MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6TH JULY 2026

115. PRESENT – Councillors P. Routledge (Mayor), J. Jervis (Deputy Mayor), I. Plant, L. Bentley, S. Ellis, C. Richardson, D. Faulkner, P. Jackson, P. Upton, Z. Routledge and D. Wilson.

116. APOLOGIES – Councillors K. Mills, A. Thomas, T. Cann, V. Wheeldon, T. Durose, G. Bentley, M. Downie, M. Wells, S. Walley and J Aberley.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J. Jervis declared an interest in public participation as a member of the public is a relation.

118. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

119. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE/SCC/SMDC/OTHER AUTHORITIES REPORT

Cllr I Plant moved the update from SMDC to confidential. No other reports received from other authorities.

120. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents from Churchill Road attended the meeting to voice concerns regarding the development of the pump track on Churchill Road Recreation Ground. The main issues raised related to the perceived lack of public consultation, the proximity of the proposed facility to neighbouring properties, the suitability of the chosen location, and concerns about potential anti-social behaviour associated with the development. Residents expressed strong opposition to the location of the pump track and felt that communication throughout the project had been inadequate.

Cllr P. Upton addressed the residents and thanked them for attending and sharing their concerns. Cllr Upton provided details of the consultation process that had taken place and sought to reassure residents that there had been opportunities for public input throughout the project.

Consultation activities were undertaken through various platforms, including an online consultation between August and September 2025, as well as an in-person consultation event on 31 August 2025. Every property in close proximity to the recreation ground received a leaflet advertising the consultation. Furthermore, the residents' group had been kept updated throughout the project. Cllr Upton explained that the developments already completed, and those due to commence, were informed by the outcomes of the public consultation.

In response to concerns regarding the location of the pump track, Cllr Upton explained that this was the only area within the site capable of accommodating the pump track while also retaining space for a football pitch, which had also been requested during the consultation process.

Cllr Upton assured residents that the Council would raise their concerns with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, particularly in relation to the

location of the pump track and any applicable regulations, as SMDC had project-managed the scheme. Regarding concerns about vehicles accessing the site during the evening, the Council agreed to explore options for closing the gates at night to help limit vehicle access. The Clerk will provide an update once further information is received from SMDC.

Mr T. Joins requested an update regarding the Leisure Centre project and asked when the site would be closing. As previously agreed, a full update would be provided to Councillors under confidential items However, Cllr I. Plant confirmed that the leisure centre would be fully or partially closed during the refurbishment works. All relevant communications and media releases would be issued in due course. Public engagement relating to the project will commence on Tuesday 7th July.

121. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026

Following the amendments the minutes were approved as a true record.

122. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1st JUNE 2026

The minutes of the Full Council held on 1st June 2026 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

123. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

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

124. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2026

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

125. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2026

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

126. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2026

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

127. REPORT OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2026

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

128. PARTY IN THE PARK 9TH AUGUST – APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOLLOWING THE EVENT AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY.

It was resolved that payments relating to the event would be pre-approved and defrayed following the event and authorisation granted. Members were advised that an email would be circulated closer to the event requesting volunteers for the day.

129. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL FOR THE OLD RAILWAY.

It was agreed that Councillors Lee Bently, Dan Faulkner & Dennis Wilson would represent the Council on this initiative.

130. COUNCIL TO APPROVE ARTWORK FOR THE NOTICE BOARD ON THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Council approved the proposed artwork, and Cllr P. Upton was authorised to proceed with the project.

131. DELEGATED APPROVAL FOR QUOTES RECEIVED FOR THE ACCESSIBILITY BENCH BASE TO THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Council delegated authority to the Leisure & Operations Committee to approve the quotations in order to avoid delays before the next Council meeting in September.

132. UPDATE ON THE ROAD NAMES FOR PERSIMMON HOMES DEVELOPMENT PHASE 2

Council received the update of road names listed below
Getley, Four Feet, Foxfield, Rider, Woodhead, Tramway, Meadowbank

133. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

This item was deferred as Cllr Thomas, who had originally brought the motion to the Annual Council Meeting, was not in attendance.

134. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Following a recommendation from the Finance & Resources Committee to establish a working group, the following Members were appointed:
Councillors S. Ellis, P.Upton, I.Plant, L Bentley, D Faulkner and P Routlegde.

135. UPDATE ON TEAN ROAD GATES

No further updates at this time.

136. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None

137. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Cllr P. Routledge, updated Council on a number of events he had attended, including store openings and civic engagements in Biddulph and Ipstones, as well as the Spitfire event.

The Mayor confirmed that his chosen charities for the year are Lighthouse/Glow and domestic violence support initiatives. Members were advised that the Cheadle Civic Service is due to take place on 11 October, and formal invitations will be issued in due course.

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138. UPDATE FROM SMDC ON LEISURE CENTRE

Cllr I. Plant advised that public engagement relating to the Leisure Centre proposals would take place on Tuesday 7 July and would provide information on the proposed plans and consultation process. Cllr Plant then provided Members with an update on the confidential matters relating to the project.

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

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