

Town Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022

22-23-FC6-01 Present:-

Councillors David Allport, Gill Burnett, Cressida Dickens, Cristine Duffy, Sylvia Dymond, Stephen Gallimore, David Grocott, Vic Jukes, Mary Maxfield, Jason Owen, Craig Skelding, Mike Stubbs, Ray Tait, Jill Waring and Paul Waring (Chair)

22-23-FC6-02 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrew Gould, Kevin Johnson and Loren Skelding

22-23-FC6-03 Declarations of Members' interests

No declarations of Members' interests were made

22-23-FC6-04 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting

22-23-FC6-05 Public Participation

There were no questions or comments submitted to the Council

Councillor Amy Wood joined the meeting at this point

22-23-FC6-06 To consider matters related to passing a resolution for the Council to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge and adopt the associated Dignity at Work Policy

Members resolved to sign the Civility and Respect Pledge and in doing so, Kidsgrove Town Council agrees that the Council will treat Councillors, Clerks, Officer, members of the public and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles. In signing up to the Pledge, Council has agreed the following statements:-

- To put in place a training programme for Councillors and staff
- That Councillors have signed up to the Code of Conduct for Councillors
- Good governance arrangements are in place including a Dignity at Work Policy
- Professional help will be sort at the early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- Continue to learn from best practices in the sector and aspire to be a role model/ champion Council through for example, the Local Council Award Scheme
- Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate

Members further resolved to adopt the Dignity at Work Policy

- 22-23-FC6-07** To receive and approve recommendations from the Events and Community Committee and consider matters related to:-
- Coronation events and activities
 - Party in the Park 2023
 - Proposed Beer Festival to be held at Victoria Hall
 - Establishing a Working Group relating to Markets and activities to be held in Victoria Hall

Councillor Craig Skelding provided Members with an update on potential activities and Members **resolved** to establishing task and finish groups relating to the projects

- 22-23-FC6-07** To receive and approve recommendations from the Environment and Allotments Committee and consider matters related to:-
- Newchapel Recreation Ground
 - Provision of benches throughout the Parish
 - Parish Planting Schemes

Councillor Paul Waring provided Members with an update and further information is being collated to be presented to the Environment and Allotments Committee

Councillor Christine Duffy left the meeting at the end of this item

- 22-23-FC6-08** To receive an update relating to Planning and Infrastructure Projects and consider matters related to:-
- CCTV Provision
 - Speed Indicator Devices and Community Speed Watch
 - Bus Shelter and Grit Bin provision
 - Noticeboard provision
 - Talke Miners' Memorial
 - Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk provided Members with an update relating to:-

- CCTV Provision
- Speed Indicator Devices and Community Speed Watch
- Bus Shelter and Grit Bin provision
- Noticeboard provision

Further information will be provided at the next meeting of the Planning Infrastructure and Highways Committee Meeting

Councillor Sylvia Dymond provided an update relating to the Talke Miners' Memorial

Members **resolved** to defer a decision relating to the Neighbourhood Plan until a future meeting and additional information being received

- 22-23-FC6-09** To receive and approve recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee and consider matters related to:-
- The adoption of a CCTV Policy
 - Grant to Aspire towards the Annual Toy appeal
 - Purchase of LED Christmas Trees to be placed outside the Town Hall
 - Payment of election recharges
 - Proposed budget and precept setting for the financial year 2023 / 2024

Councillor Paul Waring provided a Members with and update from the Finance and General Purposed Committee

Members **resolved** to:-

- Adopt the CCTV Policy
- Provide a grant of £200.00 towards Aspires Annual Toy appeal
- Purchase LED Christmas Trees to be placed outside the Town Hall
- Approve the payment of election recharges

Members further **resolved** to set the budget and precept for the financial year 2023 / 2024 as a 0% increase to the Band D tax base set by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

22-23-FC6-10 To receive reports from the Mayor and Clerk and any correspondence received

Councillor Paul Waring provided Members with an update relating to the Town Board

Correspondence was received from Kidsgrove Rotary requesting a donation of £200.00 towards Christmas Hampers for distribution in the community

Members **resolved** to approve the donation of £200.00

22-23-FC6-11 To agree the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 17th January 2023

The date of the next meeting was approved

22-23-FC6-12 To consider a resolution under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and representatives of the press from the meeting during the discussion of the next item on the grounds that matters contain sensitive information and by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted

Members **resolved** to exclude the public and representatives of the press from the meeting

22-23-FC6-13 To receive a report and update from the Staffing Committee and agree any action arising

Councillor Paul Waring provided Members with an update from the Staffing Committee