

Councillor Ray Barron (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

L Bakker-Collier	R A James
C A Baron	V E M Jenkinson
J A Barron	E G R Jones
F Beatty	P W Jones
G R Collier	W J Kemp
R P Cooke	S Learoyd
B M Cross	A M Loughran
I E Davies	L Nixon
M G Dodson	A J Perkins
R J Draper	D B Price
A P Edgeller	J K Price
P M M Farrington	G O Rowlands
F A Finlay	R M Smith
A T A Godfrey	R M Sutherland
M R Goodall	W S J Taylor
A S Harp	C V Trowbridge
J Hood	K S Williamson

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr A R Welch	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mr W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

**C25 Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 September 2018 were submitted and signed.

**C26 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J W Farnham, M E Jennings, S P Leighton, J M Pert and P Roycroft.

**C27 Announcements**

The Mayor thanked those who supported or contributed to the Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support held on Wednesday 26 September 2018. The event had raised £370.

Continuing, the Mayor thanked those who attended the Curry Evening at London House, Eccleshall on Monday 22 October 2018. The event raised £823 for the Charity Appeal.

The Mayor noted the recent Remembrance Sunday/100 years commemoration for the end of World War 1 and thanked those who attended the event.

The Mayor's Office was organising a Christmas Hamper which would be raffled with all proceed in aid of the Charity Appeal. If anyone wished to contribute towards the content of the hamper and/or purchase raffle tickets, they were advised to contact the Mayor's Office.

Finally it was reported that the Charity Ball would take place at the County Showground on Friday 8 February 2019, tickets were on sale.

**C28 Community Governance Review - Parish of Swynnerton**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V4 13/11/18).

Councillor E G R Jones, Chairman of the Resources Scrutiny Committee introduced the report and summarised the work carried out by the Resources Scrutiny Committee in respect of the matter. He concluded his comments by moving that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 of the report be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor R A James.

Councillor R J Draper noted his satisfaction with the process, the outcome of which reflected strong local feelings.

Members then voted on the recommendations as set out, which were declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:- that
- (a) the recommendations of the Resources Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Swynnerton Community Governance Review be implemented, and an order in accordance with the draft as set out in the appendix as circulated with the agenda be made;
  - (b) the Head of Law and Administration be authorised to take all required steps to give the recommendations effect;

- (c) an additional polling district (SWH) for the Cold Meece Ward of the Parish of Yarnfield and Cold Meece be created.

**C29 Fees and Charges Review 2019**

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V2 12/11/18).

The Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio introduced the report and concluded his comments be moving the recommendation as set out in paragraph 2 of the report be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor R M Smith.

The Mayor asked Members to consider the Fees and Charges booklet by portfolio, during which Cabinet Members addressed those points arising from the debate, including:-

- Proportion of Fees and Charges as a percentage of income to the Council
- Role of Scrutiny in the process
- Green bin replacement charge
- Cremation fees

At the conclusion of the debate Members voted on the recommendation which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposed Fees and Charges be approved

**C30 Statement of Community Involvement - Adoption**

Considered the report of the Head of Development (V2 12/11/18).

The Cabinet Member - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio introduced the report and concluded her comments be moving the recommendation as set out in paragraph 2 of the report be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor B M Cross.

Councillor F Beatty addressed a question relating to the Councils response to the comments raised by Stone Town Council.

Members then voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the responses in the Schedule of Representations to the Draft Statement of Community Involvement be noted and the amended version of the Statement of Community Involvement be approved.

**C31 Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Principles 2018-2021**

Considered the report of the Head of Operations (V4 12/11/18).

The Cabinet Member - Environment Portfolio introduced the report and detailed the Councils role in the process before concluding his comments by moving that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 of the report be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor A J Perkins.

Members then voted on the recommendations as set out, which were declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:- that
- (a) the full consultation of the revised Statement of Principles be noted;
  - (b) the details of the consultation responses be noted;
  - (c) the proposed Statement of Principles be approved.

**C32 Appointments Committee**

Considered the report of the Chief Executive (V1 12/11/18).

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and concluded his comments by moving the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 of the report be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor A T A Godfrey.

Members then voted on the recommendations as set out, which were declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:- that
- (a) an Appointments Committee to appoint to vacant positions of Head of Service to the end of the municipal year be established;
  - (b) all steps in the recruitment process including the appointment of consultants (as appropriate) be delegated to the Appointments Committee;
  - (c) the Appointments Committee be appointed according to political proportionality and comprise 4 members (3 Conservative, 1 Labour) with full delegated powers to appoint to each post under consideration;

- (d) the Chief Executive be authorised to receive and approve nominations to the Appointments Committee;
- (e) the process for the appointment to Head of Service vacancies as set out in the report be approved.

MAYOR