MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5th MAY 2026

634. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs K. Mills (Mayor), I. Plant (Deputy Mayor), G. Bentley, S. Ellis, M. Downie, Ms M. Wells, C. Richardson, Mrs S. Walley, J. Jervis, P. Jackson, P. Routledge, A. Thomas, Mrs P. Upton, D. Wilson, T. Cann, Miss Z. Routledge, D. Faulkner, Ms V. Wheeldon and T. Durose

635. APOLOGIES – Councillors J. Aberley

636. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Thomas declared an interest in payments for approval as there is a reimbursement payment, Cllr Thomas left the room while the agenda item was discussed.

Cllr K Mills declared an interest in the agenda item, update on Cheadle Retail Units as she works in Child Protection, as the debate contained elements of this topic.

637. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

638. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE/SCC/SMDC/OTHER AUTHORITIES REPORT

None

639. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

640. INCLUSIVE SPORTS PROJECT PRESENTATION

Cllr Walley and Ms Anna Lavan delivered a presentation to Council outlining proposals for an Inclusive Sports Project to be delivered in partnership with “Church on the Hill”, St Giles the Abbott.

The project aims to provide inclusive sporting opportunities for both able-bodied and disabled participants, promoting greater community integration and accessibility. Proposed activities include wheelchair rugby, darts, table games and other inclusive sports, with the long-term objective of establishing sustainable local clubs as part of a legacy programme.

Members were advised that the Leisure Centre is suitably equipped to support inclusive activities, with sessions anticipated to commence from September at both the Leisure Centre and the Church venue. Funding opportunities are currently being explored in order to support delivery of the project.

Council welcomed the initiative and expressed its support for the project. The Mayor requested that full project details be forwarded to the Clerk for circulation to all Councillors to identify any potential support opportunities.

641. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2026

The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

642. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 13th APRIL 2026

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

643. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 20th APRIL 2026

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

644. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 27th APRIL 2026

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

645. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 27th APRIL 2026

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

646. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL IN MAY

Payments listed below were approved for payment.

Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
SLCC Membership	SLCC	Z	331.00		331.00
Tean Road Notice Board	Noticeboards Company Cur	S	2,835.00	567.00	3,402.00
Community Reassurance	Nicky Derrett	Z	1,672.00		1,672.00
IT Support	PCone Computer Solutions	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
Salaries & Employment Liabiliti	Cheadle Town Council	Z	6,790.56		6,790.56
Party in the Park - Posters	Woodward Printers	S	40.00	8.00	48.00
Line Paint Spray	Trademart Staffs Ltd	S	5.00	1.00	6.00
Insurance	Zurich	Z	5,249.14		5,249.14
Projector	Cllr A Thomas	Z	299.00		299.00
	Total		**17,321.70**	**596.00**	**17,917.70**

647. REVIEW AND APPROVE POLICIES

Cllr M Wells proposed that the agenda item be deferred on the basis that the supporting documents had been circulated after publication of the agenda. The proposal was seconded by Cllr G Bentley.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion resulted in:

- 9 votes in favour
- 9 votes against
- 2 abstentions

The Mayor exercised the casting vote against the proposal and therefore the motion to defer was lost.

Cllr P Upton subsequently proposed that the policies be approved and adopted. The motion was seconded by Cllr V Wheeldon. Cllr G Bentley requested a named vote.

Following a vote, the motion was carried and the following policies were formally adopted:

- IT Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Model Publication Scheme
- Privacy Notices
- Complaints Policy

For – 10 Votes	**Against – 8 Votes**	**Abstain – 2 Votes**
Cllr K Mills	Cllr I Plant	Cllr P Jackson – Abstain
Cllr T Cann	Cllr L Bentley	Cllr A Thomas – Abstain
Cllr M Downie	Cllr G Bentley	
Cllr S. Ellis	Cllr T Durose	
Cllr D Faulkner	Cllr J Jervis	
Cllr C Richardson	Cllr P Routledge	
Cllr P Upton	Cllr Z Routledge	
Cllr S Walley	Cllr M Wells	
Cllr V Wheeldon		
Cllr D Wilson		

648. <u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION</u>

Cllr I Plant advised Council that a cluster meeting had taken place on 28 April 2026 and confirmed that the relevant presentation slides and associated information would be forwarded to the Clerk for circulation to Members.

Council was also advised that no further correspondence had been received from Mr A. Stokes following the previous meeting. The Clerk was instructed to pursue a response

649. <u>CHEADLE RETAIL OUTLETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSERVATION RULES</u>

A lengthy debate was held with concerns raised within the national media relating to the safeguarding of children and young people. Cllr M Wells raised concerns regarding the sale of vapes and energy drinks to underage individuals and referred to a number of retail premises within the town where obscured shop frontages may contribute to safeguarding concerns. Cllr Wells suggested that the Town Council adopt a proactive approach by issuing a standard letter to local retailers reminding them of the requirements relating to conservation area regulations and shop frontage compliance.

A number of Members expressed the view that safeguarding concerns should be reported through the appropriate channels, including the Police and safeguarding agencies, and questioned whether sufficient evidence existed locally to justify direct action by the Council. Concerns were also raised that issuing a general letter may create unnecessary concern within the community.

A vote was taken on the proposal to issue a standard letter to local retailers; however, the motion was defeated.

A further motion was then proposed to pursue a multi-agency approach regarding conservation compliance and enforcement matters relating to local retail premises, led by the BTEC Committee. It was further proposed that Staffordshire Police be invited to attend a confidential meeting to establish whether there was evidence to support the concerns raised.

The motion was carried.

650. COUNCILLOR .GOV.UK EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Clerk reminded Members that information relating to the implementation of new .gov.uk email addresses had previously been circulated. Councillors were advised that passwords must be collected directly from the Clerk's Office for security purposes. Members were informed that the new email arrangements must be operational prior to the circulation of the next Council agenda on 12 May 2026.

651. PRESENTATION FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR A REVIEW TO REDUCE THE COUNCILLOR NUMBERS FROM 21 TO 15 MEMBERS

Cllr A Thomas advised council that he will put forward a motion for council to apply to reduce the number of councillors for the next elections in May 2027 and will distribute the required application details and considerations to Councillors to make an informed decision at the Annual Council Meeting. The deputy Clerk added any proposal to reduce the number of Councillors would require a Community Governance Review through the local authority and that he had made contact with SMDC to enquire about the process.

652. CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LOGO

Following on from the agenda item in March minute 517, Cllr A Thomas presented to Council some options that may be considered. These pictures will be sent out to Councillors for further review.

653. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None

654. CONFIRMATION OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026 6PM

It was confirmed that the annual parish assembly would be held on Monday 18th may at 6 pm at Council Chambers this has been published on the Town Council website and facebook page.

655. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs K. Mills welcomed the newly elected Councillor Lee Bentley to Council and congratulated him on his new role. The Mayor held a fund raising a event at the Raddle Inn which was very successful for her chosen Charity and thank all who attended and supported the event.

Confidential

656. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON 20TH APRIL – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – TODDLER PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT & GROUND WORKS QUOTES

The Full Council approved the recommendation from the Leisure & Operations Committee to appoint both projects to Kompan. Approval will now be forwarded to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to enable the release of Section 106 funding, with works to commence once funding confirmation has been received.

657. STAFFING COMMITTEE MINUTES

This item was deferred as not all relevant information was received for consideration by Council.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

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