# MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025

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

**448.** **APOLOGIES –** Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse (Dispensation), J Aberley, C. Clark, Ms M. Wells and Miss H. Birch.

**449.** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr G. Bentley declared an interest as the Town Lengthsman.

**450.** **SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**
None.

**451.** **STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE/SCC/SMDC/OTHER AUTHORITIES REPORT**
Cllr Mrs K. Mills reported on information she had asked the Clerk to share before the meeting, and talked through current reports received from the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner and Your Housing in her role as a District Councillor. The reports were received by Councillors and Cllr Mills was thanked for sharing the information.

**452.** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None.

**453.** **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025**
Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

**454.** **REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by both Committee's.

**455.** **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

**456.** **REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

**457.** **REVIEW OF THE SMDC PARKING STRATEGY PROPOSALS FOR CHEADLE**
Cllr G. Bentley asked Council to formally respond to the SMDC Parking Strategy proposals and consider any offers to take ownership of the car park if offered. It was agreed to hold an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council in order to approve a formal response on the recommendations. Standing Orders were re-instated.

**458. COMMUNITY REASSURANCE REPORT - ASB EVALUATION**

Cllr Mrs P. Upton took Council through a report on ASB provided by Nicky Derrett as the Community Reassurance Officer (CRO). The report was received and discussed in detail, with Cllr Ms L. Wood Williams calling for more support for the CRO in respect of tackling incidents of ASB. Cllr S. Ellis asked for an update on funding for the CRO in the new financial year, and it was agreed that clarification should be sought in good time.

**459. ELECTRIC CHARGERS AT CHEADLE LEISURE CENTRE – APPROVE LETTER**

Councillor B. Charlesworth showed Council some pictures of the newly installed Electric Charging Points at the Cheadle Leisure Centre, and said that it was his opinion that they were dangerous as they had not been properly protected from vehicles hitting them whilst parking. He stated that the chargers needed bollard protection, as the consequences of damaging them would result in a potentially lethal exposure of electricity to anyone who touched them. Cllr I. Plant agreed to take the matter to the District Council immediately in order to safeguard the public. A letter was approved should this not resolve the issue.

**460. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr A. Thomas reported on the importance of ensuring that matters relating to the Bloor Homes Development in Cheadle were actioned through the District Council Planning Department in order to preserve the S.106 negotiations that had bought about an opportunity for a new school in the North East Ward and additional benefits for Cheadle. Cllr I. Plant added to this that there should also be a push for an additional Allotment site made available in the area, as there were still a large number of residents on the waiting list. It was agreed that Cllr Plant would speak to the Planning Department in order to make a formal request for these facilities.

Cllr P. Routledge provided some dates for events that were being planned in the Staffordshire Moorlands, including the Cheadle in Bloom AGM on Tuesday 11th February at 7pm in the Cheadle Library, the second meeting of the Pride in the Moorlands, also on Tuesday 11th February between 6.30pm and 8.30pm at Buxton & Leek College, a Motown & Northern Soul evening to raise funds for the Cheadle Carnival Committee on Friday 14th February between 7.30pm and 12.30am at the Guildhall and the Girlguiding Spring & Craft Fair on Saturday 15th March between 10am and 1.30pm, also at the Guildhall.

**461. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs P. Upton, reported that she had attended the 37th Anniversary celebrations of the Cheadle Lions. Cllr Upton stated that the Lions had made her very welcome and that it was a very successful evening.

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**462. REPORT OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2024**

The Report was deferred due to some additional consideration for the minutes of the meeting in the absence of Clerks.

**463. PARTY IN THE PARK, CHEADLE WAKES AND CHEADLE CARNIVAL – TO CONFIRM EVENTS FOR 2025**

Cllr Mrs P. Upton confirmed that Party in the Park would take place on Sunday 10th August 2025. The dates for Warwicks Funfair & Cheadle Wakes were approved as the 29th May to 1st June 2025 and 29th August to 6th September 2025.
It was reported by the Clerk that Cheadle Town Council had received official notification confirming that the Cheadle Carnival would not take place in 2025, however one of the former organisers of the Cheadle Carnival, Jason Carnwell had requested to use the same dates to host an event on the park. The Clerk stated that he had been informed that the proposed event would be a dance festival on the park. Councillors confirmed that they would hold then dates for the event, however it was important to know more details on the proposals before a decision was made. It was agreed to invite Mr. Carnwell to a meeting in order to confirm his planned arrangements.

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

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