MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2026

560. 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 and D. Wilson.

561. APOLOGIES – Councillors T. Cann, Miss Z. Routledge, D. Faulkner, Ms V. Wheeldon and T. Durose

562. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.

563. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS
None.

564. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE/SCC/SMDC/OTHER AUTHORITIES REPORT
None

565. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

566. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2026
The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

567. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

568. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 16th MARCH 2026
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

569. SPITFIRE DAY EVENT 6TH JUNE 2026
Cllr P Upton address the Council confirm the event will take place on Saturday 6th June 2026 on the Market Square, including a road closure, live entertainment and Stalls. The formal request for the Town Crier to attend was agreed. An invitation to attend the day was extended to Councillors and any volunteers would be welcome.

570. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION
Cllr P Upton provided the Council an overview of the meeting held with Chief Executive of SMDC, Mr Andrew Stokes regarding asset transfer for LGR. Cllr Upton advised that During the meeting, Cheadle Town Council outlined its interest in reviewing the availability and feasibility of taking ownership of several key assets within the town. The assets discussed included Cheadle Leisure Centre, Cheadle Car Parks, and the Market Place. These have been the subject of ongoing discussion within the Town Council, with members seeking to better understand the scope for any potential

transfer or local management arrangements, as well as the associated implications for the Council.

It was noted during the meeting that these assets are expected to transfer to the new authority. As such, it was indicated that it would not be feasible for the Town Council to assume ownership or management responsibility. It was agreed that further supporting information or literature outlining this position would be provided to enable the Town Council to report back to its wider membership.

In addition to the primary assets identified, the Town Council expressed an interest in acquiring Churchill Road Recreation Ground, which is currently leased from the District Council and maintained by the Town Council.

Potential opportunities were also highlighted in relation to land at Hammersley Hayes Road, along with other smaller parcels of land that may be suitable for the development of allotment sites.

It was noted that additional projects would be brought forward through the appropriate Committee structure, where they will be reviewed and developed into proposals for future consideration. Following this meeting, the matter was reported back to the full Council. Members raised concerns that projects due to be delivered by the District Council may not be completed. There was also significant disappointment expressed regarding the District Council's position that the identified assets would not be available as a potential option for transfer or local management.

As a result, the Council resolved to write formally to the District Council to seek clear and formal feedback on the feasibility of these assets and any potential opportunities for future consideration.

571. UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDING FOR NOTICE BOARD TEAN ROAD AND THE DESIGN

Cllr P. Upton updated the Council on the approved design which has secured the grant funding for the notice board and the grant awarded £2,800 and the match funding is £893. Town & Country have kindly offered to sponsor the installation of the notice board. Approval was given to order.

572. UPDATE ON POPPY APPEAL 2025 RBL FUNDS RAISED

It was reported the RBL Poppy Appeal for Cheadle 2025 proudly raised £12,259.75.

573. CHEADLE RETAIL OUTLETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSERVATION RULES

Cllr Wells raised concerns with Town Centre safe guarding concerns and the shop frontages that maybe in breach of the conservation stipulations. It was agreed to write to the planning authority, heritage and enforcement at the district Council to seek further information regarding the conservation area regulations. Allowing Council to make informed referrals if required. Any safeguarding concerns should be reported to the relevant authorities.

574. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr A. Thomas updated Council on his recent visit with Staffordshire Moorlands Partnership to Stocken Brook Flint Mill and various other locations reporting that this was a very interesting visit.

575. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs K. Mills, informed Council that she would be attending Churnet Valley Easter Parade and holding a fund-raising auction at The Anchor Inn on 12th April 3-6 and welcomes Councillors Support.

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576. TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND TODDLER AREA

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

577. TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND WORK REPLACEMENT

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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