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DRAFT NOTES of a meeting of the Environment & Conservation Committee
held on Wednesday 10th January at 5.30 pm at the New Bath Hotel

Present: Cllr Louise Moran (Chairman), Cllr Peter Baranek, Mike Greenan, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

01.01.24 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

02.01.24 **Acceptance and Signing of Notes**

It was agreed that the notes of the last meeting held on 21st December 2024 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

03.01.24 **Budget Requirements for 2024/2025**

The Committee discussed the budget requirements for 2024/2025.

The Committee were concerned about the budget for the Nature Reserve as it was felt that funds needed to be available to fell any tree with ash dieback. However, they were conscious that the budget was not 'open ended' and it wasn't clear this year, how many trees would need felling. After discussion, it was agreed to carry forward the underspend from 2023/2024 and add an addition £1,000. This would be sufficient to carry out any clearing and tree work required.

The Committee agreed that the equipment maintenance budget should be increased to £200 as costs to servicing had increased.

The Committee agreed that the florals budget could be reduced to £800 as expenditure was reduced due to the Council purchasing the 3 tier planters a few years ago. The Clerk explained that the intention was to plant more perennials so again costs would reduce next year. Cllr Louise Moran agreed to produce a list of perennials which could go in the planters.

The budgets proposed for Footpaths and equipment purchase were agreed. The Clerk confirmed that as the Council participated in the Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme operated by Derbyshire County Council a further £315 would be available on top of the Council's proposed budget.

04.01.24 **Date of Next Meeting**

To be arranged when business dictates.

The meeting closed at 7pm.