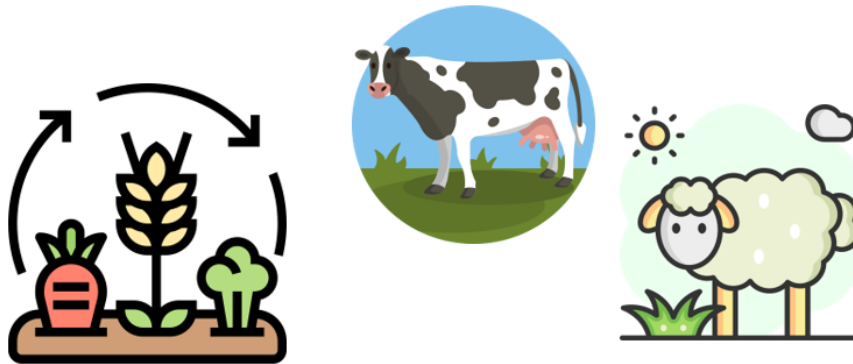
For example, Campbell Park CC declaration in 2023:

- Formally declares a Climate Emergency that requires urgent action.
- Calls on the UK government to provide the **powers, resources and funding support** to make local, as well as national, action against climate change possible.
- Commits to **working with partners** across the City, County and nationally.
- Commits to working towards making the Council's activities **net zero carbon by 2030**.
- Commits to developing, within 12 months, **a clear action plan** and timescale for being net zero carbon across our Council operations. To include a review of all functions of the Council, including lighting, land management and supply chains with an aim to reduce carbon.
- Commits to **considering the environmental impact of all actions** and climate consideration will form an intrinsic part of working processes.

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Why are decarbonisation and biodiversity & nature a priority?



Our food security, is one pressing reason

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Sustainable MK



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Key Documents



- [Council Sustainability Action Plan](#)
- [Five Year Plan - Pathway to Net Zero 2030](#)

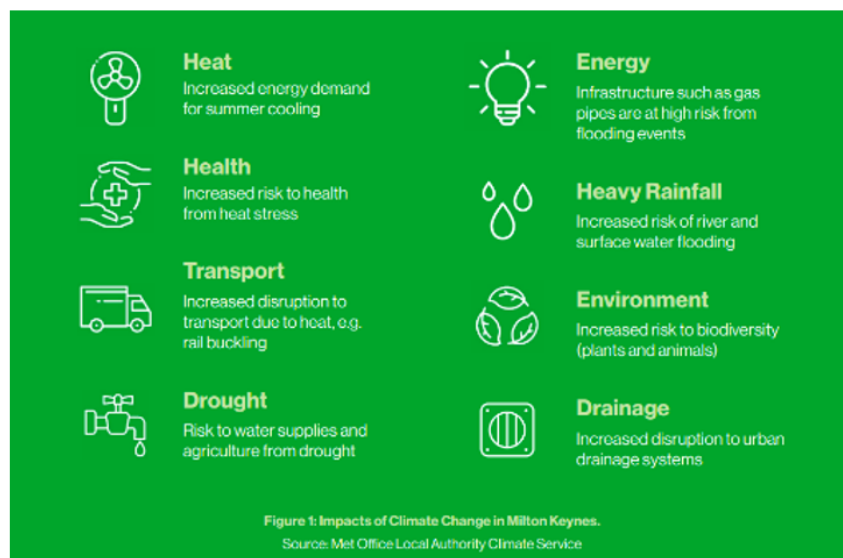
- [Milton Keynes Sustainability Strategy 2026-2050](#)
- [The City Action Plan](#)
- The City Climate Partnership

[Council Plan 2026 – 2027](#)
Contains 7 actions
Towards a Sustainable City: Waste Management, Flood and Tree Planting

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Impacts of Climate Change in MK

[Milton Keynes Sustainability Strategy 2026-2050](#)



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City Climate Partnership 1



What is the Partnership?

The Partnership will bring together senior representatives from organisations across Milton Keynes that have a role to play in delivering climate and sustainability action. By bringing together different sectors, the Partnership will encourage collaboration, knowledge sharing and collective action.

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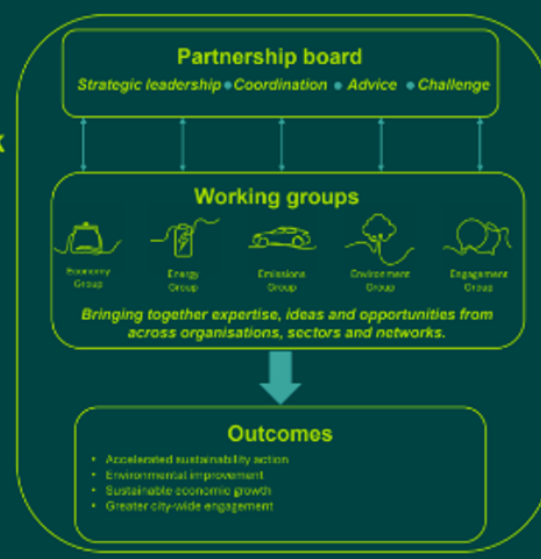
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City Climate Partnership 2

How the Partnership will work

The Partnership Board will provide strategic leadership, oversight and coordination.

Five themed Working Groups will bring together Board Members and additional organisations to support collaboration, project development and delivery.



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Courtesy of
Alex Bogdanov,
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Where do Parishes fit?



Under the Engagement Theme

Action	Responsible Service	Timeline
Engaging with Parishes on delivery on the Pathway to Net Zero by 2030 and sharing opportunities and knowledge	Sustainability	November 2025
Engage with all Town, parish and community councils on the delivery of the City Action Plan in 2026. Following from that, at least 3 Town, parish and community councils to have an actionable plan to deliver carbon reductions and nature recovery.	Sustainability	April 2027

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What Different Parish Bodies Offer

To help parishes tackle the climate and nature emergency

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National Parish Bodies



- A Climate Emergency Network – next meeting 16 October
- [Join](#) the Network
- A Climate Emergency Whatsapp Group
- [Tackling Climate Change Campaigns](#)
- Signposts to Resources



- Aimed at Parish Clerks and Senior Officers
- [Climate Action Support for Local Councils](#)
- [Policy and Guidance](#) including Templates
- Workshops **For example** →
- Action
- Learning



Webinar

Helping Hedgehogs Thrive in the Wild – Practical Advice for Local Councils (19 August)

🕒 Microsoft Teams - Virtual Event

📅 Added on 1 June 2026

🕒 19 August 2026

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Parish bodies – Offer on Climate change / Biodiversity

Body	Main Role	Membership	Relationship to MK City Council	Offer on Climate Change / Biodiversity
Parishes Forum	Engagement & information sharing	Broad / open	Direct engagement forum	•Will participate in new MKCC City Climate Partnership
Parishes Advisory Group	Focused advice & consultation	Small & representative	Works closely with officers	•MKCC Sustainability Strategy updates
MKALC	Local networking & representation	Subscription-based (MK only)	Independent	•None yet! Is a local network needed?
BMKALC	Support, training & advocacy	Subscription-based (county wide)	Independent	•Alerts re: relevant consultations •Model Templates
NALC	Advice, training materials, best practice & templates	Subscription-based (national)	Independent	•Climate Emergency Network & Whatsapp Group •Campaigns •Signpost to Resources
SLCCe	Professional body for local council clerks and senior council employees	Subscription	Independent	• Model Biodiversity Policy 2024 •Policies and guidance •Workshops

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Other Support For Climate Action

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The Parks Trust



"The Parks Trust manages approximately 6,000 acres of high-quality green assets and as Milton Keynes continues to grow, so do the areas managed by the Parks Trust.

The work of the Trust provides important climate adaptation and biodiversity work and their volunteering programmes help increase awareness and engagement"

"Our vision for the future is based around five key principles:

- The Need for a New Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Landscape-led Planning
- Joining up Open Spaces
- Learn from the Past
- Ensuring Future Stewardship"

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Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership (NEP)

[Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#)

Outputs of our LNRS

Our LNRS interactive summary is [available here](#). This takes you through the key components of the LNRS and provides links to more detailed information.

You can view our shortlist of priorities and measures for local nature recovery [here](#).

Our local habitat map, showing important habitats and species, and where best to take action for nature recovery, is available [here](#):

a Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes LNRS Document [Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Local Nature Recovery Strategy Local Habitat Map tool](#) Our species work, including our shortlist of the area's rare, specialist species, is available [here](#).

[Biodiversity Duty Report](#)



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[The Great Collaboration](#)



A Network

Gathering and sharing good practice in reducing carbon emissions, adapting to change, and nature recovery to support biodiversity

Why is a **local** approach so **important**?

"Much climate policy is driven by a top-down, national approach. It doesn't take into account regional differences around the country.

By using **The Great Collaboration Toolkit** you are part of a bottom-up, local initiative that provides detailed, local information to allow local policy to be directed at the specific needs of local communities. In other words, you're helping get the right actions to happen in the place that you live."

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Other support for climate action

Body	Type	Mission	Sustainability Offer	Who for	URL
The Great Collaboration	Network, free	A place-based approach to reducing carbon emissions, adapting to climate change, and improving biodiversity.	• Toolkit • Weekly webinars • Knowledgebase	Individuals, Community Groups, and Local Councils	Home
Local Government Association (LGA)	Subscription based, practical support either free of charge or subsidised.	A ~~politically-led~~ , cross-party membership organization that works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government and to influence policies affecting communities.	Sustainability Hub	English councils Associate scheme for town and parish councils	Sustainability Hub
Local Partnerships	Service provider	Offer practical tools, guides, case studies and webinar replays on a range of topics, including Climate Response, Waste, Transformation, Energy.	Resource Hub	Councils in England and Wales	Resources
Bucks & MK Natural Environment Partnership (NEP)	Partnership	The NEP is working alongside the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and the health and wellbeing boards to embed natural environment in growth, economic & health strategies, and develop interventions and programmes for delivery.	Website	Local Authorities and organisations from across the public, private, health and education sectors, as well as conservation and community organisations	Biodiversity Action Plan Local Nature Recovery Strategy Biodiversity Duty Report

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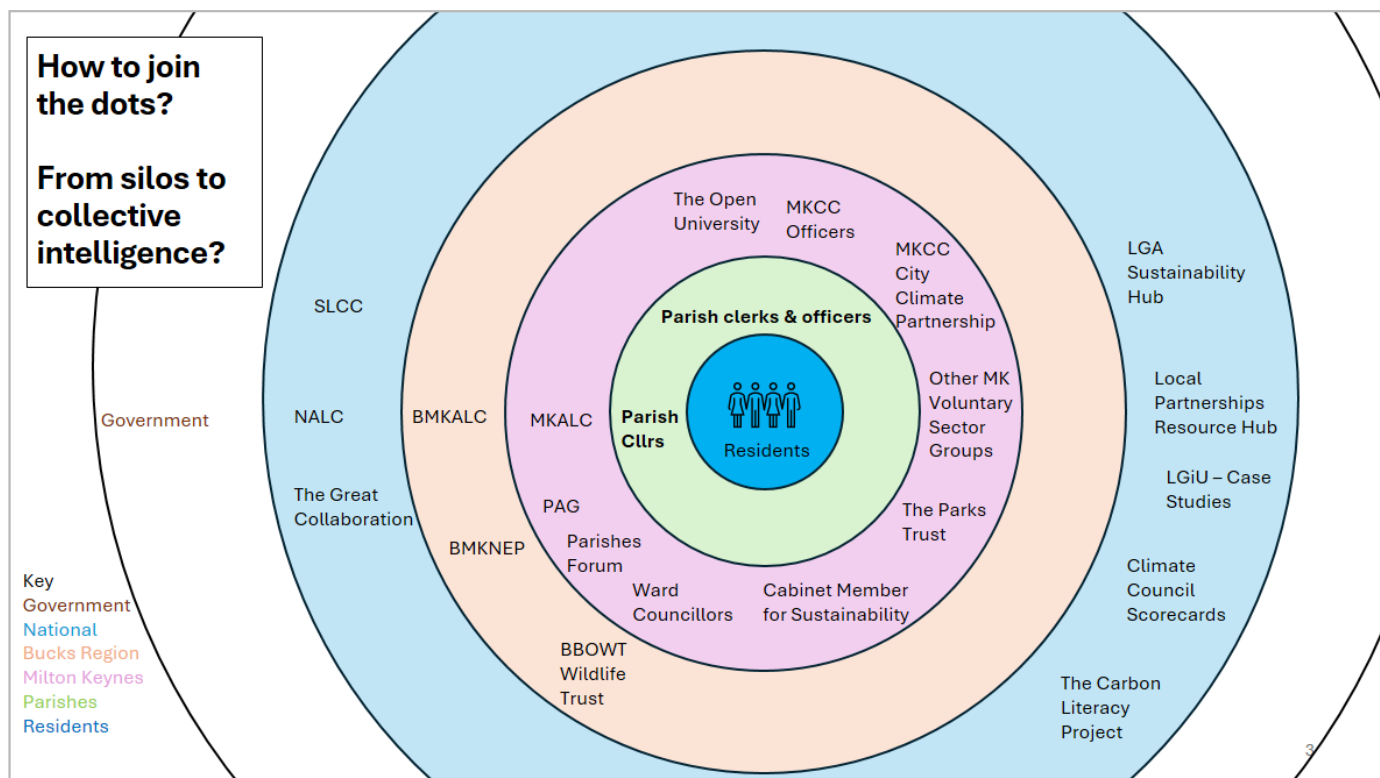
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How To Join The Dots?

