



Matlock

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor 2024-2025 - Councillor Jason Knighton
Town Clerk – Simon Hosmer

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 7 October 2024 at 6:00pm in the Riber Room of the Imperial Rooms, Matlock

Present: In the chair: Cllr David Hughes (DH)
Councillors: Cllr Sue Burfoot (SB), Cllr Len Best (LB), Cllr Pat
Wildgoose (PW), Cllr Ashley Orwin (AO)
In attendance: Simon Hosmer, Town Clerk (SH)

Meeting begins at 18:00

ENVC 72/2024

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Diane Fletcher – *medical reasons*
Cllr Sue Burfoot - *Away*

ENVC 73/2024

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received

ENVC 74/2024

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

None received

ENVC 75/2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, POLICE, COUNTY COUNCIL OR DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

No members of the public were present

ENVC 76/2024

MINUTES

*Minutes of the previous meeting are not finished and so will be brought to the next
meeting for approval along with the minutes from the meeting prior to that*

ENVC 77/2024

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS

DH: I filled in the survey personally this morning and it is quite simple in that it is for
individuals to do. Matlock Town Council (MTC) may want to have an official position on
this. Chesterfield West uses Highfields school but there isn't a polling station in Riber.

LB: They vote in Starkholmes.

DH: I am not sure what we need to do here. What response would we want to do?

SH: We have had a notice up for 3 weeks about the survey. Nobody has complained but they may be doing so at the Town Hall.

PW: I think we say that the current system is satisfactory.

Proposed: Cllr Pat Wildgoose, seconded Cllr Ashley Orwin

Resolution: That we send a response saying we are satisfied with the system as it stands

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 78/2024

WORKS TO ASPIRE CREATIVE BUILDING ON BANK ROAD

Cllr Orwin declares an interest as his business is located within the building and leaves the room for the duration of the item

SH: The plan is to extend the Christmas lighting to the Red Cross charity shop and we will need to do some electrical and building work on the building mentioned in the report. We have contacted the landlord and a contract has been drafted by that landlord in order to protect his interests, quite rightly. JKE who will do the work carry the liability for any damage and not MTC.

PW : JKE seem very competent. People haven't complained about them have they?

SH: No we haven't heard anything but good reports.

LB: What are the actual works?

SH: A junction box needs to be installed which will then carry the current around.

Proposed: Cllr Pat Wildgoose, seconded Cllr Len Best

Resolution: To ask the Clerk to sign and return the report to the landlord and then to get the works carried out before Christmas if possible

Agreed unanimously (Cllr Orwin did not vote due to his business interest)

Cllr Orwin returned to the meeting

ENVC 79/2024

TOILETS & EPAY UPDATES REPORT

SH: As a follow up from the last meeting. Circumstances of proper officers mean that the original plan cannot now be carried out and a delay is inevitable in this and other issues. I feel we should drop the pursuit of this until such a time as the office issues are resolved. I have spoken to Danfo and Evalon and they are happy to wait, hold any quote for us until I get back to them. There has been more damage to the toilets but it was minimal and been fixed already.

DH: Can I ask why we think we will get an extra £1200 from the toilets and £5000 in the Imperial Rooms?

SH: £1200 is the total we would take if the cash machines are working but they aren't currently. The additional £5000 is tied to additional monies we would take as we would also have the facility on our website and in person to take electronic payments which we cannot do at the moment and miss out on certain bookings due to this.

DH: Aah yes, ok.

PW: Can you tap a card to pay and not just your phone?

SH: Yes both are possible on these machines.

DH: The staff issue is due to paperwork signing that is required?

SH: Yes that's ok

Proposed: Cllr Ashley Orwin, seconded Cllr Pat Wildgoose

Resolution: To approve the report and to ask the Clerk to pause until such time as the office situation is resolved

Agreed unanimously

ENVC80/2024

FUNDING REPORT UPDATE

SH: This report is the same as it was at the last meeting but I have returned it to the agenda to make you all aware that it is still going to happen but due to issues in the office taking priority this has yet to be oved forward. I had an update last week from the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce (EMCC) to the affect that funding is still available until March 2025. There will be a raft of other funding options available within the next 4 years.

PW: How would a heat source pump work in here?

DH: My sister has one and it works very well.

SH: The system is working at the moment just fine.

DH: The maximum temperature the radiators can run at is lower with a heat source pump.

SH: Making it more efficient overall.

DH: Some places need more radiators but here I think we have enough. The rooms may not heat up as quickly. Could we ask Nottingham City Council to help with funding application?

SH: We could if we go beyond the March 2025 deadline. I need to look at it again and will do once I have the time.

DH: No work would be done inside the building and so it could all be done with minimal disruption to the rooms.

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes , seconded Cllr Pat Wildgoose

Resolution: To receive the report

Agreed unanimously

ENVC81/2024

COUNCIL PUBLICITY: Website, Social Media, Newsletters and news releases

SH: We will promote the extension of the Christmas lights once the works are completed as a matter of course.

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes , seconded Cllr Ashley Orwin

Resolution: To ask the Clerk to promote the new Christmas lights once the work has been done

Agreed unanimously

ENVC82/2024

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

DH: I want to say thank you to Groundworks as the work they have done at Denefields is always of a very high standard.

Meeting ends 18:32