

COUNCIL**Wednesday, 14th December, 2022**

Present:-

Councillor Rogers (Chair)

Councillors	Bellamy	Councillors	J Innes
	Blakemore		Kellman
	Blank		Mannion-Brunt
	Borrell		Mann
	Brady		Marriott
	Brittain		Miles
	Callan		A Murphy
	D Collins		T Murphy
	L Collins		P Niblock
	Coy		Perry
	Dyke		Rayner
	G Falconer		Sarvent
	K Falconer		Serjeant
	Fordham		Snowdon
	P Gilby		Thornton
	Hollingworth		Wheeldon
	Holmes		

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

38 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19 OCTOBER, 2022**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 October, 2022 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair

39 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor referred to recent events which he and the Mayoress had attended including:

- Hosting pupils from Spire Infant and Junior Schools and Brockwell Junior School at the Town Hall for Local Democracy events;
- Commemorative events over the Remembrance period including the annual Festival of Remembrance and services at Staveley, Chesterfield Parish Church and Christ Church;
- Chesterfield's Christmas Lights Switch On, alongside the stars of this year's pantomime; and
- The launch of the "Be a Star" campaign showcasing small independent businesses in Chesterfield and encouraging people to shop local.

The Mayor thanked Members for wearing festive attire to the Council meeting to raise funds for the Mayor's Appeal.

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barr, Bingham, Catt, Caulfield, Davenport, Flood, T Gilby, P Innes, S Niblock, Redihough, Simmons.

41 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No declarations of interest were received.

42 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Under Standing Order No. 12, the following question was asked by Martin Coslett:

"At the last meeting of Full Council a petition of 2400 signatures was submitted and a debate was held both urging the Council to pause, think again and plot a new and more positive future for Tapton House working with the Friends of Tapton House. Can I ask the Leader of the Council what lessons she drew from the debate and from the 2400 residents signatures and has she considered alternative plans for Tapton House in the light of that debate and petition?"

Councillor P Gilby provided a verbal response as follows:

- The decision had been delayed to take account of the outcome of the petition debate and the final decision made at the Cabinet meeting on 13 December, 2022.
- The petition debate had provided an opportunity for direct engagement with members, clarification that the Council and the Friends of Tapton House were equally committed to achieving the best outcome for Tapton House, several misconceptions to be dispelled, and further consideration to be given to the boundary treatments.
- A range of proposals had been received for the future use of Tapton House, including converting Tapton House into office accommodation. The petition debate had helped inform the development of the criteria used to evaluate the bids.
- The council's Cabinet had resolved to approve Stone Castle Enterprises Ltd. proposal, which would see Tapton House restored and converted for residential accommodation, alongside a commitment to retain the parkland for public use and create visitor access to part of the Georgian mansion.
- Stone Castle Enterprises Ltd. had confirmed that no hard boundary would be required and open public access to the parkland would continue. They would also seek to create a public heritage area in the building to ensure its past use as the home of Charles Paxton Markham and George Stephenson was celebrated and the importance of Tapton House to the town's history commemorated. Stone Castle Enterprises Ltd. had also expressed a keenness to work closely with the council, the Friends of Tapton House and the wider community.

The following supplementary question was asked by Martin Coslett;

How much space would be dedicated to public heritage?

Councillor P Gilby provided a verbal response advising that this had not yet been determined but a request had already been made by the developer to meet with the Friends of Tapton House to discuss the plans.

No petitions had been received.

44 QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

No questions were received.

45 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 19 OCTOBER, 2022

45.1 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the following Committees be noted:

- Appeals and Regulatory Committee of 13 July, 27 July, 27 July (Full) and 7 September, 2022
- Employment and General Committee of 28 July, 2022
- Planning Committee of 18 July, 22 July, 30 August and 26 September, 2022
- Standards and Audit Committee of 27 July, 2022

45.2 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET OF 19 JULY AND 13 SEPTEMBER, 2022

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings of Cabinet of 19 July and 13 September, 2022 be noted.

45.3 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY FORUM OF 30 JUNE AND 8 SEPTEMBER, 2022

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum of 30 June and 8 September, 2022 be approved.