My three recommendations

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How To Join The Dots?

Four Recommendations:

1. Strengthen Councillor Induction

- Ask **BMKALC** to include a section on the **Climate and Nature Emergency** in its Councillor Induction Pack.
- Signpost key responsibilities, local priorities, resources and sources of support.

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How To Join The Dots?

2. Establish a baseline across MK parishes

- **PAG or MKALC** to survey MK parish and town councils to understand:
 - current climate and biodiversity activity
 - existing policies, plans and committees
 - priorities, barriers and support needs
 - opportunities for collaboration and shared action

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How To Join The Dots?

3. Create an MK Parishes Sustainability Network

MKCC + MKALC + Parish & Town Councils + The Parks Trust

Purpose:

- **Support** parish Sustainability Committees and Councillors
- **Connect and coordinate** activity, avoiding duplication and pooling resources, and support for scrutinising planning applications and enforcement on the ground
- **Focus on practical, place-based action** that delivers tangible local benefits
- **Align parish activity** with MKCC and The Parks Trust's strategies, plans and delivery
- **Link with MKCC City Climate Partnership**, ensuring information, opportunities and good practice reach parish councillors
- **Connect parishes with wider networks**, including NALC, SLCC and relevant specialist bodies and the MK Climate Network
- **Provide practical resources**, including policy and action-plan templates, curated guidance, decision-support tools and case studies
- **Share success stories** and celebrate effective local action
- **Encourage parish clusters** to work together where issues or opportunities cross boundaries
- **Support community engagement**, for example through local screenings of *The People's Emergency Briefing*
- **Identify and pursue joint funding opportunities** for collaborative projects

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How To Join The Dots?

4. Language matters – So let's use it consciously, to emphasise the 'Golden Thread' of Sustainability:

From

- City of Culture →
- Growth →
- Landscaping →
- Planning →
- Jobs →

To

- A Sustainable City Culture
- Sustainable Growth
- Sustainable Landscaping
- Planning for Sustainability
- Green/ Sustainable jobs

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Thank you for your time

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Campbell Park Community Council Sustainability and Biodiversity Policy

1. Introduction

Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) recognises that climate change, biodiversity loss and the sustainable management of natural resources are among the most significant challenges facing communities today.

The Council is committed to acting responsibly to reduce its environmental impact, enhance biodiversity, protect and improve CPCC managed green spaces, and support a sustainable and resilient community for current and future generations.

This Policy establishes the Council's commitment to environmental sustainability and biodiversity enhancement and provides the framework for delivering environmental improvements through the Council's Sustainability Action Plan, Biodiversity Action Plan and associated projects.

2. Statutory Biodiversity Duty

Campbell Park Community Council recognises its responsibilities under Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, as strengthened by the Environment Act 2021. The Council has a duty, in exercising its functions, to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing biodiversity.

The Council acknowledges that biodiversity is essential to the health, wellbeing and resilience of the local environment and that public authorities have an important role in supporting nature recovery.

In fulfilling this duty, the Council will:

- Consider the impact of its decisions, activities, policies and land management practices on biodiversity.
- Seek opportunities to conserve and enhance habitats and species across land and assets under its management.
- Support local and national priorities for nature recovery where appropriate.
- Promote biodiversity awareness and encourage community participation in environmental improvement projects.
- Integrate biodiversity considerations into wider sustainability and climate action initiatives.
- Monitor progress and review actions through the Council's Sustainability and Biodiversity Action Plans.

