

Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee
Held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 10:00am

Present: Cllr L. Deighton, Cllr M. Emmens, Cllr. A. Foster and Cllr P. Jones (Chair)

In attendance: J. Mitchell (Town Clerk) and M. Keys (Assistant Clerk)

1. Appointment Of Chair

Cllr P. Jones was nominated and seconded; no other nominations were received.

It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr P. Jones as Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

2. Apologies

Cllr M. Ireland sent her apologies.

3. Declaration of interests

None

4. Terms Of Reference

Members reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Environmental committee.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council to approve the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Advisory Committee.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

Members reviewed the minutes of the last Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19th March 2024.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19th March 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6. Biodiversity Audit

Members reviewed the Biodiversity Audit report which had been produced by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

It was RESOLVED to review the recommendations and suggestions within the report and to discuss further at a future Environmental Advisory Committee meeting about what would be possible.

7. Environmental Advisor Committee Budget

Members discussed the 2025-2026 budget requirements for the Environmental Advisory Committee.

It was RESOLVED to request a £8,000 budget for the Environmental Advisory Committee split across the two existing budget codes.

8. Community Orchard

Members received an update on the delivery date for the trees for the Community Orchard, which are due for delivery week commencing 9th December 2024.

It was RESOLVED to note the update.

Members discussed a request regarding a second Community Orchard.

It was RESOLVED to respond the resident thanking them for their request and highlighting that the initial Community Orchard is a pilot scheme. Further sites will be considered based on the success of the initial site.

Members discussed an offer to help with the planning of the trees in the Community Orchard.

It was RESOLVED to arrange the Community Orchard planting in December as a Community event, with the support of the Hilltop Cubs and thank them for their offer.

9. NEDDC Recycling

Members discussed an update received from NEDDC regarding new legislation for recycling and the implications for the Town Council.

It was RESOLVED to make further enquiries with NEDDC with regards to the specific recycling requirements for Town Council facilities and land.

10. Valencia Fund

Members reviewed the Valencia Communities Fund information.

It was RESOLVED to obtain further information from the Valencia Fund to clarify the type of Environmental projects the Town Council could apply for through Valencia Communities Fund and whether match funding is required.

11. Woodland Trust

Members discussed whether to apply for free trees for the community.

It was RESOLVED to apply for trees to replace the ones that have been felled in the current year during the March 2025 application window.

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 19th November at 2pm.

Meeting closed at 10:42am.