45.4 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY FORUM OF 21 JULY AND 15 SEPTEMBER, 2022

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Forum of 21 July and 15 September, 2022 be approved.

45.5 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY FORUM OF 14 JULY, 2022

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Forum of 14 July, 2022 be approved.

46 APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY 2022 - 2025

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No.49, the Head of Community Safety and Regulatory Services submitted a report seeking approval of the Chesterfield Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2022 - 2025.

RESOLVED –

That the new Chesterfield Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy be approved and adopted for the period 2022 through to 2025.

47 DEVOLUTION DEAL - PROPOSAL FOR AN EAST MIDLANDS MAYORAL COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive submitted a report to inform members about the scope and nature of the devolution deal signed on 30 August 2022 by Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, Nottinghamshire County

Council and Nottingham City Council (“the four upper tier councils”) with the Government.

RESOLVED –

That Chesterfield Borough Council notes the devolution deal and the steps currently being taken by the four upper tier councils to establish an East Midlands Combined County Authority.

48 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the following Committees be noted:

- Appeals and Regulatory Committee of 12 October, 2022, 19 October, 2022, 9 November, 2022 and 30 November, 2022
- Employment & General Committee of 7 November, 2022 and 28 November, 2022
- Planning Committee of 10 October, 2022 and 31 October, 2022
- Standards and Audit Committee of 28 September, 2022 and 23 November, 2022

49 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET OF 11 OCTOBER, 1 NOVEMBER AND 29 NOVEMBER, 2022

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings of Cabinet of 11 October, 2022, 1 November, 2022 and 29 November, 2022 be noted.

50 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 29 SEPTEMBER AND 24 NOVEMBER, 2022

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee of 29 September, 2022 and 24 November, 2022 be approved.

51 **TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 22 SEPTEMBER, 2022**

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee of 22 September, 2022 be approved.

52 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 19**

Under Standing Order No. 19 Councillor Fordham asked the following questions:

- Given the Council's financial commitment to Chesterfield Football Club (CFC) and our support for inclusive sport articulated through several well-being strategies - what dialogue did the council have with CFC before the start of the Qatar World Cup about concerns over women's rights, migrant worker labour and LGBT+ inclusion? And to ask what statements did the Council issue (perhaps jointly with CFC) on these matters in advance of the World Cup commencing on 20th November?

Councillor Blank provided a verbal response confirming that the Council shared the concerns that were expressed regarding FIFA's Decision to award the 2022 World Cup to Qatar. The values of the Qatari regime were at odds with those of Chesterfield Borough Council and Chesterfield Football Club.

No statement was issued by the Council and no conversation took place with Chesterfield Football Club prior to the tournament. The Council instead chose to focus on matters of equality and diversity within Chesterfield borough's communities, as this is where it would have the greatest impact.

- Given the government have different schemes for Ukrainians seeking asylum, accommodation and work, what concerns does the

Council have about Ukrainians here in Chesterfield and North Derbyshire being at risk of homelessness?

Councillor P Gilby provided a verbal response advising that the Council had a proud history of welcoming people to Chesterfield. Chesterfield Borough Council had worked with partners to support Ukrainians to settle in the UK and access public services. The Council had expressed its concerns over the short-term nature of the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. The Derbyshire Partnership, of which Chesterfield Borough Council was a member, acknowledged the concerning number of Ukrainians now presenting as homeless. Preventative measures had been put in place.

The Leader assured the meeting that Chesterfield Borough Council would continue to support Ukrainian refugees to avoid homelessness and enable them to fully integrate into Chesterfield's communities.

53 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 21

It was moved by Councillor Serjeant and seconded by Councillor Jean Innes that:

Increased Funding for Local Government

In Chesterfield many in our communities face an uncertain future with rising inflation and fuel costs. The disastrous mini-Budget of Truss and Kwarteng utterly transformed our politics the decisions made have affected our residents life chances for the next five or even ten years.

There is a straight blue line between the Conservative Government's failed mini-budget and the multi-billion pound blackhole in the nation's finances. Local government needs to come together to defend our local services from this Government.

The Conservative Government has crashed the economy, they must not take it out on Chesterfield. We call on the Prime Minister to protect local services by committing to increasing the funding of Local Government.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried.