The Council will strive to ensure that biodiversity enhancement is considered alongside social, economic and environmental factors when making decisions and delivering services.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Embed sustainability and biodiversity considerations into Council decision-making.
- Support action to address climate change.
- Protect and enhance wildlife, habitats and green infrastructure.
- Promote the sustainable use of resources.
- Encourage community participation in environmental initiatives.
- Ensure compliance with relevant environmental legislation and guidance.
- Support continual improvement in environmental performance.

4. Scope

This Policy applies to:

- All Councillors.
- Council employees.
- Volunteers acting on behalf of the Council.
- Contractors and suppliers where appropriate.
- All Council-managed land, property, facilities and activities.

5. Our Vision

CPCC will support the transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient and nature-rich community by:

- Reducing environmental impacts from Council operations.
- Conserving and enhancing biodiversity.
- Managing land and assets responsibly.
- Working in partnership with residents, local organisations and public bodies.

This vision reflects the Council's objective of supporting a "low-carbon, resilient and biodiverse community".

6. Policy Commitments

6.1 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction

The Council will:

- Seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its activities.
- Improve energy efficiency within Council buildings and assets.
- Consider opportunities for renewable energy generation and use.
- Support practical measures that contribute to carbon reduction.
- Monitor and report progress through its Sustainability Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.

6.2 Biodiversity and Nature Recovery

The Council will:

- Conserve and enhance biodiversity across Council-managed land.
- Protect existing habitats and seek opportunities to create new habitats.
- Support nature recovery and rewilding initiatives where appropriate.
- Encourage native planting and habitat connectivity.
- Reduce the use of pesticides wherever practical.
- Consider biodiversity impacts when planning projects and managing Council-managed open spaces.
- Support measures that benefit pollinators, birds, mammals and other wildlife.
- Have regard to the statutory biodiversity duty when exercising its functions.
- Consider relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategies, biodiversity action plans and other environmental strategies affecting the CPCC area.
- Seek measurable biodiversity improvements on Council-managed land where practical and proportionate.
- Encourage the creation, protection and connectivity of habitats to support nature recovery.
- Monitor and report progress through its Sustainability Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.

6.3 Land and Greenspace Management

The Council will:

- Maintain Council-managed land in ways which support biodiversity and environmental sustainability.
- Encourage planting schemes that improve habitat diversity.
- Consider wildlife-friendly approaches to grassland and landscape management.
- Maintain a balance between public enjoyment, safety and ecological value.
- Work to enhance the environmental quality of Council-managed sites.

6.4 Sustainable Transport

The Council will:

- Encourage walking, cycling, wheeling and public transport.
- Support initiatives that reduce reliance on fossil-fuelled transport.
- Promote access to sustainable travel options.
- Consider lower-emission alternatives when managing Council vehicles and assets.

6.5 Waste and Resource Management

The Council will:

- Minimise waste generated through Council activities.
- Reduce paper consumption where practical.
- Promote reuse, repair and recycling.
- Eliminate or minimise single-use plastics wherever possible.
- Support a circular economy approach to purchasing and resource management.

6.6 Sustainable Procurement

The Council will:

- Consider environmental impacts when purchasing goods and services.
- Seek value for money while taking account of sustainability considerations.
- Encourage suppliers and contractors to demonstrate responsible environmental practices.

- Consider product lifespan, repairability and disposal impacts when making purchasing decisions.

6.7 Community Engagement and Education

The Council will:

- Promote awareness of environmental and biodiversity issues.
- Support community-led environmental initiatives.
- Encourage volunteering opportunities that improve local habitats and green spaces.
- Work with schools, community groups and partner organisations to promote sustainability.
- Publicise environmental achievements and opportunities for involvement.

6.8 Climate Resilience

The Council will:

- Consider climate risks when making decisions.
- Support measures that improve resilience to flooding, extreme heat and other climate-related impacts.
- Promote sustainable land management and environmental improvements that contribute to local resilience on Council managed land.
- Work with partner organisations where appropriate to strengthen community preparedness.

7. Delivery

This Policy will be implemented through:

- The Council's Sustainability Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Biodiversity enhancement projects.
- Council management plans and strategies.
- Annual programmes of environmental improvement.
- Community engagement and partnership working.

8. Monitoring and Review

The Council will:

- Review progress annually through its Sustainability Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Publish annual report on sustainability activities.
- Monitor delivery of environmental and biodiversity objectives.
- Review this Policy every three years or earlier if required by legislation or significant changes in circumstances.

9. Responsibilities

Council

Council is responsible for approving and reviewing this Policy and monitoring overall performance.

Committees

Responsible for overseeing implementation within their respective areas of responsibility, reporting to the Sustainability Committee who will then make recommendations to Council.

Officers

Responsible for supporting delivery, monitoring progress and identifying opportunities for improvement.

Councillors

Responsible for considering sustainability and biodiversity implications as part of Council decision-making.

Conclusion

The Council recognises that addressing climate change and biodiversity loss are interconnected challenges. Through this Policy, Campbell Park Community Council commits to taking a balanced and practical approach that reduces environmental impact, enhances biodiversity, strengthens community resilience and contributes positively to a sustainable future for the CPCC area.

Policy Owner: Campbell Park Community Council

Policy Title: Sustainability and Biodiversity Policy

Version: 1.0

Adoption Date: [To be completed]

Review Date: [Three years from adoption]

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Draft Sustainability Plan 2026–2030

1. Vision

To support the transition to a low-carbon, resilient, and biodiverse community by reducing Council emissions, enhancing the local environment, and enabling residents to take practical climate action.

2. Strategic Objectives

- Achieve measurable carbon reduction in Council operations
- Improve biodiversity and green infrastructure
- Support a circular, low-waste local economy
- Enable community participation and behaviour change
- Build climate resilience including flooding, heat and water management
- Encourage and support sustainable transport initiatives

Community Engagement

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Annual engagement programme	Minimum 3 events per year	C&C Committee	From 2026	Not Started
Annual sustainability report	Report published	Full Council	Annually Produce in April & review in October	Not Started
Behaviour change campaigns	Engagement metrics	C&C Committee	Ongoing	Proposed

Energy & Carbon Reduction

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Carbon baseline	Baseline completed	Officers	2026	In progress
Energy reduction	5–10% reduction	Estates Committee	2030	Proposed
Renewable installations	Additional sites	Estates Committee	2030	In Progress
Decarbonisation plan	Plan adopted	Estates Committee	2027	Not Started

Buildings & Assets

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Energy audits	Audits completed	Estates Committee	2026–27	Not Started
Efficiency upgrades	Number completed	Estates Committee	Ongoing	Proposed
Smart monitoring	Systems installed	Estates Committee	2028	Proposed

Transport

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Fleet electrification	% fleet electric	Estates Committee	2030	Under Review
EV charging	Charge points	Council / MKCC	Ongoing	In Progress

Economy & Waste

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Reduce paper usage	% reduction	Officers	2030	In Progress
Procurement policy	Policy adopted	Finance Committee	2027	Not Started
Zero waste events	Waste metrics	Estates Committee	2028	Proposed
Circular economy	Schemes supported	C&C Committee	Ongoing	Proposed
Eliminate the purchase of single use plastics within Council buildings	Actions implemented	Officers	Ongoing	Already agreed as part of original Climate Action Plan

Food & Land / Biodiversity

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Increase biodiversity	Area enhanced	Estates Committee	Ongoing	In Progress
Biodiversity strategy	Strategy adopted	Estates Committee	2027	Not Started
Rewilding sites	Sites increased	Estates Committee	Ongoing	In Progress
Reduce pesticides	% reduction	Estates Committee	2030	In Progress

Food & Growing

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Expand allotments	Plots added	Estates Committee	2028	Not Started
Support food projects	Projects supported	Council	Ongoing	In Progress
Planning for growing	Policy applied	Council	Ongoing	Proposed

Climate Resilience

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Resilience plan	Plan adopted	Council	2027	Not Started
Flood engagement	Engagement outcomes	Council	2026–27	Not Started
Water management	Systems installed	Estates Committee	2030	In Progress

Governance

Action	Measure	Responsibility	Target	Status
Embed sustainability	Policy framework	Council	2027	Not Started
Neighbourhood Plan	Plan updated	Planning Committee	TBC	Under Review
Annual review	Updated plan	Council	Annually	Not Started

4. Monitoring & Reporting

Progress will be reviewed annually by Full Council. A public summary will be published each year. Actions will be updated based on performance, available resources and community feedback.

