



Matlock

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor 2025-2026 – Councillor Marilyn Franks
Town Clerk – Simon Hosmer

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 04 August 2025 at 6:00pm in the Riber Room of the Imperial Rooms, Matlock

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

Meeting begins at 18:00

ENVC 124/2025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE *None received*

ENVC 125/2025 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS *Cllr Hughes suggested that agenda point 7 be moved to the public participation section in order for the residents of Henry Avenue to have their say on a new grit bin for the street*

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot
Resolution: To vary the order of business so point 7 is directly after public participation
Agreed unanimously

ENVC 126/2025 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION *None received*

ENVC 127/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, POLICE, COUNTY COUNCIL OR DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

2 members of the public were in attendance

ENVC 128/2025 MINUTES Minutes of the 17 June 2025

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot
Resolution: To approve the minutes of the 17 June 2025
Agreed unanimously

ENVC 129/2025 NEW MEMBER REPORT

The Clerk explained that in order to give the new Co-opted Councillor (Jenny Lowthrop) voting rights at this Committee he would have to amend the Terms of Reference and have that amendment approved at the next Full Council meeting

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Diane Fletcher

Resolution: To accept the report

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 130/2025 NEW GRIT BIN AT HENRY AVENUE REPORT

A discussion was had about the proposal to add a new Matlock Town Council owned grit bin on Henry Avenue. The Committee agreed in principle to it but a change of policy is required in order for any new grit bins to be purchased as the current policy does not allow for the Council to purchase any new grit bins.

Proposed: Cllr Sue Burfoot, seconded Cllr Diane Fletcher

Resolution: To ask the Clerk to reword the Grit Bin Policy so it allows for individual cases to be considered in future

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 131/2025 VAN LEASE UPDATE

The Clerk explained that a test drive of a new electric van or truck was required in order to make sure that same or similar quality and performance can be given as a petrol hybrid.

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot

Resolution: To accept the report

Agreed unanimously

ENVC132/2025 GROUNDWORKS Q1 REPORT

The Committee discussed the report and asked for further details from Groundworks regarding the number of volunteers and hours worked by them. Groundworks to be contacted to see if they would like to contribute to an article for publication in Reflections, in Matlock Mercury and on our website.

Proposed: Cllr Diane Fletcher, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot

Resolution: To ask the Clerk to organise promotion of the volunteer group on our website with Groundworks involvement

Agreed unanimously

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ALLOTMENT UPDATE

A discussion was had about moving the gate to the entrance on the street. It was felt that highways may object to that. Signs and cameras were also discussed in order to deter people who are not supposed to park on our land. Moving the car park into the allotments at the bottom where the flats gardens meet with the pathway in the allotments.

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes , seconded Cllr Diane Fletcher

Resolution: To investigate the area suggested for a hard standing car park and to report back to the Committee

Agreed unanimously

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

Nothing additional was agreed to be publicised

Meeting ends 18:55



Simon Hosmer
Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN:

DATED:

An audio recording of this meeting is available from the Clerk upon request.