

Madeley Town Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council held on Monday 10th March 2025 commencing at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

PRESENT: **Councillors:** **D White (Chair), J Jones (Vice Chair), James Loveridge and Clifford Ansah**
Samantha Middleton, Deputy Town Clerk

E25/037 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ruth Meadows.

Resolved:

The Environment Committee unanimously resolved to accept the apologies received.

E25/038 **Remarks from the Chair**

The chair said that there was a guest to speak in the public session.

E25/039 **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.

E25/040 **Declarations of Interest**

No declaration made.

E25/041 **Minutes**

Resolved:

Councillors unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025⁴ were confirmed and approved for signature (see Appendix A).

E25/042 **Budget and Finance – Financial Reports**

42.1 **Budget Comparison Report**

The Finance Officer had prepared the Financial Comparison Report for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 January 2025 for information (see Appendix B).
Noted.

42.2 **2023-24 Year End Comparison**

The Finance Officer had prepared a 2024-25-year end budget comparison between the periods of 1 April 2024 –31 January 2025 see Appendix C).
Noted.

E25/043 CAT.

The Committee received an update on the upcoming changes to the CAT, this included agreed split of the parish using the Silken Way as a point for each team to work from. They also had a document that showed how jobs for each team would be split, this is a starting point and will be reviewed as the teams settle in. The committee also received the monthly work report from Brett West.

E25/044 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.

E25/045 Committee Structure and meeting cycles.

The committees have been asked to look at committee structures and meeting cycles and report back to full council. The following suggestions were made:

1. Planning be delegated to chair of committee and deputy town clerk and then voted on at Full Council.
2. Less than 4 meetings per year, extra meetings if extra meetings required, they can be called.
3. Merge with Leisure and Community to make meetings longer.

E25/046 Allotments.

Currently there is a group that has decided to resurrect an Allotment Association, and not all the plot holders have been asked if they would like this. The committee agreed to ask all plot holders if they would like the Town Council to continue running the site or if they would like the association to take over and run the site. The majority vote will be used to decide this. Whoever has the majority vote will be responsible for running the site, collecting rent, allocating plots and maintaining the site. This vote will be sent with the coming years invoices in April.

The Clerk has a meeting with the group next week and will tell them of the decision.

A request has also been received to give a plot to local veterans, it was decided to decide once who is running the site is settled.

E25/047 Climate Change declaration 2020.

The committee received a request from John Box for an update on the Climate change declaration made by the council, he would like to know what steps had been taken to achieve this. It was agreed that Cllr White and Deputy Town Clerk would meet with him

E25/048 Correspondence

Correspondence received from Rev Dawn Taffinder about Bartlett Gardens and what was going there at present. They are also looking for stakeholders to join the group.

E25/049 Information

Nothing to report.

E25/050 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Town Council will be confirmed after the Annual meeting on 28th April 2025.

Meeting closed at 7.03pm

Signed