MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th JULY 2026

152. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs P. Upton (Chair), I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), S. Ellis, Z. Routledge, and D. Wilson.

153. APOLOGIES – Councillors T. Durose, L Bentley, K. Mills, J. Jervis and S. Walley

154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

155. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS – None

156. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

157. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 15th JUNE 2026

Approved and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

158. COMMUNITY REASSURANCE UPDATE – IF ANY

Cllr P. Upton provided the Committee with an update, advising that Nicky had supported the consultation with young people regarding the pump track and had spent time at the Churchill Road site. She is happy to cover both sites but does not wish to increase her hours.

Funding options are currently being reviewed, and the programme will be reconsidered at the September Full Council meeting.

159. ASSET TRACKER UPDATE

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

- Tean Road fencing and security options need to be addressed following the recent breach of unlawful encampment on the site
- Churchill Road – Additional services required - 2 further visits per week for litter picking and further considerations will be required once all developments have been proposed for ongoing maintenance.
- Metal Tennis nets Clerk to speak with Cllr Faulkner for further information if this would be worthwhile for a long-term solution.

160. CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS – MAINTENANCE PLANS & RISK ASSESSMENTS

Risk assessments and maintenance plans will be completed through the August break ready for the review in September and to allow budget proposals.

161. COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ACTION PLAN

The Committee reviewed the action plan and will continue to work through the proposals.

162. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF FENCING ON TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

The Committee agreed that a site visit would be beneficial to review the requirements of the site. This will take place on Monday 17 August at 6.30 pm.

163. CHURCHILL ROAD PROJECT – UPDATE

Cllr P. Upton advised that works on the pump track are now complete and that the project is awaiting completion of the ROSPA post-installation inspection.

A safety information board is awaiting installation, and planning has been referred to SMDC. Provided the ROSPA inspection is satisfactory and the safety board is installed, no further issues are anticipated that would prevent the facility from being used.

The gates have been removed and are currently stored at Tean Road pending restoration works. Specifications and quotations will be sought. A Moorlands Partnership Board representative has indicated that the project may be eligible for grant funding.

164. UPDATE ON GATES AT CHURCHILL ROAD AND AGREE SPECIFCATION

The Clerk advised that the gates had been removed and that a temporary barrier had been installed to secure the site. The approximate cost of £350 was approved by the Clerk and the Chair of Leisure & Operations.

The Committee agreed the specification, and the Clerk was instructed to undertake a tender process, with submissions to be considered in line with the Full Council meeting in September. Cllr Upton advised that this project would be eligible for the Moorlands Partnership Grant Scheme and that an application would need to be submitted in early September.

165. CONSIDERATIONS FOR CCTV AT CHURCHILL ROAD

The Clerk will contact the current provider to establish available options and will also contact local clerks to obtain details of their CCTV providers. Werrington Parish Council operates solar-powered CCTV, which may be a suitable option. The Clerk will provide further details for consideration at the next meeting.

166. UPDATE ON CHEADLE CEMETERY EXTENSION

There were no further updates at this time. The Council is awaiting a response from SWT. Cllr Plant and the Clerk remain in contact with Hewitt & Carr to ensure a prompt response is received and the project can progress.

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

The Committee will continue to consider proposals that may benefit from this initiative. Current considerations include:

- Improved lighting arrangements for the Tape Street Car Park, including potential bulb upgrades.
- Maintenance of the public toilets. Cllr Plant will investigate this further.
- Painting and maintenance of street furniture throughout the town, including railings that may fall under Staffordshire County Council's responsibility.

168. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PARK

The Deputy Clerk and Cllr P. Upton will continue developing the Code of Conduct, which will subsequently be displayed within the notice board. The Committee discussed the most visible location for the notice board and agreed that it should be installed on the left-hand side of the driveway beyond the staff parking area.

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169. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER HIRE AGREEMENT & CHARGES

The Committee approved the Hire agreement and will align with SMDC charges for the park; this will be included in the agreement.

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

The Committee welcomed the initiative. These sessions would involve 1 to 1 on an ad hoc basis; although there would be limited availability, the Bowling Pavilion could be registered as space and could potentially provide a source of income for the Town Council. This was supported by the Committee.

171. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER BOWLING CLUB REQUEST TO RAISE THE CROWN

Further details required a site meeting with AES and the Vice Chair to establish requirements and request quotes for consideration.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

172. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR ACCESSIBLE BENCH BASE

The Committee reviewed the three quotations received and, following considerable debate, approved the quotation submitted by A.J. Beaman in the sum of £3,000.
Delegated approval had previously been granted by Full Council to enable the works to proceed without unnecessary delay.

173. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR FOOTPATHS

This item was deferred to allow additional time for contractors to submit quotations, as no further quotations had been received.

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

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