MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023

412. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs P. Upton (Deputy Mayor), I. W. Plant, B. Charlesworth, P. Routledge, J. Aberley, S. Ellis, D. Wilson, G. Bentley, M. Haines, P. Keeling, Miss.Z. Routledge, Mrs V. O'Shea, Mrs K. Mills and P. Jackson.

413. APOLOGIES – Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse (Mayor), R. Talbot, J. Mason, C. Clark and W. Willis

414. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor I. Plant declared an interest on any planning matters as he is a Member of the District Planning Applications Committee.
Councillor Mrs V. O'Shea declared an interest on any planning matters as she is a Member of the District Planning Applications Committee.
Councillor G. Bentley declared an interest on any items relating to the Lengthsman Scheme as the town Lengthsman.

415. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

416. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

None.

417. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr A Thomas addressed the council, and asked for updates on the matters he had raised at the previous meeting of the Full Council. Mr. Thomas was assured that the points raised would be addressed in due course, once the matters have been discussed by Councillors. Mr. Thomas was assured that the matters were in hand, however the Council was reliant on outside contractors and negotiations in terms of completion was therefore ongoing.

418. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

419. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee, however there was a request to amend the date shown on the Minute heading from the 22nd to the 13th.

420. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items, with the exception of Minute 387, specifically relating to the rolling of the football pitch on the Tean Road Recreation Ground. This matter was deferred to Confidential for further discussion on the appropriate process for contracting this work.
There was a request made to include the costings for the trampoline/roundabouts as an amendment to the minutes.

421. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2023

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

422. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023

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

423. CO-OPTION PROCESS -VACANCIES ON THE NORTH EAST WARD AND SOUTH EAST WARD

A Motion was put forward by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. P. Upton, to defer this matter until January, as it was recognised that the Vacancy on the South East Ward had arisen from a resignation as opposed to a vacancy that stemmed from the uncontested Election in May that had not drawn sufficient Candidates. Cllr Upton supported the motion by confirming that it is the usual practice of the Council to advertise the vacancy on its website and noticeboards. Cllr S. Ellis challenged the Motion, stating that the banners outside the Council Chambers and the Tean Road Recreation Ground had served as an advertisement for vacancies since May, and asked the Clerk to confirm the expressions of interest received. The Clerk confirmed that two expressions of interest had been received, and that both were eligible through the Qualification/Disqualification process. The Clerk also confirmed that the SMDC Elections Lead had confirmed that no Election had been called in respect of the vacancies, and verbal permission had been granted to Co-Opt on the Friday before the meeting. Cllr S. Ellis put forward an alternative Motion to agree to Co-Opt the two persons that had submitted an expression of interest, and this Motion was carried by a majority vote.

424. COMMUNITY REASSURANCE OFFICER – ANNUAL REVIEW

Councillors accepted the report submitted by the Community Reassurance Officer, Nicky Derrett, and thanked her for the work she had done on the Tean Road Recreation Ground during 2023. Funding for the 2024 season would now be included on the Budget item to follow.

425. DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25 – PROPOSED BY FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

Cllr S. Ellis took Councillors through the draft Budget for 2024/25, and provided an opportunity for Councillors to comment.

426. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Mrs K. Mills informed Councillors that she had visited Homelink on two occasions, as one of the nominated representatives for Cheadle Town Council. Cllr Mills reported that Homelink had delivered in excess of 16,000 ‘Meals on Wheels’ throughout the course of the year, and had provided much needed respite for many people in the town. Cllr Mills confirmed that there was need for additional/replacement fridge/freezers to accommodate food storage, and that she was actively looking for funding through Support Staffordshire and SMDC. Cllr Mills was thanked for her report and for her continued work in support of Homelink.

427. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs P. Upton reminded Council that the Civic Christmas Carol Service would take place on Sunday 17th December at St. Giles The Abbott Church at 6pm. Cllr Upton confirmed that proceeds from the event would go towards the Town Mayors Charity Fundraising campaign on behalf of MIND and Paddles Swimming Group. Councillors were encouraged to support the event.

428. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SMD/2023/0564 – 26, Robina Drive, Cheadle

Erection of 87 dwellings and associated works.

Cheadle Town Council have no objections to this Application, and would support the proposed works in principle.

SMD/2023/0549 – AA Silencers, Tean Road, Cheadle

Proposed dropped kerb.

Cheadle Town Council have no objections to this Application, and would support the proposed works in principle.

SMD/2023/0576 – 5, Park View, Mill Road, Cheadle

Rear extension to form enlarged kitchen, adapt outbuildings to form utility/WC area. The erection of a 2m fence on the rear/side boundary to form parking area and garden amenity space by removal of roof and steel posts.

This Application was deferred to a future meeting in order to establish the extent of the proposed development and the regulations/restriction around fence heights.

429. PTTRO – PRINCE GEORGE STREET, CHEADLE BETWEEN 11TH-13TH DECEMBER

The Road Closure was accepted given the nature of works taking place.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

430. QUOTATION IN RESPECT OF OFFICE IT EQUIPMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The quotation was accepted and Councillors approved the purchase of the equipment.

431. ROLLING OF THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL PITCH

This matter was moved from the main Agenda and relates specifically to the rolling contract for the football pitch on the Tean Road Recreation Ground under Minute 387 of the Report of the Leisure & Operations Committee dated Monday 20th November 2023. It was agreed that quotes be obtained from Parkwood Leisure prior to accepting the quote provided by the Lengthsman.

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

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