

**Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee
Held in the Council Chambers on Monday 18th December 2023 at 2pm**

Present: Cllr L. Deighton, Cllr M. Emmens, Cllr M. Ireland and Cllr P. Jones

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

1) Election 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 A. Foster sent her apologies.

3) Declaration of interests

There were no declaration of interests.

4) Minutes of the last meeting

Members reviewed the minutes of the last Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23rd March 2023.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5) Terms of Reference

Members reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Advisory Committee.

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

6) The Environment Act 2021

Members discussed the first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity.

It was RESOLVED to continue with the current biodiversity initiatives including wildflower meadows, replanting of felled trees and working with other organisations and local groups such as the Leabrook Valley and Civic Society and wait for further guidance from DALC regarding policies to implement.

7) Wildflower Meadows

Members reviewed a quote for the end of season maintenance of the wildflower meadows at Sindelfingen Park and Hilltop.

It was RESOLVED to enquire if Outside Services can perform the end of season maintenance of the wildflower meadows at Sindelfingen Park and Hilltop.

Members reviewed a quote for the supply and installation of a wildflower meadow at Sindelfingen Park in 2024.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to accept the quote of £1,480 for the supply and installation of a wildflower meadow at Sindelfingen Park in 2024.

8) Trees for Streets

Members reviewed the Trees for Streets Scheme.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council not to participate in the Trees for Street Scheme.

It was RESOLVED to measure the unused green space near Chestnut Close in Dronfield for the possible purpose of planting a community orchard in the future.

9) Warm Homes for All

Members reviewed a request from North East Derbyshire Climate Action Group.

It was RESOLVED to consult with North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council regarding the Warm Homes For All scheme and defer this item to the next Environmental committee meeting.

10) Derbyshire Electric Vehicle Charging Survey

Members reviewed the consultation asking for views on electric charging infrastructure provision in our area.

It was RESOLVED not to complete the survey as relevant feedback was not available.

Members reviewed an email from a resident regarding electric charging points for the disabled.

It was RESOLVED to write back to the resident and inform them that the disabled parking spaces in the Civic Centre have not been reduced and that the electric vehicle charging space can accommodate disabled parking.

11) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held as and when required.

Meeting closed at 2:31pm.