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Minutes of Environment Committee Meeting of Morecambe Town Council held at Morecambe Town Hall at 19:30 on the tenth day of January 2023.

Members Present: Councillors J Bates, P Anderton, P Hart, V Boyd-Power, C Matthews.

In attendance: Luke Trevaskis (Proper Officer), Michaela Smith (Projects Officer).

Minute EC2223-022

Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs G Dennison and A Balcer.

Minute EC2223-023

Declarations of Interests

None.

Minute EC2223-024

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Minute EC2223-025

Public Participation

None.

Minute EC2223-026

Budget

The Committee received an updated financial position for the Committee and noted the costs for the quad bikes and additional equipment that were anticipated to be purchased this month in preparation for delivery of the district-wide weeding service.

Minute EC2223-027

Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was resolved to exclude the press and public in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following business, on the grounds that it could involve possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

Minute EC2223-028

Weeding

The Committee were provided with an update on the preparations for the delivery of the weeding service.

The Committee spoke favourably about the campaign work that had been developed for #NEATSTREETS.

The Committee recommended the submission of revised costs be submitted to the Council for approval at its next meeting.

The Committee agreed that its budget in the new financial year should be used to supplement the weeding service with the use of enhancement compounds to improve the longevity of the weed spraying activities (within the Morecambe Town Council boundary) - facilitation delegated to the PO. The Committee also agreed to consider the application of a third spray nearer the time.

It was advised that other parish and town councils within the district had also made enquiries about paying a fee to Morecambe Town Council to undertake an additional third spray in their wards (or pay a supplement for the use of enhancement compounds to improve the longevity of the existing two applications).

It was mentioned that a recent episode of Gardener's Question Time provided some methods for weed killing that were considered more environmentally friendly. The Committee agreed to consider additional methods of weed removal and to work to ensure its activities were as environmentally sustainable as possible. The Committee noted the use of battery powered equipment was a good start, and further exploration could be undertaken on the use of salt / hot water and/or vinegar in the future.