

Wednesday 17th July 2024

Full Council meeting

The Trinity Centre

7:00pm

Present

Cllrs Allan, Allen, Briggs, Cairns, Cooper, Griffin, Hatton, Mosson, Parmar, Parkin, Pears, Pocock, Raut, Scott, S Ward, Wood and Yip.

In Attendance

Olive O'Sullivan—Chief Executive Officer and Mary Watkins-Head of Finance.

There were two members of the public and no press present.

21 Apologies for Absence

The CEO reported apologies from Cllrs Cummins, Mackey, Millichope, Perks, Puri, Roberts and K Ward.

Resolved to accept the apologies.

22 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

23 Mayor's Announcements

The Deputy Mayor reported the Mayors attendance to a meeting with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the beacon lighting to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day, Civic Sunday and the inauguration of Lord Fowler as High Steward, Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets Regatta and to a celebration of 'West Midlands at 50'.

The Deputy Mayor reported engagements at the Founders Day at Sutton Coldfield YMCA, Big Community Lunch at BMET College and the 40th year celebration of the West Midlands Fire Service Band.

24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 are signed as a true record.

25 Matters Arising

No Matters Arising were reported.

26 Questions from Members

Cllr Parkin said that a for sale sign had appeared in front of Sutton Coldfield Police Station when a public consultation had still not been carried out by the West Midlands Police and Crime

Commissioner (PCC) to consult with residents on the closure. He asked the Leader if he would write to the PCC Simon Foster, to urge him to reconsider the decision to sell the Police Station and attend a future meeting of the Town Council.

Cllr Ward responded that he had been surprised that the Police Station was up for sale and confirmed that the Town Council had not been informed. He said that residents had not been consulted on the closure or given reassurance and details of what will happen to the police service in Sutton Coldfield. Cllr Ward confirmed that he would write to the PCC and ask him to attend the next Full Council meeting to answer these questions.

27 Minutes of Committees

a), b) & e) **Planning and Highways** held on 4th June, 2nd July and 16th July 2024

Resolved that an allocation of £57,000 be approved towards the total cost of implementing the zebra crossing across Little Sutton Road. To be funded by £5,000 from the Road Safety Measures budget, £40,000 from the Road Safety Measures Earmarked Reserve and £12,000 from the Active Travel Earmarked reserve.

c) **Strategy and Resources** held on 9th July 2024

Resolved that Allotments Rents and Fees charges from 1st October 2025 be set at the same rates as Birmingham City Council for the Allotment year 2025-2026.

Resolved to approve the reoccurring payments and the use of variable direct debits, as set out in the report to Strategy and Resources Committee.

d) **Amenities, Leisure and Community Services** held on 11th July 2024

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £20,000 to the Cancer Support Centre.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £19,500 to the Goldieslie Club.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £15,600 to Square Peg.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £10,384 to St Chad's Church.

28 Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2024

Resolved to note the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 15th May 2024.

29 Draft Strategic Plan 2024 – 2027

Cllr Ward said the Strategic Plan was an important document to set out the Strategic direction of the council. He said it was important that the consultation reached as many residents as possible and urged Councillors to promote it within their communities.

7:11pm Cllr Hatton entered the meeting during discussion of this item.

Resolved to approve that the Draft Strategic Plan 2024 -2027 for public consultation to be carried out between 2nd to 27th September 2024.



30 Use of Chief Executive Officer's Delegated Powers

The CEO reported use of delegated powers, in conjunction with the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Chairman to approve £2,800 for a public accessible defibrillator at Sutton Rose Care Home from the Sutton Heartbeat budget.

31 Accounts for Payment

Resolved to note the delegated payments, approve the accounts and appoint Cllrs Pears and S Ward to complete authorisation.

32 Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday 24th September 2024 at the Trinity Centre

The meeting ended at 7:14pm.