



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd OCTOBER 2012

PRESENT: Councillor T Clements (Chair), Councillors J Garner, L Bates, M Clarke, S Claymore, D Cook, C Cooke, M Couchman, S Doyle, J Faulkner, D Foster, K Gant, M Gant, M Greatorex, G Hirons, A James, R Kingstone, M McDermid, R McDermid, K Norchi, J Oates, S People, R Pritchard, E Rowe, P Seekings, P Standen and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer) and Lara Allman (Democratic & Election Services Officer)

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Beale, A Lunn and S Pritchard.

41 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Faulkner)

42 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Announcement by Councillor J Faulkner

Councillor S People is no longer eligible to sit on Audit and Governance Committee and so he has been replaced by Councillor M Clarke.

Announcement by the Mayor

Everyone is invited to attend the Remembrance Sunday Parade on Sunday 11 November.

Announcement by Councillor S People

For the whole town to join and stand together it was proposed that the Council acquire an additional wreath and invite the Chief Executive to present same as a former veteran of the Falklands conflict which has recently commemorated its 30th Anniversary. It was also proposed that wreaths are laid in commemoration of Private Spicer and Private Hewitt on the 10th anniversary of their deaths.

(Moved by councillor S Peuple and seconded by Councillor K Gant)

Announcement by Councillor J Garner

On 13 September 2012 Councillor Garner, Andrew Barratt Director (Assets and Environment) and Melvin Clarke Street Scene Team Leader attended the awards ceremony for Britain in Bloom which was held in Birmingham. Not only were the efforts of Streetscene recognised once again and attained a Gold Award in their category but also there was recognition for LNR's (Local Nature Reserves) managed by Tamworth people with the support of Staffordshire Wild Life under the Wild About Tamworth project. In addition to this five of the Councils' Sheltered Schemes chipped in taking either 'Thriving' or 'Developing'. Once again Bright Crescent who were last year's successful winner were joined by Glenfield in taking Gold Award and both recoding Level 5 Outstanding performance in their category by the judges.

The final stage in this celebration of achievements came last Friday 19 October at Glascote Primary School who were presented with their award for best school in Tamworth in Bloom, not taking away from the marvellous performance by all the schools who entered. It was concluded that Tamworth Borough Council and the people of Tamworth together will do even better in 2013. Councillor Garner placed on record his thanks to everyone who took part in making this the success it is especially the many company sponsors who supported it.

Councillor Garner presented the awards to the Mayor.

Announcement by the Mayor

A big thanks to Streetscene and all the staff involved in helping us achieve the Gold Award.

43 TAMWORTH LISTENS REPORT

Councillor L Bates introduced the Tamworth Listens Report and thanked Charlotte Green (Corporate Consultation Officer) for producing the report.

Cabinet Members then gave an outline of the work done within their Portfolio.

Councillor D Cook moved a motion in terms of Rule 13(n) to suspend Rule 14.5 and this was seconded by Councillor R Pritchard and received unanimous support.

There then followed a full debate on the state of Tamworth.

Councillor J Faulkner moved a motion to suspend Rule 9.1 and this was seconded by Councillor M Couchman. This was not carried.

During the debate the following motions were approved

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The Leader to write to Staffordshire County Council in regard to dealing with weeds on public highways and member concerns in the ineffectiveness of the solution;
 - 2 Council to investigate the possibility of holding a centenary event to mark 100 years since the start of WW1 in 2014;
 - 3 Council to investigate the feasibility of an outdoor beer festival / food festival in coming years;
 - 4 The Leader of the Council to write to all those involved in creating the second exit at Ventura / Sainsbury's to help address a major traffic problem in Tamworth;
 - 5 The Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder of Economic Development to speak with English Heritage in regard to Tamworth Castle, and;
 - 6 The Leader of the Council to update members on the progress Tamworth Borough Council is making on its efforts as a stakeholder to improve Education in Tamworth.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

The Mayor