MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE UNITED CHARITIES FOLLOWED BY FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2026.

CHEADLE UNITED CHARITIES

282. PRESENT – Councillors V. Wheeldon (Chair), A. Thomas (Vice Chair), J. Jervis, P Upton, P. Jackson, T. Cann, I. Plant, D. Wilson. and D. Faulkner

283. APOLOGIES – Absent – Cllr S. Ellis

284. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NONE

285. BANK RECONCILATION SEPTEMBER 2026

	Bank Reconciliation at 30/09/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		5,871.62
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 30/09/2026		1,294.41
			7,166.03
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 30/09/2026		
A	**Cash in Hand 30/09/2026** (per Cash Book)		**7,166.03**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Cheadle United Charity 30/09/2026	7,166.03	
			7,166.03
	Less unpresented payments		
			7,166.03
	Plus unpresented receipts		
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**		**7,166.03**
	A = B Checks out OK		

286. INCOME & EXPENDITURE APR-SEPT 2026

The Trustees reviewed the income and expenditure to year to date, which was approved.

287. COMMUNITY AWARD AT CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS 2026

Advert would be published this week with a deadline for 13th November and be reviewed within an extra ordinary meeting on Monday 23rd November.

FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

288. PRESENT – Councillors V. Wheeldon (Chair), A. Thomas (Vice Chair), J. Jervis, P Upton, P. Jackson, T. Cann, I. Plant, D. Wilson. and D. Faulkner

289. APOLOGIES – Absent – Cllr S Ellis

290. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NONE

RESOLVED ITEMS

291. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2026 –

The minutes were confirmed as correct and approved.

292. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL OCTOBER 2026–

Members reviewed the schedule of payments and resolved to approve all payments presented. The RFO advised that invoices had now been received from Kompan for the play equipment at Tean Road Recreation Ground. Due to the expenditure exceeding limits delegated contained within the Committee's Terms of Reference, approval would be required from Full Council.

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Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
External Auditor Fee	Mazars	S	1,050.00	210.00	1,260.00
Civic Service - Venue Hire	Wellspring Methodist Churc	Z	80.00		80.00
Catering - Civic Service	Ian Barlow Catering	Z	960.00		960.00
Salaries & Employment Liabiliti	Cheadle Town Council	Z	7,185.17		7,185.17
CiLCA	SPCA	S	350.00	70.00	420.00
Replacement Keys	keymastersecurity	S	64.46	12.89	77.35
Window Cleaning	Libra Cleaning Services	Z	15.00		15.00
Replacement Tap Cemetery	Geoff Kent	Z	140.00		140.00
ROSPA Playground Inspections	ROSPA	S	384.00	76.80	460.80
padlocks, batteries various mat	Homepoint	S	22.89	4.58	27.47
Electrical Supply Socket Install	LSAB Electrical	S	1,003.65	200.73	1,204.38
Mayor Allowance	Cllr P Routledge	Z	59.50		59.50
Mayor Allowance	Cllr P Routledge	S	50.50	10.10	60.60
Civic Service - Order of Service	Woodward Printers	Z	75.00		75.00
Refreshments - Pump Track	Cllr P Upton	Z	22.00		22.00
Photocopier Usage Charges	Xerox	S	35.28	7.06	42.34
Bronze Award Fee	NALC	S	50.00	10.00	60.00
Insurance Reclaim - Tean Road	James W Plant Blacksmith	Z	1,750.00		1,750.00
	Total		**13,297.45**	**602.16**	**13,899.61**

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

293. APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR JULY/AUGUST 2026 – The bank reconciliation for was reviewed and accepted as a true record with the corresponding bank statements signed and approved. The Variance relates to petty cash and the Clerk is working on resolving the balance.

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/07/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026			290,408.02
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/07/2026			323,343.71
				613,751.73
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/07/2026			79,209.69
A	**Cash in Hand 31/07/2026** (per Cash Book)			**534,542.04**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/07/2026	110.68	
	Business Money Manager	31/07/2026	535,914.12	
	Current Account	31/07/2026	2,500.00	
				538,524.80
	Less unpresented payments			3,961.60
				534,563.20
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**534,563.20**
	Error A does NOT equal B			
	ERROR IS	**£-21.16**		

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/08/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026			290,408.02
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/08/2026			328,296.87
				618,704.89
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/08/2026			105,229.89
A	**Cash in Hand 31/08/2026** (per Cash Book)			**513,475.00**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/08/2026	68.10	
	Business Money Manager	31/08/2026	514,863.38	
	Current Account	31/08/2026	2,500.00	
				517,431.48
	Less unpresented payments			3,961.60
				513,469.88
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**513,469.88**
	Error A does NOT equal B			
	ERROR IS	**£5.12**		

294. <u>PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST REPORTS FOR JULY/AUGUST 2026 –</u>

Reviewed & accepted reports as a true record, with a recommendation for Full Council to approve. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the response received from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council regarding election costs. It was resolved that a Freedom of Information request be submitted to obtain further details.

295. REVIEW OF BUDGET MONITORING YEAR TO DATE

The Clerk advised that budget monitoring had been reviewed at the previous meeting and that a draft budget, together with long-term maintenance plans, would be presented at the next meeting for consideration. Members noted that long-term financial planning would form a key part of the forthcoming budget-setting process. An Extraordinary Meeting on 23rd November 2026 was approved, if required, to facilitate budget discussions.

COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

296. MID TO LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING –

This will be reviewed once maintenance plans have been developed and will form the budget setting process later in the year and considerations will need to be given to LGR.

297. WEBSITE UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk has been working with the Council's website provider. A meeting of the Website Working Group will be arranged to consider proposals for a website support retainer, with recommendations to be brought back to the Committee. Councillors' Register of Interests and attendance records are also to be updated on the website.

298. PREPERATIONS FOR SETTING THE BUDGET 2027-2028 AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

The next meeting the budget will be reviewed for the forth coming year. Agenda items will be included on the Committees for submitting proposals and the long-term maintenance plans for sites will form part of the short term and long-term financial plans.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

299. TELEPHONE & BROADBAND CONTRACTS TO BE CONSDIERED

Cllr A Thomas advised that a request with Openreach will need to be submitted for fibre to be installed to the Lodge. The Clerk will submit this and work with Cllr Thomas on a specification for the service required.

300. COMMUNITY REASSURANCE CONTRACT A& BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Cllr P. Upton reported that no funding would be available from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council for the Community Reassurance initiative and that Cheadle had not been included in future funding allocations. Members expressed concern regarding the allocation process and resolved that a Freedom of Information request be submitted seeking details of funding allocations and clarification as to why Cheadle had not been included in the scheme.

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

Signed…….