MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025

521. **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, M. Haines, Ms L. Wood Williams, Miss Z. Routledge, A. Thomas C. Clark and Ms M. Wells.

522. **APOLOGIES –** Councillors J Aberley, M. Staton, G. Bentley and Ms V. Wheeldon

523. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Mrs K. Mills declared an interest as an employee of Staffordshire County Council.

524. **SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**
None.

525. **STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE/SCC/SMDC/OTHER AUTHORITIES REPORT**
None.

526. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None.

527. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025**
Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

528. **REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by both Committee's.

529. **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2025**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

530. **REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2025**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

531. **REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

532. **REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING FROM MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

533. REPORT OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025

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

534. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR CHEADLE

Cllr Mrs P. Upton asked Council to consider a Neighbourhood Plan for Cheadle, a consideration that had been bought forward following the announcement on Devolution in Staffordshire. Cllr Upton also stated that an alternative option would be to feed into the new Local Plan that was currently being written by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. Given the proposed timescales for Devolution in Staffordshire, it was agreed that feeding into the Local Plan would be a more suitable option for Cheadle in this regard.

535. REVIEW OF COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk confirmed that work was ongoing with the Council Risk Assessment, and that this would be prepared for review at the May meeting.

536. CHEADLE MARKET CONSULTATION

Councillor Mrs P. Upton confirmed that consultation was well under way in the town, and that the consultancy assigned to the task of reinstating the market would report in due course. Councillors considered what SMDC would do with the market at the point of Devolution, and also what money had been set aside to carry out the necessary improvements. It was agreed that the best option would be to wait until the new financial year to review the spending proposals alongside the consultancy report.

537. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr A. Thomas reported that there was a forthcoming speed awareness meeting at the Cheadle Library on the following Tuesday, and confirmed that he would report on this in due course.

538. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs P. Upton, reported that Cheadle Town Council had received resignations from Councillor Mrs E. Whitehouse and Councillor Ms H. Birch. It was confirmed that the Town Clerk had reported the resignations to the Elections team at SMDC and that Council would be notified when these vacancies could be advertised for Co-Option.

The Mayor also confirmed that the Bowling Pavilion project was now completed and invited Councillors to the new building prior to the Finance & Resources meeting at 6.15pm on Monday 10th March 2025.

Confidential Items

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

The Report was accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

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

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