



## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday 04th February 2025 at 6:30 PM

Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

### **Present:**

Cllr Alan Pearson (Chair)  
Cllr Ronald Turville (Deputy Chair)  
Cllr Ann Turville  
Cllr Sheila Cartwright  
Cllr Arthur Roden  
Cllr Shirley Pearson  
Cllr Garry Samuels  
Cllr Debbie Cartwright

### **In attendance from Hednesford Town Council:**

Lindsey Smith – Chief Officer

### **Members of the Public:**

There were 9 members of the public present

#### **1. Apologies:**

Cllr Paul Jones - Working

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

Cllr D cartwright declared an interest in agenda item 5 due to being the partner of one of the co-option candidates

#### **3. Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson  
Second: Cllr R Turville  
Agreed: 6  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 2

#### **4. Public Participation**

MOP raised a concern on behalf of some residents of Hednesford he has been working with regarding the proposed mosque in Heath Hayes and concerns about some of the potential activities that may take place before referencing Rochdale. They would like to know what safeguarding is in place. MOP was advised that this is overseen by County who out the systems in place. Chief Officer to refer MOP onto appropriate contacts

#### **5. Constitution**

There were 4 candidates for the Pye Green Ward Councillor co-option vacancy. Each candidate gave an overview on their reasons and motivations for standing as a Cllr. This was followed by questions from Council before the meeting was closed at 6:58pm to the candidates and MOP for Council discussion and voting

Cllr D Cartwright left the meeting

Meeting re-opened at 7:12pm to Cllr D Cartwright, candidates and MOP and announcement was made

**Action: Carl White was duly elected to the vacant position of Cllr for Pye Green Ward**

#### **6. Finance**

- a. Proposed: Cllr R Turville  
Second: Cllr G Samuels  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 1

Query raised regarding PWLB split

**Action: Q3 Summary approved. Chief Officer to ask RFO to advise at next FOP meeting**

- b. Proposed: Cllr R Turville  
Second: Cllr S Cartwright  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 1

**Action: Q3 137 payments approved**

- c. Proposed: Cllr G Samuels  
Second: Cllr R Turville  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 1

**Action: Q3 payments above £500.00 approved**

- d. Proposed: Cllr A Turville  
Second: Cllr G Samuels  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 1

**Action: Q3 CIL Funding approved**

- e. Agreed to roll over onto next FOP for further discussion regarding bank signatories
- f. Proposed: Cllr S Cartwright  
Second: Cllr G Samuels  
Agreed: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

**Action: Council approved spend to install door security to HTC office, MR1, MR2 and double doors from reception through to function room. Officers to action**

- Proposed: Cllr A Pearson  
Second: Cllr R Turville  
Agreed: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

**Action: Approved for spend to come from CIL**

- g. Proposed: Cllr G Samuels  
Second: Cllr R Turville  
Agreed: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

**Action: Approved option 1 for carpark - install high vis wheel stops (as shown in attachment) 1 no. wheel stop in each parking bay raw bolted to existing surface (distance from slabs to be agreed) Officers to action**

- Proposed: Cllr R Turville  
Second: Cllr G Samuels  
Agreed: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

**Action: Approved replacement slabs in retaining wall – Officer to action**

Proposed: Cllr R Turville  
Second: Cllr G Samuels  
Agreed: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

**Action: Approved relining works for car park. Officers to action**

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson  
Second: Cllr R Turville  
Agreed: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

**Action: Approved for spend to come from CIL**

## **7. Verbal Update from Committees/Officers**

- a. Finance, Operations and Personnel  
No update – next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

- b. Regeneration and Community  
Cllr A Turville thanked everyone for the support of the Christmas Light event despite the weather – next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Update provided on MOCC. At a public meeting last Friday there appears to be lots of progress on POW but that the MOCC needs more focus and support from potential trusts if it is to be saved. POW will temporarily close in April 2025 for 15 month as part of the redevelopment works in Cannock town centre

- c. Pye Green Community Centre

Cllr G Samuels sought clarity on 16.4 of terms and conditions regarding taking payment on the door at PGCC. A discussion followed that this would be at Cllrs own risk and would not be covered by HTC

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson  
Second: Cllr A Roden  
Agreed: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

**Action: Approved for Fish and Chip suppers to take payment on the door**

- d. Planning

Cllr A Pearson gave an update on planning application CH/24/346 and Committee understanding of the need for mobile phone masts but could the tower be painted green to blend in the natural surroundings

### **8. Chief Officer update**

- a. Chief Officer met with Oliver Greatbatch to agree reporting. Not possible to complete all aspects that HTC have requested. To trail updated format and to review and amend accordingly after initial 3 months. Chief Officer advised that contract will be signed April 2025 to bring in line with financial year
- b. PGCC Officer – Chief Officer updated on the interviews scheduled to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- c. Christmas Event Report – an overview from Spotty Dog Events Ltd was shared
- d. UKSPF Update provided and confirmed all monies have to have been spent by 31 March 2025
- e. S106 – the issues with cycle shelter, Deers Rise and Tudor Way bus stop will be picked back up following the UKSPF projects . Chief Officer asked advice from Council as to who is accountable for overseeing S106 at District level

### **9. Community Officer**

Chief Officer provided verbal update on behalf of Community Support Officer regarding VE day planning, Youth Council, The Hub and Community Support Grant

### **11. Project Support Officer**

Chief Officer provided a verbal update on behalf of Project Support Officer regarding ongoing projects

### **13. Motion to move to private and confidential business**

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson  
Second: Cllr A Turville  
Agreed: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

### **14. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 630pm

The meeting closed at 8:29pm

Signed:

Dated:

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