

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Councillors: East                      Giraud-Saunders      Greenwood  
                    Hoult                      Ormerod                      Tanner  
                    Wooldridge

Officers:                      Simon Fisher, Town Clerk  
    Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: One

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hopkins, took the Chair.

### **30. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor Giraud-Saunders nominated Councillor Tanner to be Chair of the committee, and was seconded by Councillor Ormerod.

Councillor Greenwood nominated Councillor Hoult to be Chair of the committee, and was seconded by Councillor Wooldridge.

A vote was held, with Councillor Tanner receiving four votes and Councillor Hoult receiving three votes. It was therefore AGREED

    THAT Councillor Tanner was elected Chair of the Environment Committee.

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### **31. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Councillor Giraud-Saunders nominated Councillor Hoult to be Vice-Chair of the committee, and was seconded by Councillor Greenwood. There were no other nominations. Members voted and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

    THAT Councillor Hoult was elected Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee.

### **32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies had been received.

### **33. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**34. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one member of the public present.

**35. FOR INFORMATION – CRAMMER WATCH PROJECT**

The report was received and noted.

**36. FOR DECISION – APPEAL AGAINST REMOVAL FROM AN ALLOTMENT**

The Committee noted that officers had worked hard to resolve the problem before terminating the allotment agreement due to lack of maintenance. It was proposed by Councillor Wooldridge, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the officers' decision is upheld, and the allotment holder's appeal against withdrawal of tenancy rejected.

**37. FOR DECISION – SUPPORT FOR THE DEVIZES FESTIVAL CUP**

Concern was expressed at the lack of clarity around the management of and overall responsibility for the scheme, but members wished to show commitment to reducing single-use plastics and it was proposed by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED

THAT That an in-principal funding allocation of up to £1300 be committed from the suitability budget for the purchase of reusable festival cups subject to an agreement of how the scheme is managed.

**38. COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee would discuss festival cups in detail at the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July. It was hoped that regular reports would be submitted in future to update members on the issues of bus shelters, Drews Pond, the Crammer, etc.

**39. QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

CHAIR