CPCC DRAFT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

SITE / OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET	REPORTING / PUBLICITY
Whole council area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity.	Gain local support for action.	Ongoing	Newsletter, social media, website
Protect and support biodiversity	Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity.	Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species	Ongoing	Mapping
CPCC managed land	Sympathetically maintain hedging. Leave some areas unmown. Only use environment friendly pesticides where absolutely necessary and only in ideal weather conditions.	Food sources and cover Encourages insects. Sustain and enhance natural habitats.		
CPCC managed land	Adopt a management plan. Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs. Work with the county council on verge management, favouring biodiversity but noting which areas may need cutting for highway safety. Encourage residents to adopt areas to look after, making it clear what is expected e.g. peat free compost and no chemicals.	Sustain and enhance natural habitats. Protecting habitats Protecting/enhancing habitats Regular attention.		
SITE / OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET	REPORTING / PUBLICITY
The Built Landscape	Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries	Protecting/enhancing habitats Extending habitats.	Ongoing	
Increase community awareness	Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the CPCC area	Engagement/ownership of biodiversity	Ongoing	Neighbourhood plan consultation

of biodiversity	Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the parish magazine. Create a page on the CPCC website for photographs / information / links Provide seed bombs / bulbs etc. for residents' use. Discourage floodlighting.	Promote biodiversity. Promote biodiversity. Promote biodiversity. Extending habitats. Protect nocturnal animals.		
Support Community Projects	Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas. Work in partnership with the school to develop young people's awareness of the environment around them. Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations.	Extending habitats. Promote biodiversity. Promote biodiversity.		

REPORT TO: Sustainability Committee

DATE: 13 October 2026

REPORT ON: Councillor Motion - Cllr Jane Whild, People's Emergency Briefing Film Screening

REPORT BY: Councillor Jane Whild

REPORT NO: S01/26

Motion to Committee

This Committee:

1. **Recognises** the importance of ensuring that Councillors and Council staff have access to clear and accessible information about the environmental crises facing the UK and the potential implications for communities.
2. **Agrees**, in the first instance, to arrange a screening of the National Emergency Briefing film for Community Councillors and relevant Council staff, at a suitable meeting or other appropriate occasion.
3. **Further agrees**, following the Councillor/staff screening, to explore and, subject to appropriate practical arrangements and any advice from the Clerk, arrange a subsequent public screening for residents of the Council area.
4. **Requests** that the Clerk investigate the practical requirements for both screenings, including venue availability, costs, licensing or permission requirements, accessibility, safeguarding, insurance and any other relevant considerations, and report these to the Council as appropriate.
5. **Proposed resolution:** That this Committee resolves to recommend to Council that it approves the two-stage approach outlined above, beginning with a screening of the National Emergency Briefing film for Councillors and Council staff, and subsequently exploring a public screening for Council residents, subject to appropriate practical, financial and legal arrangements.

Additional Considerations

In resolving to support the Motion Committee is invited to note and agree the following:

6. **Notes** that The.People's.Emergency.Briefing film has two stated aims:
 - to inform the UK public about the gravity and urgency of the environmental crises we face; and

- to build support for the Government to host a national televised briefing.
7. **Notes** the reported scale of the NEB initiative, including approximately 3,200 screenings held or planned, a reported reach of around 180,000 people, support from 145 cross-party MPs for a televised emergency briefing, and a petition calling on the Government to deliver a televised emergency briefing which has passed 100,000 signatures and is therefore due to be considered for debate in Parliament.
 8. **Agrees** that the purpose of the initial screening will be to enable Councillors and staff to view the film, consider the information and arguments presented, and consider whether and how the issues raised may be relevant to the Council and its residents.
 9. **Agrees** that the public screening should, where practicable, provide an opportunity for residents to discuss the issues raised by the film and to form their own views, rather than being presented as an endorsement by the Community Council of every argument, conclusion or campaign position contained within the film.
 10. **Agrees** to consider using relevant material and guidance contained within the National.Emergency.Briefing.Local.Councils.Resource.Pack when planning the screenings and any associated community discussion.
 11. **Agrees** that, once the arrangements for a public screening have been established, reasonable efforts should be made to publicise the event to residents across the Council area.

Financial and administrative implications

The Committee notes that any expenditure associated with the screenings should be identified in advance and undertaken in accordance with the Council's financial regulations and legal powers. Any necessary expenditure or commitment should be brought before the Council for approval where required.