MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE UNITED CHARITES FOLLOWED BY CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

659. PRESENT – Councillors V. O'Shea (Vice Chair), I. Plant, C. Clark, D. Wilson, Mrs P. Upton, A. Thomas and S. Ellis

660. APOLOGIES – NONE

661. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor S. Ellis declared an interest in the payments report as there is a payment for a reimbursement.

662. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS – NONE

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663. APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR MARCH 2025

The trustees reviewed the bank reconciliation for March 2025 with the end balance £10,226.91

664. REVIEW OF PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FOR 2024/2025

The trustees reviewed the reports and accepted the reports as a correct record. Income for the year totalled £2,508.66 and the expenditure £1250.

665. FUNDING OPTIONS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED FOR TEAN ROAD MEMORIAL GROUND

The Trustees confirmed that funding would be made available for the maintenance of the footpath on the memorial site of £5000 and the purchase of tables for the bowling pavilion of £906. Therefore, the funds will be transferred from Cheadle United Charities to Town Council to support the maintenance of the War Memorial Ground as stated within the remit of the Charity. Still allowing adequate funds for any future maintenance initiatives and the annual Christmas Award payments.

FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED ITEMS

666. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025 –

The minutes were approved and confirmed as correct.

667. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL MAY 2025 –

Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Community Reassurance	Nicky Derrett	S	1,748.00	349.60	2,097.60
Fire Extinguisher Service	Hoyles Fire & Safety	S	1,117.00	223.40	1,340.40
Supply & install Soap dispense	Happy Pig Company	Z	30.00		30.00
Maintenance Contract	Happy Pig Company	Z	1,137.00		1,137.00
Bunting Installation	City Illuminations	S	2,400.00	480.00	2,880.00
Salaries & Employment Liabiliti	Cheadle Town Council	Z	7,106.30		7,106.30
Grant - CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau - Ch	Z	1,000.00		1,000.00
Grant - Creative Cheadle	Creative Cheadle	Z	2,000.00		2,000.00
GRANT - Cheadle in Bloom	Cheadle in Bloom	Z	3,500.00		3,500.00
Grant - Team Cheadle	Team Cheadle	Z	3,000.00		3,000.00
Grant - Homelink	Moorlands Homelink	Z	6,000.00		6,000.00
Grant - Friends of Cecily	Friends of Cecilly Brook & I	Z	200.00		200.00
Grant - Cheadle Town FC U10's	Cheadle Town FC U10s	Z	200.00		200.00
Office Cleaning	Happy Pig Company	Z	140.00		140.00
Scribe Accounts	Scribe	S	907.20	181.44	1,088.64
Key Box	Interoffice Ltd	S	58.96	11.79	70.75
Party in the Park - Climbing Wa	Peak Activity Services Ltd	S	336.50	67.30	403.80
VE Day - Jazz Band	TM James	Z	120.00		120.00
VE DAY - Bunting	Trademart Staffs Ltd	S	40.00	8.00	48.00
VE DAY - Refreshments	Pat Hurst	Z	30.00		30.00
VE Day - Posters	Woodward Printers	S	30.00	6.00	36.00
	Total		**31,100.96**	**1,327.53**	**32,428.49**

668. REVIEW OF AGREED EXPENDITURE FOLLOWING FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL

The Committee reviewed the expenditure listed below and allocated the funding accordingly.

Maintenance Shed £10,950 – General Fund

Footpaths – Tean Road - £5000 Cheadle United Charities - £1,500 General Fund

Tree Survey/Works – Cemetery - £7,388 A reserve to be set up from the unspent budget and this years budget spend

Bowling Pavilion Furniture - £906 Tables to be funded by Cheadle United Charities –

Cleaning Cupboard £179.99 – General maintenance/Repairs Budget

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

669. APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR MARCH 2025 – The bank reconciliation for March 2025 was reviewed and accepted as a true record with the corresponding bank statements signed and approved.

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2025			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024			401,630.52
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025			608,099.47
				1,009,729.99
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025			705,001.23
A	**Cash in Hand 31/03/2025** (per Cash Book)			**304,728.76**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/03/2025	100.00	
	Business Money Manager	31/03/2025	304,216.61	
	Current Account	31/03/2025	2,604.00	
				306,920.61
	Less unpresented payments			2,191.85
				304,728.76
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**304,728.76**
	A = B Checks out OK			

670. PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST REPORTS FOR MARCH 2025 –
Reviewed & accepted reports as a true record, with a recommendation for Full Council to approve.

671. REVIEW YEAR-END EXPENDITURE
The Committee reviewed the year-end expenditure; however, the inclusion of earmarked reserves in the reports affects the figures and obscures a clear view of the financial year. The RFO will review the data and present a revised report at the next meeting to provide a more accurate financial overview

672. REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE MEMORIAL ON THE SKATEPARK
The Committee fully supports the memorial and recognises the valuable contribution the Skatepark and Mind Charity are seeking to make. While it is not in a position to provide financial support, as this falls outside the scope of its funding criteria, the Council remains supportive of the project and wishes it every success.

COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

673. REVIEW OF COUNCIL RESERVES

The Committee will review the Reserves at its next meeting, following the presentation of a detailed report from the RFO. This will ensure Members have the necessary information clearly outlined to support informed decision-making.

674. MONITORING OF EXPENDITURE FOR TEAN ROAD REC PROJECT

The committee reviewed the expenditure and it's estimated there will be approx. £2,000 shortfall in funds to complete the project.

675. MID TO LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING

The plan was reviewed and updated accordingly and will continue to form a base for Councils financial plans.

676. INTERNAL AUDIT & AGAR PREPARATIONS

The Committee reviewed the financial figures and the explanations for variances for the 2024–2025 financial year. The internal audit is currently in progress and will be presented to the full Council in June, in line with all publication deadlines. However, preparations for the next financial year will need to be considered, as the internal auditor has indicated they may not be available to continue providing the service.

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677. BT CONTRACT RENEWAL

The committee reviewed the costings received to renew the contract. Cllr Thomas was tasked with looking into further options and the requirements**.**

678. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY REASSURANCE CONTRACT

The Committee recommends continuing with the program, following Councillor Upton's brief update regarding the potential for enhanced service delivery at no additional cost to the Council. The Committee also requested a review of the SLA and asked for it to be circulated to members. Clarification is needed regarding the police meetings attended by the Community Reassurance officer, as a Council representative should be present. Once the SLA has been reviewed, it was recommended that a Council representative meet with the officer to discuss the matter further. Members are asked to submit any correspondence or comments via email.

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

Signed…….