Annual Town Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2023

23-24-FC1-01 Present:-

Councillors David Allport, Christine Duffy, Sylvia Dymond, Stephen Gallimore, Andrew Gould, Dave Grocott, Kevin Johnson, Vic Jukes, Craig Skelding, Loren Skelding, Ray Tait, Jill Waring and Paul Waring

23-24-FC1-02 To receive nominations and elect the Town Mayor for the Council year 2023 – 2024

Members *resolved* to elect Councillor Paul Waring as the Town Mayor for the Council year 2023 - 2023

23-24-FC1-03 To receive nominations and elect the Deputy Mayor for the Council year 2023 – 2024

Members **resolved** to elect Councillor Kevin Johnson as the Deputy Mayor for the Council year 2023 – 2024

23-24-FC1-04 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Gill Burnett, Cressida Dickens, Simon Jones, Mary Maxfield, Jason Owen, Mike Stubbs and Amy Wood

23-24-FC1-05 To receive declarations of Members' interests

No declarations were made

23-24-FC1-06 To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

Members *resolved* to approve the minutes of the previous meeting

23-24-FC1-07 Public Participation

A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments in respect of the business being transacted on the agenda

There were no questions or comments submitted to the Council

23-24-FC1-07 To consider matters related to the Paradise Picnic event being organised by Appetite

Councillor Paul Waring gave Members an update on behalf of Appetite

Members **resolved** to allocate funds of £10,000 towards the event

23-24-FC1-08 To consider, review and approve Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Members *resolved* to adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

23-24-FC1-09 To confirm the Council's adoption of the Councillors Code of Conduct

Members *resolved* to adopt the Councillors Code of Conduct

- **23-24-FC1-10** To review, consider and approve matters related to:-
 - The Councils list of assets
 - Provision of insurance
 - Affiliation to Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association
 - Membership to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO)
 - Membership to Support Staffordshire
 - Membership to the National Allotment Society

Members resolved to approve:-

- The Councils list of assets
- Provision of insurance
- Affiliation to Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association (SPCA)
- Membership to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO)
- Membership to Support Staffordshire
- Membership to the National Allotment Society (NAS)
- 23-24-FC1-11 To review, consider and approve matters related to external support services:-
 - To approve John Greenall and Co for financial and accountancy support
 - To approve WorkNest for human resources and health and safety support
 - To approve Stoke-on-Trent City Council for support towards CCTV provision
 - To approve Thomson Planning Partnership for support in planning matters
 - To approve Blain Boland and Co and Staffordshire County Council for legal support
 - To approve JDH Business Services as the Internal Auditor and Data Protection Officer
 - To approve Shire Payroll Services for payroll support
 - To approve ReCoded Solutions for IT support

Members *resolved* to approve the external support services

23-24-FC1-12 To consider the approval of Committee Structures, Terms of Reference and nominations to Committees

Members *resolved* to approval the Committee Structures, Terms of Reference and nomination to Committees

23-24-FC1-13 To receive the Meeting Calendar for the Council year 2023 – 2024

Members noted the Councils Meeting Calendar for the Council year 2023 – 2024

23-24-FC1-14 To note, consider and approve payments for the financial year 2022 – 2023

Members *resolved* to approve the payments for the financial year 2022 – 2023

23-24-FC1-15 To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year 2022 – 2023

Members **resolved** to approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year 2022 – 2023

23-24-FC1-16 To note the date of the next meeting – Thursday 20th July 2023

The date of the next meeting was noted