



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11th MARCH 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Harper (Mayor), Councillors D Maycock, T Jay, C Adams, C Bain, B Clarke, L Clarke, G Coates, C Dean, L Wood, D Cook, M Bailey, R Claymore, T Clements, A Cooper, S Daniels, J Oates, B Price, R Pritchard, S Smith, L Smith, M Summers, P Turner and J Wade

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Nicola Hesketh (Monitoring Officer) and Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager)

### **85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Doyle, J Jones P Thompson, P Thurgood & J Wadrup.

### **86 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor L Wood and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)*

### **87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **88 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**The Mayor made the following announcement:**

I would like to give my thanks all who attended the recent civic ball, I would look particularly like to thank Tracey Pointon without whom nothing would have happened and I can't thank you enough. We did have guests from Bad Laasphe it was fantastic to meet up with them. We had Civic guests from all over Staffordshire, our MP Sarah Edwards, representatives of Tamworth Borough Council, former Mayors, Church and Civic Society representatives, guests from various businesses including Probus, Arts Groups, hospitality venues and even

the former editor of the Tamworth Herald my own boss Gary Phelps was there. I would like to pass on my own particular thanks to everyone at the Assembly Rooms the magnificent, the meal, the staff were courteous, smiling, efficient and absolutely top of the game. Everyone has my grateful thanks for making it such a splendid evening.

**Councillor Danny Cook made the following announcement.**

From Monday 11th March 2024 the Leader of the Independent Futures Group will be Councillor Ben Price.

**89 STATE OF TAMWORTH DEBATE**

The annual State of Tamworth Debate provides members with the opportunity to look back at the work of the council over the last 12 months and discuss plans for the future, whilst considering public feedback gained through consultation exercises.

It gives members the chance to comment on the council's vision and priorities and the work that is ongoing in each of the main areas of focus.

Motion was moved to increase the debate from 5 minutes to 10 minutes for each Councillor

*(Moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)*

**This Motion was not carried**

A motion was moved that the Council thank all volunteers in Tamworth.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor B Price)*

**Motion was carried**

There were no further recommendations moved during the meeting

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The Mayor