

Madeley Town Council

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

PRESENT: **Councillors:** **D White (Chair), Janice Jones, Cliff Ansah Andy Harrison and Ruth Meadows**
John Box present as guest to discuss climate emergency progress.
Aaron England for CAT update.
Samantha Middleton, Deputy Town Clerk taking minutes.

E26/028 **Apologies**
No apologies received.

E26/029 **Remarks from the Chair**
The chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

E26/030 **Public Discussion**
No members of the public present.

E26/031 **Declarations of Interest**
No interests declared.

E26/032 **Minutes**
Resolved:
Councillors unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 10th September were confirmed and approved for signature (see Appendix A).

E26/033 **CAT update.**
Councillors had received the new style reports, and they are happy with them. Aaron gave the committee an update on the number of jobs Brett had put through during his time with the council. Derek White said some bins are still being missed even though they are reported by the team at Jubilee House and members of the public. Some of these bins have been added to the system and this would continue. Continue to report by My Telford.
Aaron updated on the 5 top hot spots and these are priority for the teams. The issue with the teams' phones has been resolved.
We are putting before and after photos weekly on our social media so residents can see jobs being completed they have reported.
Councillor Meadows asked about the streetlights on the path between the Anstice and Russell Square, Aaron confirmed he would look at it.
Councillor Harrison asked about homeless making dens in trees, councillor Janice Jones said she would bring it up at the next Safer stronger meeting.

E26/034 **John Box Climate Emergency**

John is from The Gorge climate committee, he is not a councillor, he helps them with climate issues. John came to see what Madeley Town Council had done since declaring a Climate Emergency in 2020. The council reported that it had done many things including- new boilers, roof replacements, low carbon bus stops, lamp post bulbs changed and improved insulation. However, we have also taken on a very old and inefficient building in Sutton Hill.

John suggested the use of solar panels and encouraging other to use them. He also made the following suggestions for further changes:

1. Using a carbon emission calculator to give our scores and publishing on our web site. This can be updated yearly to show improvements.
2. To include a climate change question on our grant form.
3. To comment on planning applications suggesting the use of solar panels, this would only be a suggestion as not enforceable.
4. Recommending all councillors and clerk attend Carbon Literacy training. The Deputy Clerks has already undertaken this training.
5. Listing staff and councillors on website who are Carbon Literate.
6. Putting articles in Madeley Matters about the council's journey.

It was agreed that these points would be considered.

E26/035 **Budget & Finance**

The committee received and noted the Financial Budget Comparison up to 30/09/25, the report was noted.

E26/036 **Budget 2026/27**

The committee received the budget for the next financial year. The Deputy Clerk explained the difference including the agreed new amount for Hanging Baskets, next year these would not be offered to businesses in the town due to the low take up and the cost to the Town Council.

Resolved:

The councillors unanimously agreed the budget for the next financial year 2026/7.

E26/037 **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. The Councillors had asked for an update on the 2 x enforcement applications that have been outstanding from 2020 and 2024.

ENF/2020/0550 – The Enforcement Notice was upheld at appeal. The owner has 6 months from the 29 September 2025 to comply.

ENF/2024/0109 – The Enforcement Notice was appealed, and we are still awaiting a decision from the Planning Inspectorate.

- E26/038** **Grit Bins**
CLr White has carried out a site visit to inspect the need for a grit bin; he could not find anyone who would be happy for the bin to be placed outside their property. It was noted that there was a resident registered as a snow warden who should be spreading grit in the area.
- E26/039** **Sutton Hil Allotment**
The committee received an update on the transition from MTC to Allotment group is ongoing. The Deputy Clerk is meeting regularly with the group.
- E26/040** **Snow Liaison Officer**
Telford and Wrekin Council are updating the list of Snow Liaison officers; these officers are available to tell TWC what the snow is like in their area. It was agreed to update the list to include Councillor Derek White Andy Harrison.
- E26/041** **Hanging Baskets**
Resolved
Councillors unanimously agreed to stop offering hanging baskets to businesses due to the low take up and the cost. This was discussed under item E26/036.
- E26/042** **Correspondence**
No correspondence received.
- E2/043** **Information**
Nothing to report.
- E25/044** **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council is scheduled for Monday 12 January 2026 at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley, meeting with officers to discuss projects and priorities for 2026.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed:
Chair of Environment Committee

Date: