

Madeley Town Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council held on Monday 10 June 2024 commencing at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

PRESENT: Councillors: **J Jones (Vice Chair), J Loveridge and R Meadows**
Alison Hinks, Town Clerk

E25/01 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Highway (holiday). Cllr White and Cllr Ashan were not present at the meeting.

Resolved:

The Environment Committee unanimously resolved to accept the apologies received.

E25/02 **Remarks from the Chair**

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair Cllr Jones chaired the meeting.

E25/03 **Public Discussion**

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. The period which is designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

E25/04 **Declarations of Interest**

No declaration made.

E25/05 **Minutes**

Resolved:

Councillors unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 4 March 2024 were confirmed and approved for signature (see Appendix A).

E25/06 **Budget and Finance – Financial Reports**

06.1 **Budget Comparison Report**

The Finance Officer had prepared the Financial Comparison Report for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 May 2024 for information (see Appendix B).
Noted.

06.2 **2023-24 Year End Comparison**

The Finance Officer had prepared a 2023-24 year end budget comparison between the periods of 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 (see Appendix C).
Noted.

06.3 **Cashbook Update**

The Finance Officer had prepared the Budget Cashbook Report for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 May 2024 for information (see Appendix D).
Noted.

Cllr Meadows said that the bottom of the High Street was cut off from the main shopping area of Madeley and suggested that shrubs are planted by the bridge and Christmas Lights and Planters are added to the railings at Lumley Hall. The Town Clerk said that a new Christmas Lights contract was to be approved at the Full Council meeting on 17 June 2024 which includes a new display at the bottom of the High Street. The Town Clerk reminded Councillors that Lumley Hall is a listed building so displays are limited.

Cllr Jones reminded the Town Clerk that the water bills for Madeley Community Orchard need to be changed into the name of Madeley United Charities as Madeley Town Council is no longer responsible for Madeley Community Orchard.

E25/07 **Community Action Team Plan**

The Committee received an update report from the Environment Community Liaison Officer. The Town Clerk confirmed that they would be attending the 9 September 2024 meeting to give a verbal update. For this meeting Cllr Jones requested more information on the work being carried out by the CAT in Halesfield and more details on the progress being made on the CAT enhanced work programme. Councillors also requested regular before and after photos for MTC social media and a regular article in Madeley Matters to keep residents updated on the work of the CAT.

E25/08 **Planning Applications.**

The Deputy Town Clerk had put together a list of current planning application in Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside, which were presented to the Environment Committee.
Noted.

E25/09 **CCTV**

The committee received an email update from Paul Fenn, Telford & Wrekin Council Enforcement showing details of the costs now associated to moving the mobile cameras around the ward. This cost has been introduced as Madeley Town Council no longer buy into enhance enforcement via the Telford & Wrekin Council Community Action Team SLA. Cllr Jones asked that costs to move the cameras are sort from other suppliers and any Madeley Town Council owned cameras are returned to Jubilee House. Cllr Jones reminded Councillors that the CCTV server for Madeley is housed at Jubilee House with no charge to Telford & Wrekin Council for room hire or electric. Cllr Jones requested that a small working group is set up look into Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside CCTV monitoring being brought in-house.

E25/10 **Biodiversity Project**

The Committee received an updated on the Smallwoods/Mercian Woodlands Biodiversity Project that is currently being rolled out across Madeley Pit Mounds and

Rough Park LNR. The work includes a biodiversity assessment and a Biodiversity Management Plan for these areas. Rick Shaw, Telford & Wrekin Council Environment Office is leading on this project.

E25/11 **Correspondence**

Councillors received information on the Marches Energy Agency Community Group Energy Champion project, encouraging community groups to volunteer to carry out energy efficiency training to support local households to discuss their energy costs.

E25/12 **Information**

Nothing to report.

E25/13 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council is scheduled for Monday 9 September 2024 at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed