

Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee
Held in the Council Chambers on Monday 24th February 2025 at 2pm

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

In attendance: J. Mitchell (Town Clerk), M. Keys (Assistant Clerk) and P. Duncan (Outside Services Team Leader)

1. Apologies

Cllr M. Emmens sent her apologies.

2. Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

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

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

4. Recycling Legislation

Members discussed the new Simpler Recycling legislation and the impact for the Town Council and reviewed quotes for a new waste collection service and new recycling bins.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to accept an annual waste collection 12-month contract quote of £4,124 from Veolia which includes the collection of general waste, mixed recycling and food waste.

It was RESOLVED to purchase indoor recycling bins at a cost of £262.38 to comply with the new legislation.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to purchase three mixed recycling bins and a food waste collection bin for Cliffe Park at a cost of £1,695 to comply with the new legislation.

It was RESOLVED to write to all hirers of the Civic Hall and Gosforth Lodge to inform them of the new environmental legislation and compliance.

It was RESOLVED to promote the new environmental legislation and compliance on the DTC website news and Facebook page to raise overall awareness with the general public.

5. Bedding Plants

Members discussed the bedding plant requirements for 2025 and reviewed the quote.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to purchase the annual bedding plants at a cost of £1069.40 and plus the hanging baskets at a cost of £2,800.

6. Derbyshire's Heartwood Community Forest

Members reviewed correspondence received regarding the Derbyshire Heartwood Community Forest and possible grant funding for trees/hedgerows from the Woodland Trust.

It was RESOLVED to apply for a pack of 15 trees from the Woodland Trust to replace the felled dead, diseased or dying trees in 2024.

It was RESOLVED for the Outside Services Team Leader to choose the most suitable tree pack.

It was RESOLVED to delegate the planting locations of the new trees to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Environmental Committee.

It was RESOLVED not to progress with the Derbyshire Heartwood Community Forest at this time.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be organised as and when required.

Meeting closed at 2:24pm