MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2024

339. **PRESENT –** Councillors Mrs P. Upton (Mayor), Mrs K. Mills (Deputy Mayor), I. Plant, B. Charlesworth, C. Clark, P. Routledge, P. Keeling, D. Wilson, S. Ellis, P. Jackson, Ms L. Wood Williams, M. Staton, Miss Z. Routledge, and G. Bentley.

340. **APOLOGIES –** Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse, J Aberley, Mrs V. O'Shea, M. Haines Ms M. Wells and Miss H. Birch.

341. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None

342. **SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**
None.

343. **STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE/SCC/SMDC/OTHER AUTHORITIES REPORT**
PCSO's Adrian Waters and Paula Lowndes attended the meeting and provided an update on the seasonal Anti-Social Behaviour in the town. PCSO Waters confirmed that they had identified some potential suspects and were working to maintain order leading up to the Christmas period. He confirmed that there was a multi-agency approach to tackling ASB in the town and that this would continue. In line with this, Councillors asked if the CCTV systems for Cheadle could be confirmed as working and proactive. It was asked whether the intercom at the Police Station was working as some local residents had reported that in was 'out of order' and the PCSO's agreed to look into this.

344. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Shopkeepers from Cheadle Town Centre attended and asked for Council support as there were discrepancies with parking arrangements for shop owners and stall holders on the market. It was said that stallholders were being issued with Parking Permits for the short stay car park, whilst shop owners were being made to pay and park further away from their shops on the long stay car park. Councillor I. Plant stated that he would look into this as a District Councillor.

345. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2024**
Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

346. **REPORT OF THE CHEADLE UNITED CHARITIES AND FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2024**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by both Committee's.

347. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2024**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

348. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2024

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

349. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2024

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

350. SUPPORT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Councillor Ms. Lori Wood Williams addressed Council stating that the recent weather conditions had seen a significant amount of flooding across the town, and that some residents had been affected by this. Councillor Wood Williams asked for a discussion on the merits of formulating a local protocol for such events which would include advice and appropriate assistance through the Town Council. It was pointed out during the discussion that both the District and County Councils had protocol's in place to advise and support local people, and that these could be found on their respective websites. It was agreed that these would be followed, and that Councillors would provide details of this availability to any local requests.

351. FLY-POSTING POLICY FOR BANNERS AND POSTERS IN CHEADLE

Councillors Mrs K. Mills and Ms L. Wood Williams bought forward a debate on Banners and Posters in the town, and stated that there were a number of unauthorised signs in the town and that some were a distraction for traffic and some were unsightly. Cllr M. Staton stated that there should be a consistent approach to signs that were advertising events as some signage had been removed recently and had affected an event in the town. It was confirmed that the District Council had the responsibility for removing unauthorised signage, and there was no protocol currently in place for identifying signage that had been granted permission by the District Council. Cllr Mills stated that she was making enquiries to develop a single point of contact for Clerks to check for permitted signage, and that this should help with identifying permitted signage.

352. WWII HERTIAGE PROJECT 2025 – PARTNERSHIP WITH CHEADLE DISCOVERY GROUP

The Clerk informed Councillors that Mike Plant from the Cheadle Discovery Group had approached Council and advised that there would be a WWII Heritage Project being launched in Cheadle in 2025. He asked that the Town Council would support this by writing a letter supporting the project, which would help with funding bids. This was agreed by Council.

353. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

A Homelink report, provided by Cllr Mrs K. Mills, was accepted.

354. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs P. Upton, reminded Council of the forthcoming Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 15th December 2024 at 5pm, and confimed that all Councillors were welcome to attend. The Mayor also confirmed that the newly located Banking Hub was now open for business in Cheadle High Street.

Confidential

355. REPORT OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2024

This item was deferred as the Report had not been provided to Councillors prior to the meeting.

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

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