

## **MINUTES COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 21 February 2024**

Councillor Julie Najuk (Mayor)

Present:

Councillor Ron McCrossen	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Michael Adams	Councillor Paul Hughes
Councillor Roy Allan	Councillor Alison Hunt
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Viv McCrossen
Councillor Stuart Bestwick	Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor David Brocklebank	Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Lorraine Brown	Councillor Lynda Pearson
Councillor John Clarke	Councillor Catherine Pope
Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Grahame Pope
Councillor Andrew Dunkin	Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne
Councillor Boyd Elliott	Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor David Ellis	Councillor Martin Smith
Councillor Rachael Ellis	Councillor Sam Smith
Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Ruth Strong
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Jane Walker
Councillor Paul Feeney	Councillor Michelle Welsh
Councillor Kathryn Fox	Councillor Henry Wheeler
Councillor Des Gibbons	Councillor Russell Whiting
Councillor Helen Greensmith	Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Sue Pickering and Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

### **78 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Philipp Ziomek, addressed council and gave a reading about kindness and loyalty.

### **79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pickering and Towsey-Hinton.

### **80 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor confirmed she had recently attended the B&M store opening in Arnold and noted that she was very pleased for the staff and urged her colleagues to support the store as much as possible. She also noted that the council hosted the Royal British Legion annual conference and passed on the thanks from them for allowing this.

### **81 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**82 REFERRAL FROM CABINET - QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING AND VIREMENT REPORT – Q3 DEC 2023**

Consideration was given to a report of the Senior Leadership Team, which was referred to Council by Cabinet.

The majority of the report had been signed off by Cabinet at its meeting on 31 January, it was just recommendation 4 that Council were being asked to consider.

**RESOLVED:**

That approval be given for an additional £100,000 to the capital programme and borrowing required to fund repairs to the large storage shed as set out in section 2.3 of the report.

**83 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2023-24**

Consideration was given to a report of the Democratic Services Manager, which sought Council approval of a new scheme of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations following the statutory review process.

Members noted the review had gone well and thanked the officers for their work.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the responses to the consultation; and
- 2) Approve and adopt the new polling districts, polling places and polling stations scheme as set out in the attached document at Appendix 3; and
- 3) Request that the Chief Executive formally publishes the notice of the conclusion of the review and its findings; and
- 4) Note that the Chief Executive is authorised to designate an alternative polling place should one become unavailable at short notice before an election.

The meeting finished at 6.21 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: