MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2024

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

222. APOLOGIES – Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse, J Aberley, Mrs V. O'Shea, M. Haines, P. Jackson, Ms M. Wells and for Absence Miss H. Birch, P. Routledge and Miss Z. Routledge

223. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –
None

224. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS
None.

225. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE/SCC/SMDC/OTHER AUTHORITIES REPORT
PCSO's Jim Moffatt and Simon Long, who was welcomed as a new PCSO to the Cheadle area, attended the meeting and provided updates on the Cannabis 'grow' that had been discovered in the former Lloyds/TSB Bank in Cheadle High Street. It was reported that a member of the public had reported a strong smell from the building, and following Police intervention, the discovery had been made. It was further reported that enquiries remained ongoing and that arrests had been made. Cllr K. Mills asked about the spate of motorcycle thefts in the locality, and PCSO Moffatt confirmed that some motorcycles had been recovered in the Stoke-on-Trent area and the persons responsible were under investigation. PCSO Moffatt reminded Councillors to sign up to Smart Alert where possible. Both were thanked for their attendance.
Cllr I. Plant provided an update from SMDC in respect of the purchase of Cheadle Market, and stated that initial discussions were taking place in order to assess the management of the market. He stated that the Town Council would be updated as discussions took place, and that Town Councillors and Market Traders would be part of the wider discussions on future plans for both the indoor and outdoor market.

226. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None.

227. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2024
Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

228. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2024
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

229. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

230. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

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

231. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

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

232. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024

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

233. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT FOR 2023/24

The External Auditors Report was reported on by the RFO, Deputy Clerk Rachel Parker, and it was agreed that the report had been successfully delivered on behalf of the Town Council for the 2023/24 period. The Deputy Clerk was thanked for the work she had put into the report, and it was approved unanimously.

234. PTTRO TAPE STREET, CHEADLE 2nd TO 5th JANUARY 2025

Councillors were informed that there were plans to close Tape Street between these dates for proposed works by Severn Trent, and that these were re-scheduled dates from the previously reported time period due in November. The report was accepted.

235. VACANCY ON THE CHEADLE WEST WARD

The Clerk reported that he had received a resignation letter from Cllr J. Mason and had reported this as a vacancy to the Elections Team at SMDC on the 1st October 2024. The Clerk further reported that there was now a period where the vacancy would have to be advertised for Election, and that this period was 14 working days from the date of the advertisement. He confirmed that if no Election was called within that time frame, the Council could consider the Councils Co-Option process.

236. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Mrs K. Mills reported as the representative of Homelink, and stated that she had been to visit the facility recently. Cllr Mills confirmed the importance of Homelink to the Town, saying that it provided a fantastic service to many vulnerable people in the town. She stated that work was continuing to improve the service and to raise funding for future projects.

237. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Councillor P. Upton thanked Councillors for their support with her Civic Service held in September, and further thanked all those who had been involved in the management and organisation of the event. Cllr Upton also reminded Councillors it was important for Committee's to consider the Budget Plans for the future term. The Mayor reminded Council that the Poppy Appeal would soon be launched, and asked that Councillors could assist with sales where possible. A further reminder was given to any Councillor who wished to purchase a wreath could do so from the office.

Confidential items

238. QUOTATION FROM CARPET MART IN RESPECT OF ADDITIONAL WORKS TO THE BOWLING PAVILION

The quotation was approved for the additional works to the floor area of the new Bowling Pavilion This work had been advised in order to prevent the new flooring from failing.

239. SECTION 85 DISPENSATION REQUEST – CLLR MRS E. WHITEHOUSE

The request was accepted and the expected return date was noted for the Spring of 2025.

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

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