MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th JUNE 2026

71. **PRESENT** – Councillors Mrs P. Upton (Chair), I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), S. Ellis, Z. Routledge, J. Jervis, K. Mills and D. Wilson.

72. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors T. Durose, L Bentley and S. Walley

73. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** None.

74. **SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS –** None

75. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-**

Mr Brian Whitehouse withdrew his request to speak as he had spoken with Cllr Plant regarding his concerns and the matter had been resolved.

76. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 20th APRIL 2026**

Approved and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

77. **COMMITTEE TO REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee reviewed the terms of reference it was recommended that the ceremonial occasions, remembrance/civic service, be removed as this is undertaken by the Events Committee. A standing agenda item will form part of the agenda for public participation.

78. **COMMUNITY REASSURANCE UPDATE – IF ANY**

The Clerk advised that Nicky had recently been absent due to ill health. Although it may be coincidental, there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour within the park during this period. Incidents have included damage to the public toilets, which are currently closed pending repairs, and further acts of vandalism.

The Committee agreed that incidents of this nature should be publicised, where appropriate, through photographs and social media to raise public awareness. All incidents of criminal damage will continue to be reported to the Police.

79. **ASSET TRACKER UPDATE**

The Committee reviewed the current status of asset-related actions:

- Footpaths (Cemetery and Bowling Pavilion): quotations pending.
- Wooden play equipment: removed. The area is now open awaiting new equipment install which has been approved awaiting funding from SMDC.
- Skate park groundworks: Works completed – Tracker updated
- General groundworks: Works approved awaiting funding from SMDC

80. **CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS – MAINTENANCE PLANS & RISK ASSESSMENTS**

The Clerk provided the Committee with an overview of the importance of these plans and assessments. This will allow Council to manage risks appropriately and the maintenance plans will allow Council to budget to requirements over a long-term period. This will then set the objectives of the Committee, and ensure the estate is managed and maintained without the need for huge increases to the Precept. The Clerks will provide draft Risk assessments and maintenance plans for review.

81. COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

The Committee reviewed the inspection reports and the remedial works all considerations have been actioned and the tracker updated accordingly.
The main actions completed is the fence boundary has now been installed at Churchill Road play area and the skatepark works have now been completed.

82. COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE ACTION PLAN & OUTSTANDING OBJECTIVES AND SET OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

The committee went through the action plan from items requiring updates or further completion. This will remain an agenda item to ensure that actions following meetings are monitored and completed promptly. The action plan will form part of the minutes as an appendix.

83. CHURCHILL ROAD PROJECT – UPDATE

Councillor P. Upton advised that works on the pump track are scheduled to commence later this month. Resident notification letters have been issued, signage has been installed, and the playground project has been signed off pending confirmation of the start date. A final consultation event with young people will take place on 18 June on Tean Road to maximise public engagement due to the higher footfall in the area. Councillor Mills requested that a similar engagement session be held at Churchill Road. Councillor Upton agreed to explore the feasibility of arranging this.

84. UPDATE ON CHEADLE CEMETERY EXTENSION

Councillor I. Plant advised no further progress at this time, we are awaiting Hewitt & Carr to respond to the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust as there have been further issues with the reports submitted.

85. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR LEGACY PLAN FOR SMDC ENGAGEMENT

The Committee will continue to consider any further proposals which will benefit from this.

86. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

Councillor I. Plant will need on this action with the following points for review

- Meet with the contractor to look into this further
- Obtain details of where the stars are that should be located on Cross Street.
- Reach out to SMDC regarding the Library building reinstating the anchor on the building and arrange the testing if permission is granted
- Speak with Rev Garry regarding the lighting on Church Street

87. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR METAL TENNIS NETS

This item was deferred due to the absence of Councillor Faulkner, who will provide further details of the proposal at a future meeting.

88. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PARK

Cllr Mills was tasked with obtaining templates and other Councils Code of Conduct for further review and best practices.

89. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER HIRE AGREEMENT & CHARGES

The current indemnity form will remain in place until the new Hire Agreement is finalised, the inclusion of Martyn's Law will need to be including following the

implementation of the legislation. The Clerk will continue to develop the draft agreement and review at the next meeting.

90. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER OPTIONS TO RESTORE THE FOOTBALL CHANGING TOOM S FOLLOWING DAMAGE

There has been several attempts to contact the contractor who was instructed to carry out the repairs, due to the time frame the Committee instructed to obtain further quotes to repair the damage.

91. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SUGGESTION FOR WORLDWIDE SIDEWALK JOY SCHEME

The Committee reviewed the suggestion and following consideration, felt this would be hard to monitor and therefore declined the scheme.

92. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE USE OF THE BOWLING PAVILIONS FOR CONNECT TO WORK

The committee welcomed the initiative. Further details would be required as to when the bowling pavilion would be required, as this more likely only to be available through the winter months due to the bowling season, therefore maybe not be a suitable location. The Clerk will obtain further details of the hire requirements.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

93. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR TREE WORKS FOLLOWING SURVEY

The Committee reviewed the reports and the required remedial works along with the costs for both Tean Road Recreation and Park Lane Cemetery. As the chosen tree surgeon provider, the 2 quotes will be recommended to Full Council for approval.

94. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER COSTING FOR BOWLING GREEN EDGING REPLACEMENT

To replace all the boards on Bowling Green 1 and replace the damaged boards on bowling green 2. The labour will be carried out by the workforce so the cost to replace is materials only.

31 6x2 Outside Boards

47 6x1 Inside Boards

312 Pegs

Including Delivery - Net Cost - £961.45

This will be recommended for Full Council for approval.

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

Signed…….